

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • NOVEMBER 19, 2017

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 21

Tuesdays @ 10

Wednesday, November 22

8:30 – 11:30 - Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Mass

Friday, November 24

No Mass or Communion Service

Saturday, November 25

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship



**Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PARISH DAY OF RENEWAL!

On Saturday, December 2nd, we will have a Family Parish Day of Renewal from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please plan to attend and hear Fr. Del Staigers and Fr. David Doseck share their thoughts about "Parish: The Place People Call Home." This event is open to the entire family and more details will be in future bulletin articles and on our website. The only cost will be a small contribution for lunch. Registration materials and information about the children's involvement will be available in coming weeks.

INTER PARISH MINISTRY NEEDS WINTER CLOTHES

Winter and the holidays are fast approaching. During this time, IPM experiences a peak in the need for mens and school- aged winter clothing. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens and even boots can be dropped off at the Newtown Choice Food Pantry, 3509 Debolt Road from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Wednesday and the Amelia Food Pantry at 1075 Ohio Pike from 9 am to 3 pm Wednesday through Friday. Your donation will indeed wrap many children in warmth.

CHRISTMAS PARTY & LUNCHEON!

The Forever 50 Group invites all parishioners age 50+ to their annual Christmas party & luncheon on December 14th at noon in Pater Hall. The cost is \$20 per person. See the poster in the Gathering Space for details, sign-up sheet and registration forms. See you on December 14th!

SOCKS, SOCKS & MORE SOCKS!

Between now and December 14th, the Forever 50 Group invites all parishioners to donate new socks for the needy and homeless in our area. Last year you donated 1,200 pairs of socks! This year we have a HUGE Santa Sack in the Gathering Space for your donations. Thank you!

Fr. Del ... Points to Ponder, Part 9

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.

"I go to such and such a church for the preaching." "I go to Saint Whomever Parish for the music." "I joined my parish because I like _____." You can fill in the blank. We all worship in places that speak to us for one reason or another. Not a bad thing, but none of these responses are the ultimate reasons we come to church to worship. These reactions help us, but the reason we worship as Catholics is much more profound.

As we allow the liturgy to form us, we come to realize that our gathering on Sunday is like no other meeting in which we participate in the world. Why? Because when we gather as God's people, we join with Christ in the most profound manner that we can. In no other assembly of people, diverse and different, are we able to live in such unity.

Most especially, when we celebrate the Eucharist we share in the most visible experience of Christ united with his body, the church. We do not come as spectators, or onlookers watching a production on a stage. No, YOU have the most important seat in the house because each of us, priest and people, as we say, are engaged in the Divine act of God involved with human beings.

In 1963, *The Sacred Constitution on the Liturgy* was given to the universal church, the teaching that we continue to follow in 2017. That document continues to teach us that music and preaching, and whatever other choices we find meaningful, lead us to the main reason we gather: in the form of bread and wine you and I find our true meaning in the meal that Christ continues to share with "saint and sinner alike." Paragraph 10 of that statement states:

The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with "the paschal sacraments," to be "one in holiness"; it prays that "they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith"; the renewal in the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire.

Our preaching must be well prepared and relevant. Our music must move the entire parish to join together in song. There must be life-giving opportunities to engage every single parishioner in the life of Christ. But none of this is enough. You and I are always on a journey to more fully realize that when we gather as Christ's body, we encounter the very Salvation that calls us to share in the Divine Life of God. Then the love of Christ will set us on fire!

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

November 23rd Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, 9:00 am - Maria and Michael Taylor

November 25th and 26th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria Taylor & David Isaacs

Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Lauren Sayre, please volunteer, we need 1 more server.

Sunday, 11:00 am – Katherine, Madeline & Molly Fisher

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

November 25th and November 26th

St. John Fisher

Saturday

4:30 pm - Fr P. Crone

Sunday

9:00 am - Fr. D. Staigers

11:00 am - Fr. D. Staigers

St. Veronica

Saturday

4:00 pm - Fr. D. Staigers

Sunday

8:00 am - Fr. D. Staigers

9:30 am - Fr. P. Crone

11:30 am - Fr. D. Doseck

ADULT PARISH PARTY SIGN UPS

There will be sign up for the Adult Parish parties that benefit St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky the weekends of November 18-19 and December 2-3. The cost for each guest is \$30.00 and all proceeds support the mission and our St. John Fisher mission trip. Thanks to the generous parish members willing to host a fun evening, there is a party every month from January through May. Parties include a pre-Super Bowl Bash, wine tasting, cooking lesson and delicious dinners. Please join other parish members to celebrate together and support a worthy cause. There will be a sign up table in the gathering space after every weekend Mass.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR NEEDED

The St. John Fisher Tutoring Team has an immediate need for someone to work with a 4th grade student on Wednesday afternoons from 5-6 pm at the Public Library. For more information, please contact Shelia Becker at 474-1174 or sbecker3@cinci.rr.com.

CLEANING TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The St. John Fisher Cleaning Team is looking for five or six new members. Cleaning is done once every 2 or 3 weeks on Friday mornings around 9am. With two people it takes about an hour to complete. Each 2 person team cleans the glass doors, dusts pews and then quickly straightens the missals. Most teams clean once or twice per year, according to a schedule. Five members have retired from the team this year, so we need help to maintain the schedule. Please consider joining. Contact Mary Trout if you are interested at mvtrout@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$32,935

Electronic Giving - \$10,635

Actual Offertory Received - \$43,570

Budgeted Offertory - \$48,500

For the first four months of the fiscal year, our offertory contributions are under budget by almost \$13,000. Your financial support is crucial to the success of our parish and we very much appreciate any help you can provide in closing this gap. Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20

8:00 am – Fr. Giles Pater (The Sholtes Family)

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 am – Bill & Pauline Fanning (Patty, Tina & Nancy)

Thursday, November 23

9:00 am – Bob Kneipp (Skip & Rosemary Winkler)

Friday, November 24

No Mass or Communion Service

Saturday, November 25

4:30 pm – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – Edmund Henriques (Ann Kelley)

FORMED - BASEBALL'S MIKE SWEENEY

All-star Mike Sweeney speaks to 5000 young adults about his own experience of living his Catholic Faith from when he was a high school jock, through his time in Major League baseball. With humor and humility, he shares the circumstances that led him to completely center his life on God, and how the Lord wants to personally be involved in your life, too. Mike relates how pivotal choices led to his amazing ride with Christ. Here's how easy it is to get FORMED: Go to www.formed.org. You should see a box: "Register-Sign up free 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, contact Jim Crosby at 561-9431 x113 or email him at jimc@sjfchurch.org.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and

in need of your prayers: John

Collins, Lee Murrell.

Also, please continue to pray for

those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing care facilities, or have chronic illnesses.



GIVING TREE

Once again this year, St. John Fisher has set up a Giving Tree in the gathering space. The Giving Tree displays tags containing gift ideas for local residents in need of assistance this coming Christmas season. The tags benefit Inter Parish Ministry, the Tom Geiger House, and A Caring Place Pregnancy Help Center. **All gifts must be returned to St. John Fisher no later than 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 10th.** Please be sure to sign out any tags you take on the sheets provided near the tree. For questions, contact Anne Roberto at 310-9755. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FEATURED ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Lobsta Bakes of Maine

Fresh Seafood & Catering

Located in Newtown at 3533 Church Street

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