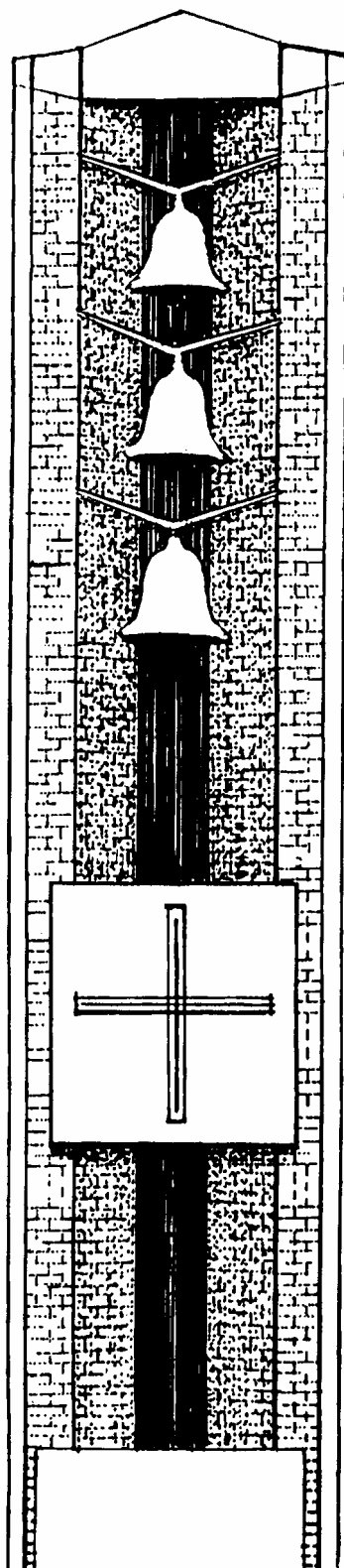


Saint John Fisher Parish

March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Weekend Liturgies

4:00 P.M. Saturday

8:00, 10:00 A.M., and 12:00 Noon Sundays

Weekday Morning Liturgies

Monday through Friday 6:30 A.M. Communion Service

Monday through Saturday 8:15 A.M. Daily Mass

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher, formed by the gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and united by love, are called to celebrate the kingdom of God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Theodore Madrick; Mary L. Stabb; Carolyn Schewe.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

We would like to keep parishioners and all those who are serving in the military in our prayers, especially: MSG Kevin Daley; Sp4 James Garrity; Sp4 Kevin Garrity CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Recruit Raymond Doran; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; PFC Lane Kreisl, 82nd Airborne; Major Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt.jg Meghan Ryan; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Cpl. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Patrick F. McInerney, USN.; Captain Patrick Tierney, USMC; Kyle Sellers, USAF; Lance Cpl Brennan C. McDonald, Jr., USMC; LCPL Jack Fitzpatrick, USMC; AN Joseph L. Boyce, USN; Darin Oberhart, USN-MA1; Sgt. Thomas Hopman, USMC; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA.

BETWEEN JOBS MINISTRY

The mission of the Between Jobs Ministry is to provide practical and spiritual resources to support the unemployed and underemployed of our parish. We welcome those who are between jobs or looking to improve their current situation. We also continue to build up our resources. If you know of any job opportunities or resources that can help our members, please contact us. We meet on Sunday after the 10am Mass in the Rectory. If you can't join us then, or want to volunteer or learn more about this ministry, contact *Mary Pat Anders (773) 239-3624, Jim White (773) 322-2518* or *Deacon Tom*.

WOMEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS ...

***Sunday, March 14th**--St. Joseph's table, immediately following 12pm mass, in Kane Hall.

***Tuesday, March 16th**--We will be hosting an Irish soda bread reception, in Kane Hall, following the 7:30pm mass. Irish dancers will be there to entertain. If you are able to bake, please drop off your soda bread, in Kane Hall, before mass. Thank you!

***The April 6th meeting (Spring gardening) will be moved to the following Tuesday, April 13th, due to Spring break. More information to come.

MSGR. VELO – A STORY AND A POEM

We're very grateful to Msgr. Ken Velo for his inspiring presence here for our Lenten Mission; it truly was a time of "grace and growth." He indicated that some people had asked him for copies of the "Welcome to Holland" story and the poem he used on the third night of the mission. So he sent me copies of both and they are available at the Rectory office.

