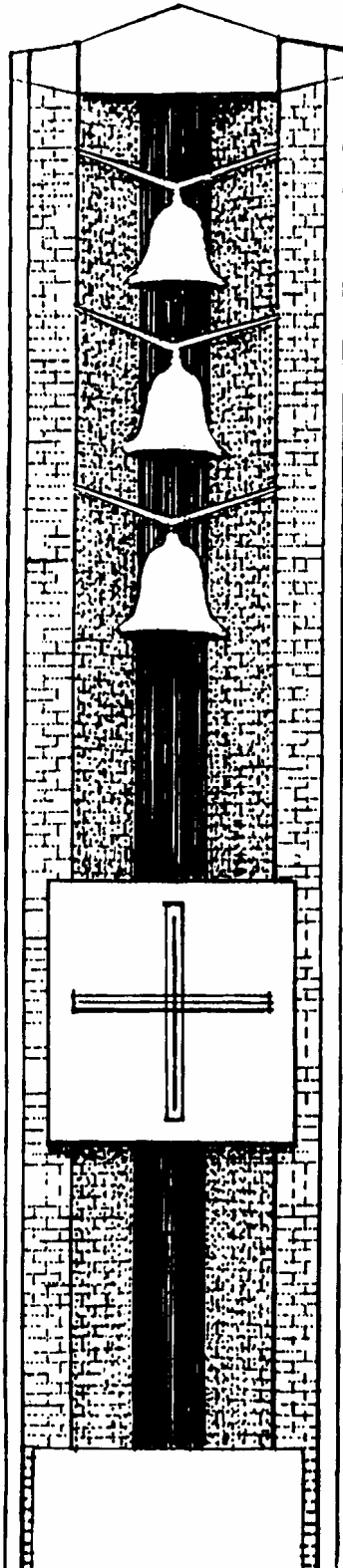


Saint John Fisher Parish

May 2, 2010
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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.

BAPTISM

We welcome the following child into God's Family:

Molly Margaret Harrigan

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Daniel J. Helsdingen, father of parishioner Patricia Reed; Margaret T. Fejes

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. Brad Brunaugh; 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.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNGER WIDOWS

Over the past several years, a number of women in our parish have experienced the loss of a husband far too soon, and the grief and loneliness can last for a very long time. The people of St. John Fisher are renowned for stepping forward in such times to offer support and encouragement. But there are some feelings that can really only be shared with and understood by someone else who has experienced the same loss. So it occurred to me a few months ago that it would be good to offer the opportunity for "younger" widows to get together to share some of those feelings and learn from each other as the healing process continues in their lives.

I've spoken to several women in the parish to see if they thought this would be a good idea, and they agreed that it would. So I want to invite any parishioner who has lost a husband in the past few years—or even many years ago—to come to a gathering on **Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00p.m.** Donna Zondlo, a parishioner experienced in counseling, will be present to help facilitate the sharing; I'll just be there to welcome you. The location of this gathering will depend on numbers, so please call me this week to let me know if you would like to attend. It will be up to those who come to determine when or if to meet again.

Fr. Bob



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CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

On Saturday, May 1st, 90 of our parish children received their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the children and their families on this great day and welcome them into greater participation in the faith life of the church. We also thank their teachers, Mrs. Mary Nitsche, Mrs. Beth Paluch, Ms. Meg Earner and Mrs. Trish McGlinchey for their love and care in preparing the children for this day. May our First Communicants always remember the joy of this day as they continue to experience the love of the Lord.

Kathryn Alvarez
Christopher Andrews
Quinn Barry
Madeline Bouck
Hanna Bowen
Luke Brady
John Bresnahan
Rachel Broderick
Samantha Brosseau
Lauren Burke
Patrick Cahill
Maria Canon
Daniel Carlin
Cormac Coen
Tyler Colander
Lucas Cunningham
Daniel DeMars
Matthew Doligale
Grace Dwyer
John Eastman
Charles Fitzgerald
Daniel George
Grant Gierhahn
Jack Gilbert
Mara Godfrey
Sean Goosherst
Abigail Graeber
Tierney Harkins
Grace Harty
Kyra Harty

Clare Hogan
Peyton Horkavy
Sarah Jacob
Gabriella Johnson
Grace Kaplan
Paige Katalinic
Josephine Keller
Michael Kelley
Moirra Kelly
Ian Kerrigan
Ryan Kopale
Dylan Kulovitz
James Littleton
Jaime Lorenzen
Molly Maloney
Marco Martinez
Lilly McCarthy
Marykate McDermott
Luke McGuire
Reese McMullen
John Menard
Sarah Meyer
Madison Moonan
Ian Moran
Shioban Moran
Michael Nelligan
Anthony Nichols
Paul Nitsche
William O'Boyle
MaryClare O'Gorman

Liam O'Mahony
Clare O'Malley
Aileen O'Rourke
Brigid O'Shea
Maximilian Paulikaitis
Devyn Petrowski
Nicole Priori
Vincent Podlasek
Alex Roche
John Rogers
Joseph Sarhage
Brooke Scanlon
Mary Schergen
Katherine Scott
Grace Shephard
Matthew Silva
Madison Smith
Dana Stanecki
Hugh Sullivan
John Sullivan
Maeve Sullivan
Jacob Summers
Elizabeth Urchell
Jason VanSchaik
Kristen Vargas
Erin Villanova
Karina Widman
Graham Zelek
Emily Zurella
Charles Zwick

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Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."

