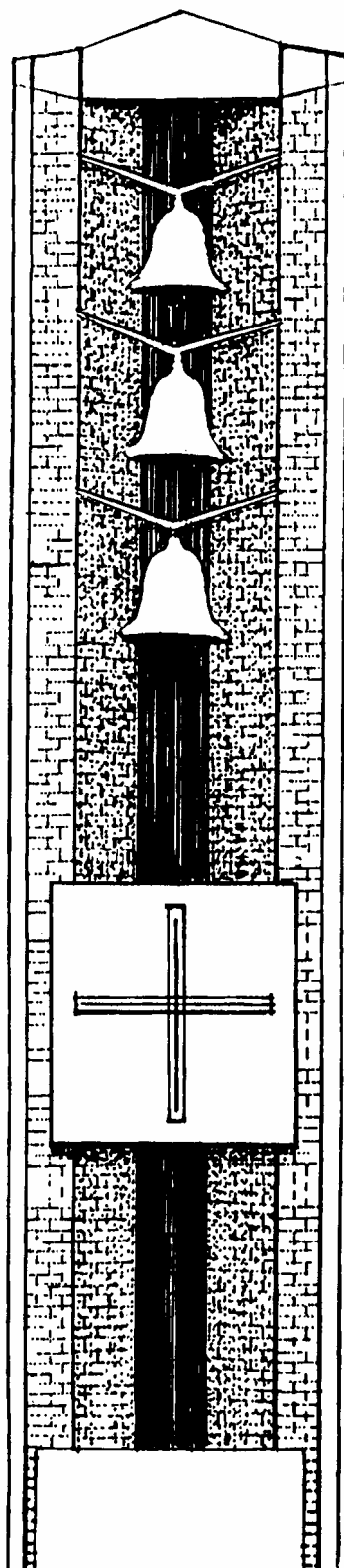


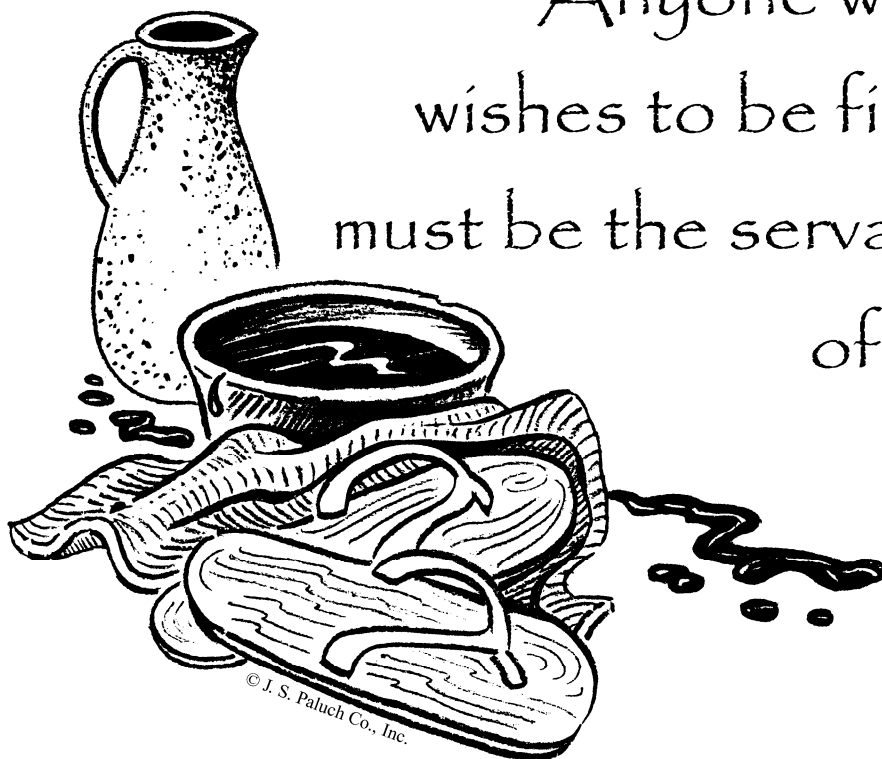
# Saint John Fisher Parish

September 20, 2009

Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Anyone who  
wishes to be first  
must be the servant  
of all



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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:

- Declan Thomas Fitzgerald*
- Emma Grace Gibbons*
- Seamus Michael Larkin*
- Jacob Vincent Malloy*

**REST IN PEACE**

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Joseph McNally; Marian Chamberlain.