Fr. Bob

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE Wednesday, March 24, 7:30p.m.

"We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God!" We heard those words about a month ago as we began the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. St. Paul's plea to the Church in Corinth echoes through the centuries and challenges us today. On Wednesday, March 24th, we invite you to respond to Paul's plea "on behalf of Christ" and make time to experience reconciliation with the Lord and with the Church in the Sacrament of Penance.

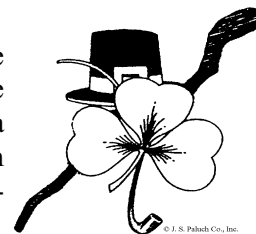
At least three priests will be available and the format remains the same as in past years: songs, readings and an examination of conscience, followed by an opportunity to come to one of the priests (face-to-face) and mention those sins which are most in need of forgiveness. We ask everyone, if at all possible, to remain after your own confession until the end of the service, and to pray for your fellow parishioners as they open their hearts to God's loving mercy.

This might also be a good time to reflect on the role the Sacrament of Penance plays in our lives. Before Vatican II, regular confession was a ritual for most Catholics. However, in many cases, it was hardly a positive experience of reconciling love; for others, frequent confession fostered excessive scrupulosity, where every sin had to be counted and forgetting to mention a sin was itself a sin! These days, there is rarely a long line for weekly confession, but scrupulosity is still a problem for some who come to the sacrament far more often than they should. Then there is the great silent majority of Catholics who rarely or never avail themselves of the peace and healing available in this wonderful gift of the Church. Somewhere, there is a healthy balance. What should it be for you?

It makes little sense to come to confession every week or two and confess the same sins, especially when those sins are not serious. The fact is that only serious (mortal) sins must be confessed to a priest, and mortal sin—in spite of what many of us were taught long ago—is really fairly rare. On the other hand, it does make sense to celebrate the sacrament at least once a year (which is the minimum requirement for Catholics), even if one's only sins are the everyday (venial) kind many of us struggle with: anger, impatience, intolerance, impure thoughts, envy, dishonesty, and so on. It makes sense because, not only does the Sacrament of Penance offer the absolute assurance of God's forgiveness, but it also gives us a chance to take stock of our spiritual lives and deal with the little problems before they become bigger ones. Think of it as a spiritual check-up and come on March 24th!

ST. PATRICK'S MASS & RECEPTION – MARCH 16

Plan to be here on **Tuesday, March 16th** for our annual mass in honor of St. Patrick and the Irish saints. We'll begin in church at **7:30p.m.** with a presentation by our 3rd graders on the life of St. Patrick, followed by Mass and concluding—weather permitting and, hopefully, led by a bagpiper—with a procession around the block, with Kane Hall and the Soda Bread Reception hosted by our Women's Club as our final destination. There should also be a bit of Irish dancing somewhere along the way!



THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH – MEAT OR NO MEAT?

The Archdiocese has informed us that, because the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, falls on a Friday, the Lenten obligation to abstain from meat does **not** apply to anyone, of any age. Catholics who wish to maintain Lenten abstinence on that day are, of course, free to do so.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

2nd ANNUAL EASTER FOOD DRIVE – MARCH 27

The Holy Name will be coordinating its 2nd annual Easter Food Drive. We need your help in order to make this a success and continue to build this tradition. Flyers and bags for non – perishable food items will be dropped off at your house on **Saturday March 20**.

The bags can be left with food items on your front porch the following **Saturday March 27**. Teams of volunteers will be picking the bags up at 9:00 AM on March 27. Food can also be dropped off at all masses that weekend. **There will be no Generosity Sunday on April 3d and 4th**. The food collected will be consolidated and distributed to local food pantries that support our community. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call **Paul Dachota 773-779-3847** or email pdachota@yahoo.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY THURSDAY MARCH 25 – 7:00 PM

NCAA NIGHT

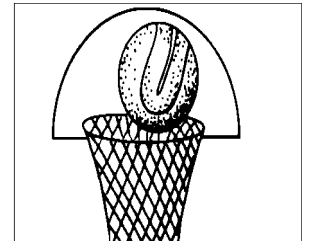
The Holy Name will be hosting an evening of NCAA basketball on the big screen in Kane Hall. Please join us on Thursday March 25 at 7:00 PM. This is the round of 16 so we look forward to some great games.

