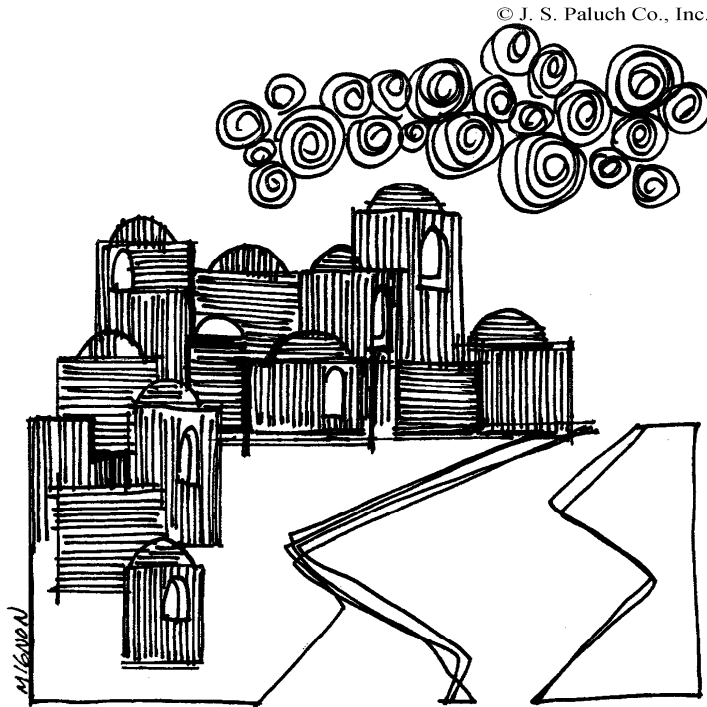
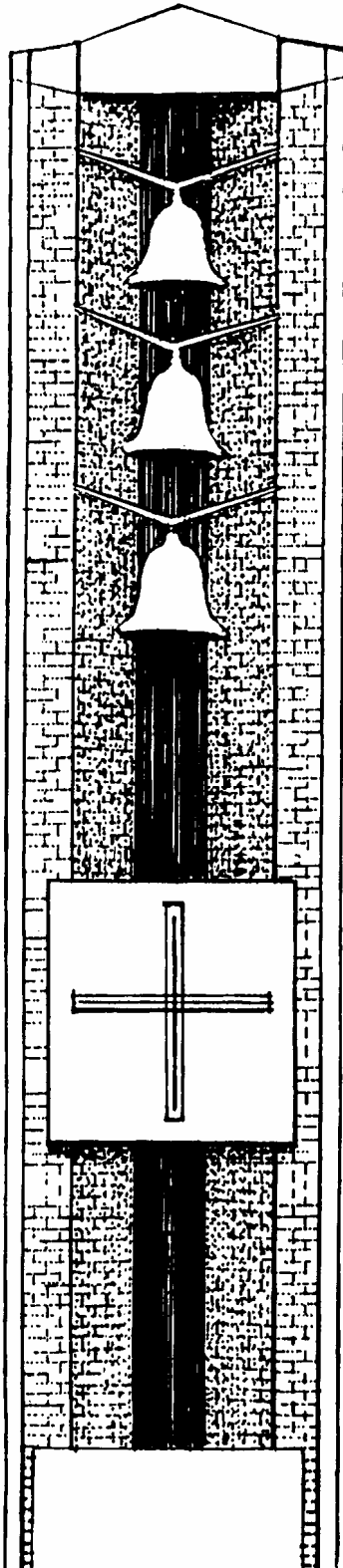


Saint John Fisher Parish

October 11, 2009

Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into God's family:

Grace Ann Carmody

Daniel John Houston

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 Kreisler, 82nd Airborne; Major Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt.jg Meghan Ryan; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; AW2 Devin E. Williams, USN; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Lance 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

CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The book for this month is titled **The Way of the Cross: A Story of Padre Pio** by Claire Jordan Mohan. The book club will meet in the rectory basement on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30p.m.** There will be a donation basket passed to cover the cost of the craft and to give a copy of the book to our school library. For more information or for a copy of the book, contact ***Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090*** or **Gogginreg@comcast.net**

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

The Mother's Spirituality group has invited Dr. Madonna Murphy, St. John Fisher parishioner and Professor of Education and Theology at the University of St. Francis to speak **to all interested parishioners** on this encyclical. We will meet on **Wednesday, October 14th at 8:00p.m.** in the **rectory basement**. The chapter being covered is titled **I Came That They May Have Life**; the Christian message concerning life. For a copy of the encyclical there will be a small \$2.00 charge for printing.