**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 FAITH FORMATION (FORMER C.C.D.) NEWS**

We are about to begin an exciting year of Children’s Faith Formation for students in grades 1-8. **Our opening day is Sunday, September 27th.** Classes will be held on Sundays in the school from 8:45 to 9:45a.m., September through April approximately three times a month. Registration will be taken in the rectory beginning on Saturday, September 5th. Students who were not baptized at St. John Fisher should provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning families and their children. Please come to the rectory to register (the rectory is open every day). Tuition fees are as follows:

**Fees: Tuition/Materials (Checks payable to Office of Religious Education)**

<u>Parishioners</u>		<u>Non parishioner:</u>
\$ 90.00 + \$15.00 = (\$105.00).....	<b>1 child</b> .....	\$140.00 + \$15.00 = (\$155.00)
\$130.00 + \$30.00 = (\$160.00).....	<b>2 children</b> .....	\$160.00 + \$30.00 = (\$190.00)
\$130.00 + 45.00 = (\$175.00).....	<b>3 children</b> .....	\$160.00 + \$45.00 = (\$205.00)
\$130.00 + \$60.00 = (\$190.00).....	<b>4 children</b> .....	\$160.00 + \$60.00 = (\$220.00)

For more information, please contact *Elena Chermak, Director of Religious Education (773) 238-1851* or [echermak@sjsfschool.net](mailto:echermak@sjsfschool.net)

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Before we get to the end of September, it would be good to review our offering reports for the first two months of the fiscal year.

July 2008 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$37,512.00...DOWN: \$11,688.00

**July 2009 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$39,406.00...DOWN: \$9,794.00**

August 2008 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$39,997.00...DOWN: \$9,203.00

**August 2009 – BUDGET: \$61,500.00...ACTUAL: \$51,007.00...DOWN: \$10,493.00**

There were also several special collections, two of them at the end of the previous fiscal year. Back in June, you gave **\$2,832.74** for the Archdiocesan Retired Priests' Fund and **\$1,310.00** in the collection for the Holy Father. Also, in July and August you gave a total of **\$1,564.00** to our sharing parish St. Ann.

As you can see from the above numbers, we got off to a very slow start both last fiscal year and this. As last year progressed, it didn't get much better, as you will see in the Annual Financial Report which will come out in another six weeks or so. This is basically a "trickle-down effect", with the weak economy that impacts so many of you also having its effect on our parish community. Last year, things did improve significantly, at least for a while, after the generous members of our Finance Council asked for your understanding and help; but we were never able to recoup the losses of the first half of the fiscal year. We will most likely make a similar appeal again this year.

All of us on the parish staff know that every family in our parish has to make their own **necessities** a priority—food on the table, a roof over your heads, clothes for the kids. Those on fixed incomes face similar challenges—minus the kids. All we ask is that each family prayerfully consider each year what is truly possible for you when it comes to supporting our parish. Just as you have to provide for the necessities of life in your own families, we're here to provide for the spiritual needs of the members of this community. But of course, we can only do that with your help. Remember, too, the option of using **automatic withdrawals** for your weekly offering. The amount given that way has increased by 50% since last year at this time and, although it may seem somewhat impersonal, automatic withdrawals can help to ensure that the support of our parish remains a priority. Just stop by the rectory to get that process started.

As always, **thanks** to all who understand the importance of "our weekly offering" and who continue to give so generously in so many ways.

*Fr. Bob*

### 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.

## R.C.I.A. - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This program is for:

- 1.) non-baptized adults who are interested in the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic;
- 2.) adults baptized in a Protestant tradition who want to know more about Roman Catholicism;
- 3.) baptized Catholic who would like to complete the sacraments of Christian Initiation and have not had the benefit of much Catholic education.

Anyone interested in the R.C.I.A. program is invited to an introductory meeting on **Tuesday, September 22nd, in the rectory**. The meeting will **begin at 7:30p.m.** and **conclude by 9:00p.m.** For more information,. Call Father Marion at the rectory. The phone number is (773) 445-6565.

P.S. St. John Fisher parishioners and friends: You may have neighbors, relatives and friends who don't know about the R.C.I.A. program unless you tell them. Invite them to give Father Marion a call.

