

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 26

Tuesdays @ 10

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Exposition

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – “Wisdom” Bible Study

Saturday, September 30

7:45 am – Catholic Men’s Fellowship

Sunday, October 1

10:00 am – First Reconciliation, First Eucharist Parent meeting



Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

If your child is in the second grade this school year, preparation classes for the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist will begin in October. A parent meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1st at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be in the Resurrection Room of the Wolfer Education Center and should be attended by at least one parent. Also, please bring your child’s baptismal certificate. A complete list of the class dates is available on our website, sjfchurch.org or by calling Jim Crosby in the parish office.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you have a child in the eighth grade this school year, preparation classes for the sacrament of Confirmation begin in October. An informational meeting for Confirmation candidates and at least one parent will be held on Sunday, October 29th. We will begin by attending the 11:00 AM mass together and then go to a meeting in the Resurrection Room of the Wolfer Education Center. Also, please bring your child’s baptismal certificate. A complete list of the class dates and registration form is available on our website, sjfchurch.org or by calling Jim Crosby in the parish office, 561-9431 ext. 113.

THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE

On Sunday, October 8th, The Athenaeum Chorale will begin its thirty-eighth season of music and liturgy with Sunday Vespers at 7:00 pm. The series will include the finest liturgical and sacred choral masterpieces, many performed with the original instrumental accompaniment. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in attending this event with Fr. David. We will meet in the parking lot at 6:30 pm and carpool to the Athenaeum. Any questions, please call Fr. David at 561-9431, ext. 114.

FR. DEL... POINTS TO PONDER

For the coming weeks I will be addressing some topics that people have raised about the Catholic faith, not dogmatic pronouncements, but approaches to lead to a deeper understanding of the riches we hold as followers of Christ.

We sometimes ask how we know if we are in the “right” place on our spiritual journey. It is a good question that we ask throughout our lives and, on this side of heaven, one which we will not fully answer until we see God face to face. That we are asking the question is a very good sign of our willingness to do God’s will.

There is one primary goal of the Christian life: conversion. In the process of conversion it is always important to remember that the teachings of the gospel are an *invitation*, not a *mandate*. In other words --- and this is what makes Christianity so difficult at times --- God takes the first step toward us, waiting for our response in faith.

While on retreat this summer my director reminded me of Francis Thompson’s great poem, *The Hound of Heaven*:

Fancies as lost, I have stored for thee at home:
Rise, clasp My hand, and come!
Halts by me that footfall:
Is my gloom, after all,
Shade of His hand, outstretched caressingly?
‘Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest,
I am He Whom thou seekest!

Wherever we find ourselves on our Christian journey, it is the “right” place, as long as we respond to the invitation of God on our road of conversion.

EACH YEAR AS STUDENTS OF ALL AGES RETURN TO SCHOOL

we are all reminded of the responsibility to pass on our faith; that, if we want to see what kind of faith our children and young people will have, we have only to look at the adults who influence their beliefs. Studies show that every teenager is directly influenced by five adults who help to form his or her character, beliefs and values. This is always a good time of year to challenge ourselves to be witness and evangelizer for one another in the ways of faith.

CAR OR CASH RAFFLE WEEK ONE

Thank you for your participation. We have sold 135 tickets so far. Those envelopes that were not picked up have been mailed and we are waiting for you to buy or sell your tickets and return the stubs and money to a volunteer after a weekend Mass or to the church office. The Early bird drawing for \$50.00 cash or two additional raffle tickets will take place this Sunday during Hospitality after the 11:00 Mass. Please sell those raffle tickets so we can award the 2017 Mazda 3 or \$25,000.00 cash. Thank you!



Please remember in your prayers the family of Dolores Rolfes whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 16th. May she rest in peace.

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE

September 30th and October 1st

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria & Michael Taylor

Sunday, 9:00 am – Noah Wadell, Lily Sharp, David Issacs

Sunday, 11:00 am – Joey Restle, Francesca Damiano, Finn Egan

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

September 30th & October 1st

St. John Fisher

Saturday

4:30 pm -- Fr. Pat Crone

St Veronica

Saturday

4:00 pm -- Fr. Del Staigers

Sunday

9:00 am – Fr. Del Staigers

11:00 am – Fr. Del Staigers

8:00 am -- Fr. Pat Crone

9:30 am – Fr. D. Doseck

11:30 am – Fr. D. Doseck

CINCINNATI RIGHT TO LIFE EVENING FOR LIFE

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Evening for Life, Thursday, October 12th, at the Sharonville Convention Center; social 5:30 pm, dinner and program 6:30 pm; featuring delicious buffet meal plus emcee Anna Mitchell, Sacred Heart Radio; speakers Jim Bradford and HK Derryberry; and popular Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers. Reservations required, seating limited. (CincinnatiRightToLife.org, 513-728-7870)

FROM ATHEIST TO CATHOLIC: THE APOLOGETICS OF IMAGINATION

On Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm, Dr. Holly Ordway, professor of English at Houston Baptist University and a convert to the faith, will discuss her journey from atheism to Catholicism. Her story shows what it's like to move from outside the faith to inside, and provides encouragement and insights for those who are involved in apologetics, evangelization, preaching, and teaching. Dr. Ordway is author of *Apologetics and the Christian Imagination*. The lecture will be held at the Bartlett Pastoral Center, the Athenaeum of Ohio/ Mount St. Mary's Seminary. All are welcome and admission is free. For more information call 233-6172 or email dendres@athenaeum.edu.

AUGUST 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$29,826

Electronic Giving - \$9,539

Actual Offertory Received - \$39,365

Budgeted Offertory - \$38,800

Thank you for your continued generosity! Some of you might be tired of hearing about our electronic giving program, but we continue to mention it because it really can benefit you and the parish. You never have to bring cash or checks to church, and it helps the church save money and plan the budget. To sign up, please call the parish office at 513-561-9431 x115.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 25

8:00 am – Intentions of Diane Mulholland (The Winklers)

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 am – Larry Sova

Thursday, September 28

8:00 am – Intentions of Kevin Lampert

Friday, September 29

8:00 am – Greg Bauke

Saturday, September 30

4:30 pm – Geraldine Maday (The Family)

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am – Bill & Barbara Bohne

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

FORMED-WHO IS POPE FRANCIS?

This outstanding new documentary film just produced in Europe gives an excellent overview into the life, thought, and work of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, formerly Archbishop of Buenos Aires and now Pope Francis. It contains previously unreleased recordings and endearing images of Cardinal Bergoglio. His words and actions convey the unique charisma of this surprise Argentine Pope whose humility, kindness and courage are winning countless admirers to a renewed interest in the Papacy. The film includes comments on the new Pope by the Provincial of the Society of Jesus in Argentina and Spain, and from a Spanish bishop on the spiritual exercises preached by Cardinal Bergoglio to the bishops. The film also shows many inspiring images of the papal conclave, and the most emotional details of the first appearances of Pope Francis, sprinkled with humor and warm emotion.

Here's how easy it is to get FORMED:

Go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register for free. Sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password, which will be used to access FORMED.

FORMED has recently released several new apps so that you will be able to access the website from your mobile devices. If you have any questions, call Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431, ext 113, or email him at jimc@sjfchurch.org.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Marilyn Dillon,

Eugene Haywood, Ginny Heming, Jeannie Koepfer, Joyce List, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Fr. Giles Pater, Audrey Rapien, Bob Rolfes, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Kathy Steinmetz, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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