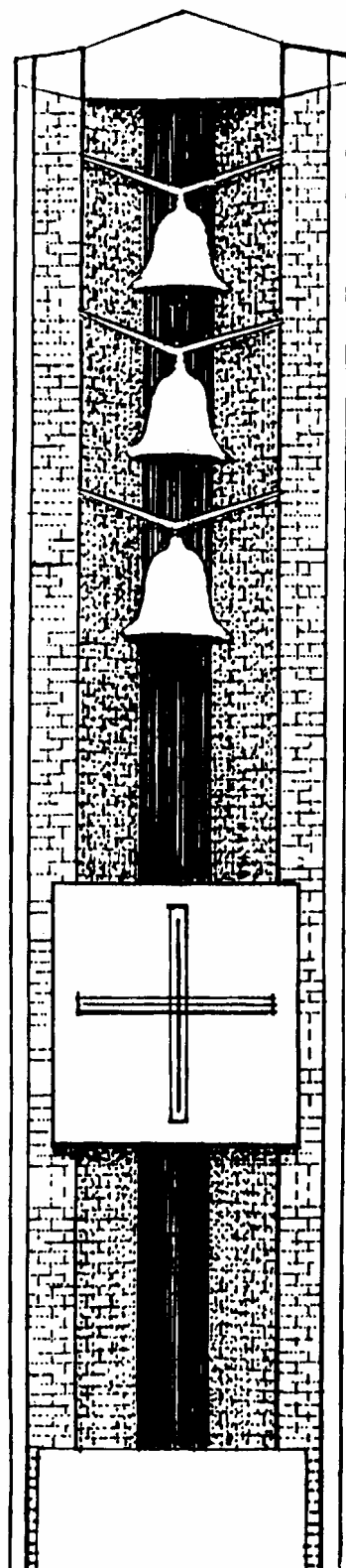


Saint John Fisher Parish

March 7, 2010
Third 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: Edwin Wojtczak, father of parishioner Dennis Wojtczak.

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. Our next event is planned for **Thursday, March 11th at 6:30p.m.** at the St. John Fisher Rectory meeting room. Two of our human resources / hiring experts, *Lorraine Guse* and *Catherine Klinger*, will conduct mock interviews. They will share their skills in knowing what can work in a candidate's favor as well as what behavior and language to avoid. 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!

***Due to the Lenten mission, on March 2nd, we will **NOT** be hosting a March social.

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

STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

GAVIN COYLE RETURNS – TUESDAY, MARCH 9

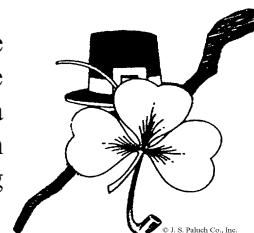
Yes, Gavin's long-awaited return is coming soon: **Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30p.m.** in church. The immensely talented singer, musician and songwriter delighted us two years ago during our Lenten Mission centering on Celtic spirituality and returned in December, 2008 for an Advent-Christmas concert. Since then, he has returned a few times to St. John Fisher to sing at a wedding and a funeral, but not for a full-scale concert of authentic Irish songs, plus "songs of stage & screen" from his latest CD.

As in the past, Gavin will be accompanied by our own talented parish musicians, including Music Directors Alan Bukowiecki and Mike Carso. If Gavin's previous concerts are any indication, expect nearly two hours of amazing music. And remember: there is no set charge for extraordinary experience; we will simply ask for a freewill offering to cover Gavin's fee. Anything left over will go toward the recent improvements in our church sound system. We've also reminded Gavin to bring enough copies of all his CD's which our choir members will help to sell on Gavin's behalf during intermission and after the concert. If you want to hear tracks from any of those recordings, just enter **Gavin Coyle** in your search engine.

Although he has many appearances scheduled in the next month or two, the nearest venue to us is in Wheaton. So be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this terrific opportunity to hear the delightful and inspiring music of Gavin Coyle on Tuesday, March 9th, right here at St. John Fisher!

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!



2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAILED

In the past few weeks, contribution statements were mailed to registered parishioners who use Sunday envelopes and who contributed \$250.00 or more during the 2009 calendar year. We've limited statements to those who have given that amount or more in an effort to save money on postage. However, if you contributed less than that amount and would still like a statement for taxes, just call the rectory and we'll be happy to send you one.