## THE BEVERLY REVIEW AND ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

**The Beverly Review**—local news delivered to your home! St. John Fisher School is offering new and renewal subscriptions to the Beverly Review community newspapers which is delivered to your home weekly. The school earns a profit from each subscription ordered through the school. We are accepting subscriptions until September 25th. Look for subscription forms on the tables in the back of church, at the school office or ask a SJF student. Thanks for your support! Questions, please contact **Kelly Sullivan (773) 238-9371**.

## UNEMPLOYMENT OUTREACH

The weakened economy continues to take its toll on all of us. In some way we have all been touched by the recent downturn—many of us know someone who has a lost job. In fact, it may be you, your spouse, a family member or neighbor. Being unemployed can wreak havoc in one's life no matter how strong their faith. If you are struggling with what God is doing in your life right now during your job loss, please accept this invitation to attend a brief gathering with people who have been where you are and may be able to offer comfort, support and loving encouragement. The group meets following the 10:00a.m. mass each week in the rectory basement. Just ask for Deacon Tom.

## THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the publication of Pope John Paul II's encyclical "The Gospel of Life" and the topics he deals with are still very current today as health care and other right to life issues are debated in Congress. 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 about this encyclical on **Wednesdays, September 23rd, October 14th and October 28th at 8:00p.m. in the rectory basement**. Copies of this encyclical will be made available for a small printing charge for those who call (773) 233-0594 or e-mail [mmurphy@stfrancis.edu](mailto:mmurphy@stfrancis.edu) by Tuesday, September 22nd.

**Save the date:** Starting on Wednesday, January 13th Father Bob has agreed to facilitate The Great Adventure Bible Study by Jeff Cavins. We will cover the study titled A Quick Journey Through the Bible. For more information you can visit the website, [www.greatadventureonline.com](http://www.greatadventureonline.com) . This open to **all parishioners**. We will meet every two weeks on Wednesdays at 8:00p.m. There will be a charge of \$22.00 for the student pack and orders will be made in mid-December. Please call **Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090** or e-mail [Goggin@comcast.net](mailto:Goggin@comcast.net) if you would like to participate.

## **Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!**

### **A FEW THOUGHTS FROM OUR KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP....**

***IT'S OUR WAY OF SAYING THANKS...WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!***



#### **Jenni Corcoran**

"I've been waiting to go on this trip for almost 5 years and even with all that time to build up images and expectations in my head; it was better than I imagined. Having an entire week free of distractions from TV, cell phones, computers, and the craziness of daily life to try to make a difference for someone else was worth any sacrifices I made along the way. The people of Harlan – the carpenters, the daughters of the family we were helping, the people at Dairy Queen and Walmart – were what made all the difference. Their friendliness, appreciation, and faith-filled, easygoing way of life made a lasting impact on me. They taught me to take time to step back and really look at life and the people around me. My first trip to Harlan is an experience I hope it will always stay in my heart along with the lessons I learned during my time here."

#### **Judy Corcoran (Adult Chaperone)**

"We were asked to pick a word at the beginning of the week. Mine was 'hope.' I saw hope in the faces of the people we helped. But I also saw hope in the teens as they learned to drive a nail or found they could really climb a mountain (on a hot day). They were repeatedly willing to try something new, to reach out to help the people of Appalachia, each other, and the chaperones. There is a lot to hope for if the seeds of love and caring planted on this trip take root and grow. Miracles happen in Kentucky. Teens who think they can't, find out they can, and adults who doubt, find out there is a lot to believe in."



#### **Brendan Lyons**

"I really gained a lot out of this trip. I found the simplicity and genuine friendship Kentucky has to offer. Nothing made me happier than the look on Jess's face when she saw the camp. Thanks Kim!"



### **DROP - INS ARE BACK!!!**

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

**\* Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> @ SJF (Rectory Basement) \* September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:youtharethefuture@hotmail.com)

## CANTORS/LECTORS

### Saturday, September 26

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

### Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** J. White  
10:00 AM **Cantor:**  
**1st Reader:** P. Folliard  
**2nd Reader:** D. Mahoney  
12:00 PM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** E. Hynes



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, September 26

4:00PM 1.) A. Kozek; 2.) P. Tierney; 3.) N. Rooney; E.M.1) N. Del Valle (T); E.M.2) M. Waldron; E.M. 3) D. McHugh; E.M.4) S. Tesmond; E.M.5) J. Rooney

**Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond**

### Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM E.M.1) K. Kozek; E.M.2) J. Wolfe (T); E.M.3) M. Arneberg; E.M.4) N. North; .M.5) D. Zondlo  
10:00 AM 1.) S. Spagnoli; 2.) R. Riccardo; 3.) P. Newquist; E.M.1) K. O'Hara (T); E.M.2) C. Broderick; E.M.3) T. Broderick; E.M.4) M. Leeder; E.M.5) L. Fitzgerald

**Eucharistic Sacristans: J. and S. Murphy**

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

**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.**

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 21

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Rosemary Horgan — *Michelle and James Ross*

### Tuesday, September 22

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Merle R. Hall — *Lorraine Chynoweth*

### Wednesday, September 23

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

### Thursday, September 24

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Constantine Zebrauskas — *Virginia Ozys*

### Friday, September 25

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Lorraine Milkint — *St. John Fisher Women's Club*

### Saturday, September 26

8:15AM Bob Kresse — *Kresse Family*  
4:00PM Parishioners

### Sunday, September 27

8:00AM Robert Ready — *Mary Kujawa*  
Lorraine O'Brien — *Judy Fitzgerald*  
10:00 AM Bob Driscoll — *Family*  
Robert E. Ready — *Linn Family*  
12:00AM Mary Jane O'Sullivan — *Family*  
John Rohan — *Family*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE**

## THE THINGS WE DO, THE WORDS WE USE IN LITURGY – PART III

There may be some who think that Catholics read from the bible at mass, but that's not strictly true. The readings proclaimed at mass do indeed come from the bible, but they are collected in a particular way into that most important book we call the **lectionary**. Again, we have a word whose Latin origin offers a fascinating insight into how we understand the proclamation of the Word of God at mass. The Latin "lectio" can be translated "the **act** of reading." Why is that meaning so important? Think of the passage from the Letter to the Hebrews: "The word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword..." One of the many great insights of Vatican II was the recognition that, when the Word of God is proclaimed, God becomes present among us in a unique way. The book which contains that living Word, the **lectionary**, is not just paper bound in leather, made to sit on a shelf, but a book meant for the *act* of proclamation in the midst of the people of God. The Word of God, like the *mass*, the "sending", is not something static, but a dynamic expression of God's presence and power moving among us.

The scripture passages in the **lectionary** are divided into *cycles*: three for the Sundays of the year, based on the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and identified as liturgical years A, B and C; and two weekday *cycles* designated as years I and II. Matthew, Mark and Luke are each given a year because they are known as the "synoptic" gospels (same root as "synonym"); all three copied from a single source (now lost) or from each other, so they all tell the story of Jesus in a similar way. Mark, the first gospel chronologically, is a source for much of the material in Matthew and Luke. The gospel of John doesn't have its own "cycle" because its structure and sources are completely different from the other three and wouldn't allow us to hear the story of Jesus' life in a comprehensive form during the course of a liturgical year. Passages from John are inserted into the Year B cycle of Mark for a few weeks in the summer (because Mark's gospel is so short) and also show up during Eastertime in all three cycles.

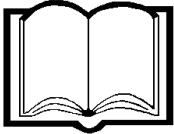
During Ordinary Time (the majority of the liturgical year) all the gospel passages in the Sunday cycles of the **lectionary** run in sequence beginning with the early ministry of Jesus and concluding with his sayings about the end times or final judgment. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament (Eastertime is the exception), is chosen for its thematic connection to the gospel, so it might be from Genesis one week and Isaiah the next. The second reading is always from the letters of the New Testament and, like the gospels of Ordinary Time, these passages also follow in sequence and only by chance have any thematic connection to the other two readings. (For example, during September, we're hearing excerpts each week from the Letter of St. James.)

Although the **lectionary** for each cycle contains all three readings, there is another book we use, the one carried in procession at the beginning of mass by either the lector or deacon: the *Book of the Gospels*. This book, as its name implies, contains only the gospel readings for all three cycles. It held a place of prominence in the liturgy for centuries, but fell out of use as the proclamation of the word became less and less important, particularly after the Reformation. It was reintroduced in the past twenty or thirty years as liturgical scholars rediscovered its significance and publishers made it available. As important and essential as the *lectionary* is, it's the *Book of the Gospels* that takes precedence in the entrance procession of mass. It is meant to be placed on the altar until the *gospel acclamation* begins and the deacon or priest comes forward to carry it ceremonially to the ambo. Its placement on the altar creates a symbolic connection between the liturgies of Word and Eucharist.