BETWEEN JOBS MINISTRY

In some way we have all been touched by the weakened economy. Many of us know someone who has lost a job. It might even be you. The **Between Jobs Ministry** is for those looking for employment AND those who can offer their help. Could you lend time to help us brush up on computer skills, Microsoft and Internet searches? Or volunteer to review a resume or hold a practice interview? We want to identify job opportunities ... can you assist with strategies for networking? If you're between jobs or want to help those who are, please join us for about an hour after the 10:00am mass every Sunday in the rectory basement. Ask for Deacon Tom.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On **Saturday, October 24th at the 4:00p.m. mass**, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone who suffers from a chronic illness (arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, etc.), anyone recovering from or facing surgery in the near future, anyone struggling with the effects of cancer or the challenges that come with aging, those suffering from an addiction, depression or some other mental or emotional illness—all are invited to share in this sacrament. We will keep the **front pews** of church on all three sides reserved for those who wish to be anointed and for their families, but we will ask those who are able to **come forward**, as you do for communion, to do so for the anointing. If you are not able to walk easily, we ask that you sit in the **very first pews** around the perimeter of the sanctuary and a priest will come to you.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the amazing grace of this powerful sacrament of hope and healing on October 24th.

BLESSING OF PETS THIS THURSDAY



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St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day was October 4th, is known, among other things, for his gift of appreciating all of God's creation, especially animals. From his taming of the wolf at Gubbio to the famous scene of preaching to the birds, Francis helps us to appreciate that all created things are worthy of God's love and blessing.

So, this **Thursday, October 15th**, we will offer a blessing for pets at **4:00p.m.** in the driveway between the school and rectory. In case of rain, the blessing will take place under the canopy and in the foyer between the church and school, and we'll pray for very well-controlled pets. We'll read a few passages from a book called "Prayers From the Ark" and give a blessing to each and every animal. The animals have been very well-behaved in the past, but if you have a pet with an excitable disposition, a carrying cage might be helpful.

PARISH HOMECOMING

The final event celebrating St. John Fisher Parish's 60th anniversary, the **Parish Homecoming**, will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2009**. This event welcomes **all** adult parishioners, past and present, as well as all adult graduates. The celebration will begin with mass at 4:00p.m. and end at midnight. Music will be provided by Rich Gardner and feature The Operators. Food, catered by Franconello's will be available at a nominal price. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased after all weekend masses, during Wednesday Manna sales, and at the Rectory beginning on Monday, September 21st. Special apparel commemorating our 60th anniversary can be ordered during these times. Join us for a fun filled evening. For information please call the Rectory (773) 445-6566 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 239-8428.

HELPING HANDS — GLOWING HEARTS OF ST. JOHN FISHER

We are astounded with the outpouring of support that Helping Hands Glowing Hearts has received thus far. Truly, we are all part of a talented community full of individuals who are willing to share those skills with others. The number of volunteers is staggering, and the range of help that they are prepared to offer is impressive.

Now, we only need candidates to receive those services, but may not realize that we are here to help. We need you to be willing to nominate neighbors in need, or yourself, with the specific ways in which they might take advantage of this service organization. Just a few of the specific talents we have to offer are: grocery shopping assistance, driving to doctors' appointments and hospitals, monthly sweet treats and meals, haircuts for those who have difficulty getting out, odd jobs, landscaping and basic medical assistance. If you have any questions about nominations or volunteering, please feel free to contact the rectory or Anne Doligale.

We would like to recognize Joe Sosnowski, a very special driving volunteer who passed away recently. Our prayers and our appreciation go out to his family. Thank you for your dedication.

SUPPORT THE REST SHELTER

Cooler temperatures have made their way to the Chicagoland area. The **REST Shelter** continues to provide a safe place for homeless women, and every other Friday, volunteers from St. John Fisher provide an evening meal, prepared just for them. We make a difference. We are so grateful for the many parishioners who have faithfully sent donations. Cold weather clothing like sweater, sweatshirts, coats are needed. Paper products, breakfast cereals, Koolaid and sugar are always needed kitchen supplies. If you are able to provide some or all of the evening meal, the sign up sheets to volunteer are found on the bulletin board by the priest sacristy. Please consider giving up one Friday evening as the school year begins. You'll be glad you did! We leave around 7:00p.m. and return before 11:00p.m. Please include your phone number on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please call *Betty Kort (708) 425-1805* or *Don Skonicki (847) 530-2317* or *(773) 238-6932*.

Upcoming dates for the REST Shelter: October 23rd, November 6th and November 20th

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Here is a great way **YOU** can help St. John Fisher School.