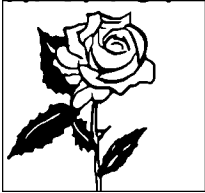
- Revelation 21:3

WOMEN'S CLUB INSTALLATION

The Women's club will be having their Installation ceremony on Tuesday, May 4, @ 6pm, in church. Dinner will follow, in Kane hall.

All Block Captains, District Chairs, and past Presidents are invited! The cost for dinner is \$15/ticket, payable at the door.

If you have any questions, please contact Missi Brady: 773/429-0976



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

The St. John Fisher Respect Life group will once again be selling bouquets of fresh flowers for Mother's Day to benefit the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Flowers will be available for sale in the back of church after all of the masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 8th and 9th.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Parishioner Denise La Giglia, MA, is available to provide spiritual direction to a limited number of people during the work week, offering both daytime as well as evening hours. What is spiritual direction? Spiritual direction is a safe place in which to explore one's inner life along with a compassionate listener-guide. A piece called "Wearing Away Rock" by Tilden Edwards explains it beautifully:

Like spring water slowly wearing away rock, meeting with a spiritual director over time can bring to light the ceaseless dripping water of the spirit in our lives. We become more and more aware of that holy water wearing away whatever hardness is left in us. Little by little we find ourselves identifying who we truly are—identifying not with that hard rock, but rather with the fluidity of the Holy Spirit whose child we are. Slowly we give ourselves with Christ to that sparkling stream of God's Spirit and let it be our way, our truth, our life.

Denise received her training in spiritual direction from the Institute for Spiritual Leadership, located in Chicago and begun in 1974 by a Jesuit priest and a Fullerton Cenacle Sister. The Institute fosters both personal transformation and professional development. Its mission, in part, is to nurture personal empowerment, effective relationships and authentic leadership. Its spirituality is incarnational; that is, deeply rooted in the belief that God is present in whatever is most real in a person's life.

The usual meeting time with a spiritual director is one hour once a month. The sessions will be held in the St. John Fisher rectory. There is a fee for the service. For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Denise at (708) 707-4481.

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!

On May 8th and 9th, the St. John Fisher Respect Life Group will be celebrating the births of our spiritually adopted babies by collecting any new or gently used items that a new baby or parent might need. Please consider dropping a gift/diapers/donation off at any of the church doors before or after any of the masses. All proceeds will be donated to our area crisis pregnancy centers; The Women's Center and Birthright. Thank you for all of your prayers and generosity.



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STEWARDSHIP = TIME—TALENT—TREASURE

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!



WALK - A - THON

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR MISSION
TRIP TO KENTUCKY
(June 19-26)

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH THE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM WILL BE HOLDING A WALK-A-THON STARTING AT ST. JOHN FISHER AND ENDING AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER. WE WILL BE RAISING PLEDGES TO HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION THERE WILL BE TEENS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH ACCEPTING ANY/ALL PLEDGES AFTER THE MASSES! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



ROSE SALE! May 9th Mother's Day!

Youth Ministry will be selling roses before and after all Sunday morning Masses at MHR! All proceeds will go towards the Mission Trip to KY 2010! Any and all donations are appreciated! To donate to the Mission Trip contact Kim Madonia.



Keep working
on your
"Make-A-Change"
Challenge!
(for Kentucky 10)

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:
May 5th at SJF (Rectory Basement) * May 12th 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, May 8

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

Sunday, May 9

8:00 AM Reader: **L. Shallow**
10:00 AM 1st Reader: **S. Mahoney**
2nd Reader: **D. Mahoney**
12:00 PM Reader: **J. Joyce**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 8

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

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, May 9

8:00 AM E.M.1) D. Zondlo; E.M.2) W. Winters; E.M.3) N. North (T)
10:00 AM 1.) P. McGovern; 2.) P. McGovern; 3.) Deacon; E.M.1) L. Fitzgerald (T); E.M.2) M. Leeder; E.M.3) K. Sullivan; E.M.4) J. Boyle; E.M.5) E. Boyle

Eucharistic Sacristan:

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, May 3

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM All Souls Remembrance
Daly, Shine and Pickett Families —
Ellen Daly

Tuesday, May 4

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM May Sindowski — *Family*
Brian Carey — *Stehney Family*

Wednesday, May 5

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Mary Maher — *Mary Pat and John McGeehan*
Daniel Helsdingen — *Cushing Family*