Please grab some neighbors and friends and come down to the meeting and enjoy complimentary food, beverages, and SJF neighborhood camaraderie.

Other dates to remember:

April 30 – Baseball/Softball Night

May 19 – BBQ Night



SJF BOOK FAIR!



Please join us in **Kane Hall** after the **10:00a.m. Grandparents' Mass** on **Sunday, March 21st** for the **Book Fair Kickoff**. Also, this year the book fair will host a very special guest for our family event. PBS Kids host, **Miss Lori**, of *Miss Lori's Campus*, on WTTW Channel 11, will be delighting kids of all ages with her interactive musical adventure. Come out and see her on Wednesday, March 24th at 5:45 p.m., then stay and shop the book fair.

Fair Hours: Sunday, March 21st:	11:00a.m.—1:30p.m.
Monday & Wednesday:	7:30a.m.—3:00p.m.
Wednesday:	5:45p.m.—7:30p.m.
Thursday:	7:30a.m.—8:00a.m.

HELPING HANDS GLOWING HEARTS

Helping Hands Glowing Hearts is a confidential volunteer service organization dedicating to serving the needs of our St. John Fisher community. Our volunteer list is long and their talents are diverse so tell us what you need and we will make it happen - cooking, shoveling, odd jobs, errands, etc. Confidential nomination forms can be found in the back of church and in the rectory or send an E-Mail hhghofsif@gmail.com. Tell us what we can do to help you, a family member, neighbor or friend.



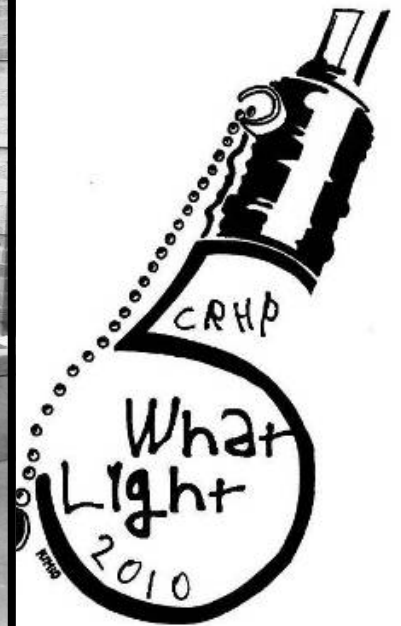
Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for the TEEN CRHP #5 retreat *WHAT LIGHT!* We had an awesome weekend! Thanks to everyone who sent us prayers and good thoughts! We couldn't have done it without you! We already have a group excited and ready to lead next years **TEEN CRHP #6 retreat!**

To everyone on CRHP TEAM #5: Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this great process! You've made me SO proud!

CRHP #5 TEAM



DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:
March 17th NO DROP IN * March 24th at MHR (Convent 2nd floor)
We hope to see you on Wednesday! Feel free to invite your friends!**

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please feel free to contact the Director of Youth Ministry, Kim Madonia at 708.275.8922 or e-mail at youtharethefuture@hotmail.com

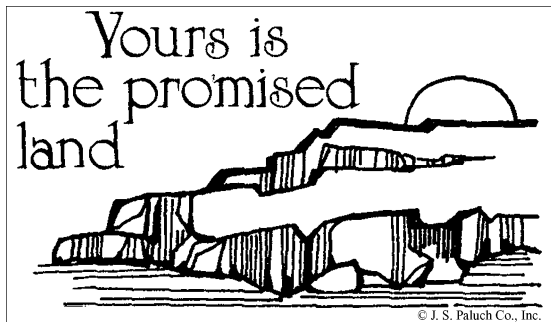
CANTORS/LECTORS

Saturday, March 20

4:00 PM Reader: **D. Tesmond**

Sunday, March 21

8:00 AM Reader: **B. Hayes**
10:00 AM 1st Reader: **C. O'Malley**
2nd Reader: **R. Carroll**
12:00 PM Reader: **D. Moore**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 20

4:00PM 1.) Sister Jean; 2.) C. Bicek; 3.) M. Redmond; E.M.1) C. Cihocki; E.M.2) H. Peirce (T); E.M.3) P. Hayes; E.M.4) P. Redmond; E.M. 5) Deacon