Shop for magazines and gifts at www.qsp.com and up to

50% of your purchase benefits St. John Fisher School!

There are over 700 popular titles to choose from, discounted up to 85% off of newsstand prices. It's convenient and just takes a few minutes. Magazine, gift, music and book items ship directly to your home.

Go to: www.qsp.com

Click "Just Shopping" and enter our school's gift online code: **710325394** or our school's magazine online code: **425005606**.

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Same great selections ...same great service!

Don't let publishers pressure you into renewing directly through them. All of your favorite magazines can be renewed through this great website and you will be helping our school. *PLEASE* spread the word!

If you would prefer not to order online please call the school office or check with a neighbor with a child at school.

SCRIPTURE SAFARI

Scripture Safari, our parish pre-school Bible school program for 3, 4, and 5 year olds (and those turning 6 in kindergarten) will begin on **Sunday, October 18, 2009**. Scripture Safari meets during the 10:00a.m. Mass, approximately two Sundays a month. Our teachers are Mrs. Jennifer Stenson and Mrs. Tracy Olsen.

Registration fees are \$30.00 for one child, \$40.00 for two or more children to cover materials and supplies for the year. Please make checks payable to the Office of Religious Education. You may register your child at the rectory any day of the week. To learn more about Scripture Safari, please contact *Elena Chermak (773) 238-1851* or via e-mail: echermak@sjschool.net. All children are welcome — please pass this information on to any friends who may be interested.

St. John Fisher Scripture Safari Schedule—during 10:00a.m. Mass

October 18, 2009 (Session one)

November 1, 2009

November 15, 2009

December 6, 2009

December 13, 2009

January 10, 2010

January 31, 2010

February 7, 2010

February 28, 2010

March 7, 2010

March 21, 2010

April 18, 2010

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

Great America
Frightfest
TRIP

**7th, 8th, HIGH SCHOOL and
COLLEGE STUDENTS are welcome!**

All the zombies...all the monsters...all the FUN!

Saturday
OCTOBER 24th

**For more information please
pick up a Frightfest packet
at the parish office. Please
fill out the permission slip
and return with payment by
OCTOBER 18th.**

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:
October 14th @ MHR (Convent 2nd Floor) * October 21st @ SJF (Rectory Basement)**

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, October 17

4:00 PM **Cantor:**
1st Reader: E. Hynes
2nd Reader: D. Moore

Sunday, October 18

8:00 AM **Cantor:**
Reader: C. Roth
10:00 AM **Cantor:**
1st Reader: P. Folliard
2nd Reader: R. Carroll
12:00 PM **Cantor:**
Reader: R. Kroll



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 17

4:00PM 1.) A. Kozek; 2.) W. Wahlen; 3.) P. Tierney; E.M.1) W. McCloskey; E.M.2) K. Kozek (T); E.M.3) C. Bicek; E.M.4) R. Mahoney; E.M.5) M. Waldron

Eucharistic Sacristan:

Sunday, October 18

8:00 AM E.M.1) Deacon Carroll; E.M.2) J. Wolfe (T); E.M.3) G. Finn
10:00 AM 1.) J. Rooney; 2.) J. Folliard; 3.) M. Rooney; E.M.1) Deacon Siska; E.M.2) P. McGovern (T); E.M.3) C. Galvin; E.M.4) P. McGovern; E.M.5) N. Riggio

Eucharistic Sacristans: J. and S. Murphy

12:00PM E.M.1) J. Miller (T); E.M.2) M. Condon; E.M.3) Deacon Siska; E.M.4) P. Ashe; E.M.5) D. Gardner

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, October 12

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Margaret Harrington — *Joan Courtney*

Tuesday, October 13

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Mary Kay McGrath — *Margaret O'Connell*
June L. Nitsche — *Ann Hanik*

Wednesday, October 14

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Bob Arneberg — *Marge Arneberg*
Myles Moriarty — *Family*

Thursday, October 15

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Carl Fried — *Margaret Fried*

Friday, October 16

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Ted Miller — *Regina Arndt*

Saturday, October 17

8:15AM Alex Andrulis — *Hilda Andrulis*
Bernard W. McKeating — *Raymond Schatzman*
4:00PM Final Celebration — 60th Anniversary
Year of St. John Parish
Parishioners

Sunday, October 18

8:00AM Marion Shallow — *Laura Shallow*
Mary Joyce — *Pat and Janet Fenton*
10:00 AM John Reynolds — *Wife*
12:00AM Bob Kresse — *Kresse Family*
Roth and Grocki Families — *Charles and Grace Roth*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 (42-45)

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.

STEWARDSHIP = TIME—TALENT—TREASURE

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**
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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.