**REMINDER: NEXT WEEKEND BEGINS
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT—MARCH 13th.**

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 2nd ANNUAL EASTER FOOD DRIVE – MARCH 27

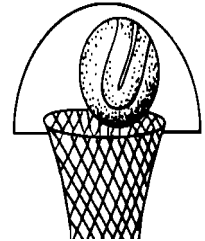
The Holy Name will be coordinating its 2nd annual Easter Food Drive. We need your help in order to make this a success and continue to build this tradition. Flyers and bags for non – perishable food items will be dropped off at your house on **Saturday March 20**.

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Our spiritually adopted babies are entering the home stretch. Beginning this month, the baby uses all four senses. The baby can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup and also recognizes the mother's voice. During this time the baby will also receive antibodies from the mother giving protection from a wide variety of diseases. Thank you to all who remember unborn babies in their prayers.

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!

SUPPORT SJF/MHR YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM



ST. BALDRICK'S

EVENT

Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer

Take a break next Saturday and bring your family to the Youth Ministry sponsored St. Baldrick's Event! All are welcome to join us! We will be shaving heads to conquer kids' cancer! Stop by and enjoy some great music, fun games & tasty baked goods as we cheer on our participants!

Sat. March 13th

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

MHR GYM

Here's how you can help...

There is still time to sign up to get YOUR head shaved:

Go to www.stbaldricks.org/events/mhrs/jfym and register to get your head shaved at our event! A donation page will be set up for you to collect donations! All ages are welcome!
You must be signed up and bring the liability form with you on Saturday!

Show your support by donating money:

SJF/MHR Youth Ministry has a goal of raising \$5,000. By visiting the website listed above you will find ways to do that safely and securely!

Help out with the BAKE SALE which will be held at the event:

If you are interested in baking something to sell at our bake sale please contact Colleen! All baked goods should be dropped off that day at the Most Holy Redeemer gym after 1:00PM

Colleen Tracy:
(773) 421 - 6216

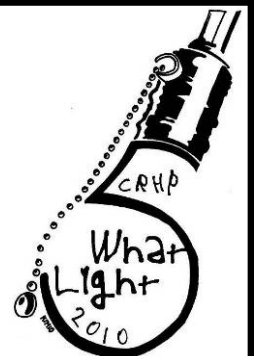
Stop by NEXT SATURDAY with your family to show YOUR support!



BRING YOUR FAMILY!



We are in the middle of our **TEEN CRHP #5 RETREAT!** Please take a moment and say an extra prayer for all **46** participants! The team has worked very hard and has put in many hours to make this weekend special for our invitees! Thank you for all of your support and prayers, I am confident in saying that we could not have done it without YOU!



DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:

March 10th at MHR (Convent 2nd floor) * March 17th NO DROP IN

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 13

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

Sunday, March 14

8:00 AM Reader: **M. F. Hayes**
10:00 AM 1st Reader: **S. Mahoney**
2nd Reader: **D. Mahoney**
12:00 PM Reader: **K. McIlvain**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 13

4:00PM 1.) Deacon; 2.) P. Tierney; 3.) N. Rooney; E.M.1) H. Peirce (T); E.M.2) M. Redmond; E.M.3) D. McHugh; E.M.4) S. Tesmond; E.M.5) J. Rooney

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, March 14

8:00 AM E.M.1) T. Szarzynski; E.M.2) J. Wolfe (T); E.M.3) D. Sosnowski
10:00 AM 1.) K. Sullivan; 2.) R. Riccardo; 3.) P. Newquist; E.M.1) J. Stenson (T); E.M.2) C. Broderick; E.M.3) T. Broderick; E.M.4) Deacon; E.M.5) J. Daly

Eucharistic Sacristan: J. and S. Murphy

12:00PM E.M.1) Deacon; E.M.2) M. Condon; E.M.3) C. Galvin; E.M.4) R. Walsh (T); E.M.5) K. McElligott

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, March 8

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Martha Duch — *Mary Murphy*

Tuesday, March 9

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM John and Jacqueline Thiese — *Owen and Gail Hilding*
Agnes Stanis — *John Stanis*
7:30PM **Gavin Coyle Concert (In Church)**

Wednesday, March 10

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Tom Locke — *Regina Arndt*

Thursday, March 11

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Mary Jane Maher — *Harry and Adele O'Sullivan*

Friday, March 12

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Attracta Haran — *Jackie and John Long*
7:30PM **Way of the Cross**

Saturday, March 13

8:15AM Elton Mattson — *Mattson Family*
Philip Gavin — *Marcella Grady*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, March 14

8:00AM Robert J. Allard — *Jim and Phel Smith*
David and Mary Liston and Kathleen Hickey — *Kitty Lynch*
10:00 AM Marie H. Romanas — *Ken and Mary Ellen Sargis*
John Dempsey — *Mr. and Mrs. Scanlan*
12:00PM Konen Family — *Robert Konen*
Roger Osborne — *Insley 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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