Thursday, May 6

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Lawretta and Rich Ernst — *Norine Quinlan*
William A., William D. and Dorothy Vice — *Dorothy Shannon*

Friday, May 7

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Carolyn Schewe — *Mary Lou Dempsey*

Saturday, May 8

8:15AM Charles Hayes — *Hayes Family*
Maeve McNicholas — *Family*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, May 9

8:00AM Kaiser and Adlfinger Families — *Marge Ruggio*
Marie Kroll, Helen O'Brien and Roberta Kozek — *Family*
10:00 AM Maeve L. Burke — *Family*
Jack Kiely — *Tim Kiely*
12:00PM Patricia Gomez — *Christine and Jose Torres*
Lorraine Milkint — *Maureen Murray*

READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-22, 22-29; Ps 67; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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.

May 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 <i>First Holy Communion</i> 11:00a.m. mass <i>Generosity Weekend</i> |
| 2 GENEROSITY WEEKEND <i>Baptism Preparation</i> 11:30a.m.—School | 3 | 4 <i>Women's Club Installation & May Crowning</i> 6p.m.—church & Kane Hall | 5 <i>Girl Scouts Year-end meeting</i> 2:30p.m.—Kane Hall <i>Boy Scouts</i> 7p.m.—Kane Hall | 6 | 7 <i>School May Crowning</i> 11:00a.m. | 8 <i>FSA Community Yard Sale—Parking Lot</i> |
| 9 <i>Mother's Day</i> | 10 | 11 <i>School Board—7:30p.m.</i> <i>School conference room</i> | 12 <i>Boy Scouts—7p.m.</i> <i>Rectory meeting room</i> <i>Athletic Comm. Board</i> 7:30p.m.—School | 13 <i>Bike Blessing</i> 3:30p.m. <i>Parking Lot</i> <i>FSA meeting</i> 7:00p.m.—school | 14 | 15 <i>Market Day</i> |
| 16 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION | 17 | 18 <i>Taize Prayer</i> 7:00p.m.—church | 19 <i>Holy Name Barbecue Night</i> 7p.m.—Kane Hall <i>Boy Scouts—7p.m.</i> <i>School conference room</i> | 20 | 21 <i>Fisher Feet Feat</i> | 22 |
| 23 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST | 24 <i>Children's Book Club</i> 6:30p.m.—Rectory | 25 | 26 <i>Just Desserts—7p.m.</i> <i>Kane Hall</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>8th Grade Graduation</i> 4:00p.m. mass |
| 30 SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY | 31 <i>Memorial Day</i> 9:00a.m. mass | | | | | |

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 hhghofsjf@gmail.com. Tell us what we can do to help you, a family member, neighbor or friend.



Prayer in numbers, I thank all of the parishioners for their support. I had the liver transplant in March. Thanks for all your prayers, I have a second chance in life.

Thank You!
Peter Cashman



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 continue to need your help!** We have experienced and talented members who are looking for employment in banking, marketing, customer service, pharmacy technician and stationery engineering (to name a few). If you know of job opportunities, companies that are hiring or contacts that could help our members, please call the rectory and leave a message.

Our next event is Thursday, May 6th at 6:30p.m. at the Parish Rectory. The topic is "Preparing a Handbill." Also, we're be hosting Bob Podgorski on Saturday, June 5 at 10:00am at the Parish Rectory, who'll speak about developing career tools to help in all aspects of a job search..

We meet on Sunday after the 10am Mass in the Rectory. If you or want to volunteer or learn more about the ministry, contact **Mary Pat Anders (773) 239-3624**, **Jim White (773) 322-2518** or **Deacon Tom**.

HATCHET BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The Hatchet Basketball Championship game was played before a standing room crowd of avid basketball fans on Thursday, April 15th. This was one of the best games in the playoffs, featuring the Red and Brown teams . The first half of this aggressive and hard fought game, ended with a final score of Brown team 34 and Red team 33. When play resumed after the half, the Brown team led by Mark Koll and Kyle Garmes began to pull away and at one point led by 10 points, but the Red team fought back and closed to within 5 points when time ran out. Winning Brown team players included (Captain) Matthew Vitaliano, Mark Koll, Jim Moore, John Zawaski, Joe Latiere, Luke Asimaplous, Kyle Garmes, Bob Canavan, Mike Fredericks and Dave Schmidt. The Red team captain was Dave Lang.

COMMUNITY NEWS

... **St. Thomas More Grammar School, Class of 1970** looking for graduates to celebrate 40th Reunion at Gaelic Park on November 27th, 2010. Contact Irene Ahern Smith (708) 952-9722 or John Tunney (312) 607-2014 for more information and/or give your contact information.

... **Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph** offers a series of summer retreats. For more detailed information on the summer retreats being offered, visit the "Summer Retreats" page of the website at www.csjthewell.org .

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**

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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.