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, March 21

8:00 AM E.M.1) D. Zondlo; E.M.2) W. Winters (T); E.M.3) M. Arneberg
10:00 AM 1.) J. Rooney; 2.) M. Rooney; 3.) Deacon; E.M.1) L. Fitzgerald; E.M.2) R. Riccardo (T); E.M.3) S. Murnane; E.M.4) P. Gribble; E.M.5) G. Gribble

Eucharistic Sacristan: J. and S. Murphy

12:00PM E.M. 1) D. Gardner (T); E.M.2) Deacon; E.M.3) R. Walsh; E.M.4) M. Fried; E.M.5) W. Kresse

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, March 15

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Joseph Sosnowski — *Deborah, Christopher and Anthony*
Mr. Zornosa — *Jim White*

Tuesday, March 16

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Eileen Poland — *Ray Reilly*
Genaro Garcia — *John Garcia*
7:30PM St. Patrick's Mass

Wednesday, March 17

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Daly, Shine and Pickett Families — *Ellen Daly*
Patrick Murphy — *Mary Murphy*

Thursday, March 18

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Les Todd — *Jan Burns*

Friday, March 19

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Austin and Ellen Waldron — *Waldron Family*
Coynes and D'Arcey Family — *Cusack Family*
7:30PM Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 20

8:15AM John Reynolds — *Marge Reynolds*
Dawn Brancheau — *Sherlock Family*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, March 21

8:00AM Bob Allard — *Tom and Cher Connelly*
Attracta Haran — *Ellen and Tom Pomorski*
10:00 AM Louise Murabito — *Fred Murabito*
Jack Dempsey — *Family*
12:00PM Jack Wallenda — *Tim Kieley*
Alice Jeros — *Jeros Family*

If you are contemplating making a will or changing your will and plan to leave something to charity, please keep St. John Fisher Parish in mind. A bequest to your parish continues your love and concern for your parish long after your life on earth has been completed.

READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43: 16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE
SUNDAY, MARCH 14th, 2010
KANE HALL AFTER 12:00 MASS

The St. John Fisher Women's Club would like to welcome all our parish friends and family to join us in this feast to honor St. Joseph in petition and thanksgiving.

Any food donations (entrée, side dish or desert) would be greatly appreciated and accepted after 10:30a.m. in Kane Hall. Please come, add something to the table and enjoy a meal with your family.

For more information, contact Mary Maloney (708) 499-1645 or marytmaloney@hotmail.com



Legend has it that long ago in Sicily, a devastating drought threatened the farmer's crops that fed the people. In their dismay they began to pray to Giuseppe (St. Joseph), their patron saint.

Soon the skies opened and the rain ended the severe drought. The people gathered the fruits of their harvest and placed them on an alter in homage to St. Joseph for interceding on their behalf. Thus, the St. Joseph's table began.

Since then, many have prayed to St. Joseph for his intercession on their behalf. Some prayed to bring their loved ones home during the war, some for healing, some for work and other prayed for those in need. Many have had their prayers answered. Some people celebrate St. Joseph's day at the feast, bringing an offering and having a need in their heart. Their prayers have also been answered.

The St. Joseph's Table is a celebration for the entire family. It is a source of petition and thanksgiving!

So...

Whether you are in need or not.

Whether you donate something or not.

Whether you have ever had a prayer answered or not.

Please join us on Sunday, March 14th (after the 12:00 Mass)

THE CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB



The book selection for the month of March is **Little Rose of Sharon**; a story of self-sacrifice by Nan Gurley. This beautiful book is unfortunately out of print. You may be able to order a copy through Amazon or borrow one from a neighborhood library. We will read the book during the meeting so that anyone will be able to join in on the discussion.

For our activity we have decided to have the kids participate in a service project. We will be assembling small gift bags to benefit the moms that come to our neighborhood Birthright for help. We ask that each child bring in a donation of a small, new stuffed animal or pair of infant size socks to add to these bags.