... ***Become an ESL Tutor***—Join the next certification workshop on Friday, March 12th, 6:00-9:00p.m. and Saturday, March 13th, 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. For more information, contact Adam (773) 927-0512 or aquinasoutreach@aol.com

... ***Mt. Assisi Academy Athletic Booster Club 6th Annual Comedy Night*** to be held on Saturday, March 20th. Cocktails at 6:00p.m., dinner at 7:15p.m. and comedy show at 8:30p.m. featuring comedic talents from Senese's Comedy Club in Oak Lawn. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact MAA Athletic Director June Ver Schave (630)257-7844, ext. 33.

... ***St. Laurence High School 10th Annual "An Evening of Baskets and Bucks"*** to be held on Saturday, March 20th featuring a Super Raffle with cash prizes, casino gaming, a silent auction and jumbo screen viewing of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. For more information, call (708) 458-6900.

... ***Mother McAuley Eco-Macs*** asking for donation of used or new hand tools to send to Haiti to be used to help in the installation of their student built biodiesel processor and solar panels that will provide electricity to a small rural town. Donations may be dropped off at the main office at Mother McAuley. For more information, contact Dr. Roz Iasillo (773) 8816544.

... ***Facing Foreclosure or Threat thereof?*** Act pre-emptively—call Neighborhood Housing Sves (NHS of Chicago to learn of free seminars / workshops (773) 329-4185, 24 hour intake hot line.

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to the following young people of our parish who attained Honor Roll status at *Marist High School* during the first semester of the school year.

Maria Anchacles
Colleen Berger
Brian Brennan
Theresa Connolly
Kelly Galvin
Daniel Garvey
Lauren Greco
Ashley Holder
Taylor Holder
Deirdre Howard
Joshua Kennedy
Sian Kresse
Dana Loncar
Kevin Lyons
Brian Maloney
Matthew Maloney
Caroline Niedospial

Colleen O'Toole
Alisha Rivera
Amanda Rivera
Amy Rusch
Joseph Shanahan
Nicholas St. Lawrence
Andrew Wegner
Brandi Carlson
Zachary Cody
Timothy DeLacy
Marisa DiBennardi
Calee Dineen
Brittany Fitzpatrick
Colleen Flanagan
Megan Freyer
Kathleen Glynn
Anne Gorman

Margaret Gorman
Samantha Harte
Melissa Inzinga
Brian Laughan
Michael Laughran
Meghan Lyons
Nora Majka
Kevin Maloney
Shannon McShane
Margaret Misch
Kierstin Palcek
David Piech
Glenn Rivera
Rachel Stolfe
Ashlee Vaclavik
Lauren Walsh
Brian Zeller

THE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

The Women's Center is a pro-life ministry devoted to helping women in problem pregnancies. Each year counselors help approximately 5,000 women and their families. In 25 years of service approximately 33,000 babies and their mothers have been saved from the pain of abortion. This is a comment from one of their clients: *The Women's Center made me feel more confident that everything would be fine and that it wasn't the end of the world. I'm having a precious baby girl.*

How can you help? Volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday to organize and sort clothing donations, and to answer calls in our counseling offices. For more information call (773) 794-1313.

If you shop at Dominick's Food Stores and register your Fresh Values card with The Women's Center, a percentage of what you spend is donated to The Center. You can shop any day and at any time of day. Call (773) 794-1313 to register your card.

If you have any of the following needed items you could donate, our families will be grateful for your generosity: new layette items, infant sleepers, crib sheets, bumper pads, new clothing for infants (newborn to 9 months), bouncers, strollers, baby swings, baby cribs (odd crib parts for repairs, toddler beds, infant car seats, diapers in sizes 4, 5,6, All clothing needs to be dropped off unless accompanied by baby furniture which can be picked up. If a pickup is needed for furniture, call (773) 794-1313.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Lent is half way but there is still the opportunity to volunteer to prepare some or all of the meal to be served at 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**.

PARISH PRIESTS

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

Associate

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A.

Deacons

Deacon Robert Carroll Deacon Raymond Reilly
Deacon Couple Tom and Mary Siska

Sister Jean Anne McGrath, C.S.J., **Principal**

Elena Chermak, D.Min., **Dir. of Religious Education**
(773) 238-1851

Music Directors

Michael Carso, **(708) 396-2738**
Alan Bukowiecki
(312) 403-2512

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.