Finally, under the heading of "things we do", there is something you might notice that we **don't** do: we **don't** carry either the *lectionary* or the *Book of the Gospels* **out** of church. Once the Word is proclaimed, it is meant to take root in **us**; we carry the Word of God out the doors of the church. The Word is no longer written on paper, but on our hearts. And that brings us to one last thing that we must do: **listen**. When the Word of God is proclaimed by the lector or the reader of the gospel, we are called to be, not merely passive hearers, but active listeners. That challenges us to do something that many might find difficult: put down the missalettes and really **listen**. If one is hard of hearing or if the lector doesn't speak clearly or loudly enough, reading along might be necessary. Then there are two options: sit closer to one of the state-of-the-art speakers in church or gently encourage a lector you couldn't understand to speak more clearly or slowly the next time. But the best options of all are to arrive a few minutes early and read through the day's scripture on your own before mass so you can listen attentively during the actual proclamation, or to check the "Readings for the Week" box in the bulletin and read the passages at home before you ever get to church. It all goes back to that meaning of "*lectio*." The Word of God is "living and active", meant by its very nature to be proclaimed in the midst of the assembly while the People of God listen attentively, drink it in, and carry that Word out into the world.

*Fr. Bob*

## CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB



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The book this month is titled **Angel in the Waters** by Regina Doman. This book is a beautiful “10 minute read” which covers topics related to Guardian Angels and the right to life both celebrated and recognized in the month of October. The Book Club will meet on **Monday, September 28th at 6:30p.m.** in the **rectory basement**. 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 books, contact **Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090** or e-mail **Gogginreg@comcast.net**

## A PILGRIMAGE – CATHOLICS PRAYING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

All people in the Archdiocese are being invited to attend a prayer pilgrimage throughout Cook and Lake counties on Sunday afternoons from now through October 11<sup>th</sup>. The brief, simple services at each church will offer prayers for an end to discrimination and injustice in our society. The theme is “Break down the walls that separate us and unite us as a single body.”

St. John Fisher was asked to be one of three prayer sites in our Vicariate because of the enthusiastic response from our parishioners a number of years ago to the invitation to participate in the racism and ethnic sensitivity workshops sponsored by Archdiocesan Office for Racial Justice. Although we live in a fairly non-diverse community, the larger Church in Chicago includes people of many races and even more nationalities. Although we don't worship together each week or even interact with each other on a regular basis, we're always called to recognize our unity in the Lord—our “common adoption” as sons & daughters of God, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, as members of the Body of Christ in this world.

The prayer pilgrimage in our Vicariate will take place on **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** and will begin at St. Denis at **2:00p.m.** A bus will be available there for all who might want to take advantage of that transportation for the afternoon. The service here will begin at approximately **2:45p.m.** near the statue of Mary at the end of the Rectory driveway. (In the event of rain, it will take place in church.) The pilgrimage will conclude at St. Linus, with the service there beginning around 3:30p.m.

All are welcome to join in all three services or simply the one here at St. John Fisher. For a listing of pilgrimage sites in other Vicariates, go to [dwellinmylove.org](http://dwellinmylove.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY — ST. JOHN FISHER CHOIRS

Please consider singing in one of our parish choirs. We have an Adult Choir, Teen Choir and Children's Choir. No experience is necessary but of course, helpful. The rehearsal schedule is listed below. Maybe give the choir a through Thanksgiving or Christmas to see if you like it. Any questions, call **Michael Carso (708) 396.2738**.

**Adult Choir** — Thursday evenings—7:30p.m.—9:00p.m

**Teen Choir** — Wednesday evenings—8:30p.m.—9:30p.m.

**Children's Choir** — Thursday afternoons—2:30p.m.—3:00p.m.

Rehearsals begin the week after Fisherfest: September 23-24

## ALL SCOUTS SIGN-UP

### BOYS, CUB and GIRL SCOUTS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th — 11:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. — KANE HALL**

We are always looking for parent help !

For Cub Scouts, please call **Pete Gribble (773) 445-4229**

For Boy Scouts, please call **Steve Schergen (773) 238-7913**

For Girl Scouts, please call **Cabrini McInerney (773) 779-4548 or Norine Vestal (773) 895-0063**

Looking forward to seeing you at Scout Sign-up!

### **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.