We will meet on **Monday, March 29th at 6:30p.m.** in the **rectory basement**. **All are welcome!** For more information, contact **Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090** or Gogginreg@comcast.net

STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

SUNDAY AND Holy Day contribution statements for calendar year 2009 have been mailed to all registered parishioners who gave at least \$250.00 to St. John Fisher last year. In order to save much-needed money on postage, we abandoned our previous practice of mailing statements to all parishioners, regardless of contribution amount. With only 588 out of 2,100 families giving over \$250.00 annually, that amounted to a huge savings for the parish.

However, if you did not receive a statement, for whatever reason, we will be happy to provide one for you. Simply contact the Rectory (773) 445-6565, provide your name, address and parish envelope ID number, and a statement will be mailed to you. When you call, ask that your request be passed on to either Mr. Williamson or Mrs. O'Connor.

Please remember, too, that it is possible to arrange for direct withdrawal of your contributions (on a monthly basis) from your savings or checking account. Simply call the rectory and ask to speak to one of the parish staff members mentioned above, and they will help you arrange for that option.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Lent will soon be coming to a close, but there is still the opportunity to volunteer to prepare some or all of the meal to be served at the **REST Shelter on Friday, March 26th**. A main dish (tuna casserole or mostaccoli, salad, bread and butter and desserts (cookies or brownies) will be needed for that evening. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the southeast entrance—the choir/organ side of the church. Pantry items, such as, coffee, Koolaid, sugar, paper products (dinner plates, napkins and cups are always needed and gratefully received by the shelter. Donations of these items can be dropped off at the rectory. Your generosity is appreciated. Any questions, please call **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

... **Brother Rice High School hosts Baseball Clinic** for students and parents on March 22nd for grades 6-8 from 5:30-7:30p.m. and on March 23rd for grades 2-5 from 5:30-7:30p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes a Brother Rice baseball shirt for attendees. For more information, visit brrice.org/Athletics.

... **St. Rita High School Bandapalooza 2010** for all grammar school students are invited to Bandapalooza on Saturday, March 20, 2010. This free event offers the students lessons, the opportunity to practice as a group and to perform in a concert that night. Participants will receive sheet music, a t-shirt, dinner, and free admission for their parents to the evening concert. For more information call (773) 925-RITA.

... **Perpetual Novena to St. Rita** to be held on March 31st at 7:00p.m. in the St. Rita Shrine Chapel, 7740 South Western Avenue. Confessions at 6:00p.m., Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m.

... **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** is accepting new members (age 50+) to work with the materially poor and marginalized in the greater Chicago area two days a week, and to reflect and pray on that experience in the Jesuit tradition, beginning in September 2010. For further information, contact George Sullivan (773) 975-6871 or visit the website

Chicago@ivcusa.org.

... **Marist High School to hold 1st Annual All-Alumni Banquet** on Friday, March 26th at Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest. Tickets are \$60.00 per person and include dinner and drinks. Cocktails, 6:30-8:00p.m., Dinner and reunion celebrations, 8:00-11:00p.m. Call (773) 881-5374 to reserve tickets.

... **Women's Retreat** to be held at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, Il on May 14-16, 2010. For more information, contact Diane Ostrowski, Minister of Health at St. Alexander Parish (708) 448-4861, ext. 229.

... **St. Patricia Parish** offers a coach bus trip from St. Patricia Parish parking lot at 7:30a.m. to the Milwaukee Museum to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit and return around 5:15p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Lunch will be on your own. Adult price \$49.00—Senior price—\$47.00 includes entrance fee, bus and audio guide. Imax presentation an addition \$5.00. Contact Missy Keegan at St. Patricia Rectory (708) 598-5222 for more information or reservation before April 1st or email keegan@stpatriciaparish.com.

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Rev. Marion Soprych, Associate Pastor
Rev. Arthur Marat, Resident
Rev. Thomas J. Purtell, Pastor Emeritus

Associate

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A.

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Kim Madonia, **Youth Minister (708) 275-8922**

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Sundays at 1:15 P.M.

Baptismal Preparation Class, 11:30 A.M. First Sunday of Month. Contact Rectory for details. A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese.

Reconciliation: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. or by appointment

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. A marriage preparation program is a requirement in the Archdiocese (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

Communion for Homebound Parishioners: Members of our parish family who are ill or homebound, please call the parish office and a Minister of Care will bring communion to your home at your convenience.

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to us. We ask that you register in the rectory office.