

# St. John Fisher Catholic Church

7007 SW 46th Avenue ❖ Portland, Oregon 97219

Rev. Richard B. Thompson, Pastor

*Fifth Sunday of Lent ❖ April 2, 2017*



## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday...9:00am, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday-Saturday...7:15 AM

School Mass on Wednesday...8:30 AM

*Wednesday Mass at 8:30am only during school year*

Holy Days...7:15 AM, 6:00 PM

**Confession:** Saturday...3:30-4:15 PM

**Rosary:**

Sunday...8:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday-Saturday...7:45 AM

**Adoration :** Tuesday 7:45-9:30 am

## **Parish Staff**

**Pastor:**

Father Richard Thompson.....x12  
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**Deacon:**

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Elizabeth Millager .....x10  
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## ***Welcome to St. John Fisher Parish!***

### **Parish Registration**

Please contact the Parish Office, or go to our website to register.

### **Sacraments**

**Baptism:** A class is held each month to prepare families for Baptism.

**Preparing for Marriage:** You must contact the parish at least six months in advance.

**Reconciliation and First Communion:** Preparation classes are offered annually for 2nd grade and older.

**Confirmation:** Preparation classes are offered annually for incoming 10th-12th grade. Classes begin in summer.

**RCIA:** Classes are held annually, starting in the fall, with the anticipation that candidates and catechumens will enter the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass.

**Sacrament of the Sick/Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office.

### **Prayer Requests**

sjfprayer@hotmail.com

### **School Office 503-246-3234**

Principal..... Merrit Holub

Administrative Assistant..... Michele Wasman

Development Director..... Kelly Corrigan 503-708-0070

### **Capital Campaign**

Kelly Corrigan 503-708-0070, kcorrigan@sjfschool.org

*A list of Parish Ministry contacts can be found on our website.*

**PARISH OFFICE**  
**503-244-4945**  
**church@johnfisher.org**  
**www.johnfisher.org**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm**

### **Our Mission**

*To enthusiastically gather as a parish family to celebrate the Love of Christ through the sacraments, liturgy, and prayer. We grow in knowledge and wisdom of the Catholic Faith which bears fruit in hospitality and service to others.*



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

4/1	Sat	4:30 pm	Jan Nelson +
4/2	Sun	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory +
		11:00 am	AJ Santiago
		5:30pm	<b>The people of SJF</b>
4/3	Mon	7:15 am	Betsy & Pete
4/4	Tue	7:15 am	Stephen Carter +
4/5	Wed	7:15 am	
		8:30 am	
4/6	Thu	7:15 am	
4/7	Fri	7:15 am	Molly & Dustyn
4/8	Sat	7:15 am	
		4:30 pm	Maurice Knoepfle +
4/9	Sun	9:00 am	
		11:00 am	
		5:30pm	<b>The people of SJF</b>

### Servers/Greeters Schedule

#### Saturday, April 8, 2017

4:30pm Mari Huglin & Regan LeMaire  
Greeters Weber Family

#### Sunday, April 9, 2017

9:00am Daniel Watson & Fiona Lenth  
Greeters Gunsul Family

11:00am Luke Formiller & Josie Napoli  
Greeters O'Day Family

5:30pm Julia Wells & Miles Wells

### **Eucharistic Adoration with Pro-Life Rosary**

Join us **Tuesday, April 4th from 7-8 pm**—the Knights of Columbus will host their next monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration at SJF, that includes praying the rosary for a pro-life intention.

For more info, contact Deacon Scott  
at 971-470-6128 or [skolbet@johnfisher.org](mailto:skolbet@johnfisher.org)

### *For your calendar...*

- Apr. 2** ..... NO CLOW, Faith Formation, Youth Group (*Spring Break*)  
Youth Group, 3:45-5:15pm  
First Supper, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
- Apr. 4 ..... Rosary & Adoration led by Knights of Columbus, 7-8pm  
"Joy of the Gospel" *Evening Group*, 6:30-8pm, Parish Hall
- Apr. 5 ..... SVDP Meeting, 10am, Parish Hall  
Lenten Reconciliation Service at SJF, 7:00pm
- Apr. 6 ..... Fisherman (John Keppel & crew)  
"Joy of the Gospel" *Morning Group*, 6:30-8am, Rectory
- Apr. 7 ..... Scrip for sale in Parish Office, 8:15am-10:00am
- Apr. 9** ..... Palm Sunday (regular Mass schedule\*)  
\*11am Mass with St. Luke Lutheran Church  
CLOW, 9am  
Faith Formation, 10am  
Faith Formation Lenten Retreat, 3rd-6th grade parents,  
12:30-2:30pm, Parish Hall  
Faith Café  
Youth Group, 3:45-5:15pm  
Youth Group Stations of the Cross practice, 5:15-6pm, Hall

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

There seems to be a renewed fascination with the "un-dead" these days. There are movies, television, cartoons, YouTube, posters, books, et cetera about zombies or the un-dead. In my day we had many take-offs on Mary Shelly's 'Frankenstein', Count Dracula, and the mummy. These were fiction, and had no connection to our lived reality. Today there is, at the least, confusion. Today's Gospel tells of a living person, Lazarus, who died, was prepared for burial and buried. He was in the tomb for four days. Jesus, a friend of Lazarus and his sisters Mary & Martha had been told that Lazarus was seriously ill, but he delayed his visit. In the meantime, Lazarus had died and was buried. Martha (who had been called busy about many things, and not reflecting on the words of Jesus like her sister, Mary came out to meet Jesus. Evidently she had been listening and Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life." Martha says that she has come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world. Martha went home and asks Mary, who had stayed at home, to come and meet Jesus. Mary also said that if he had been there, her brother would not have died. Mary and many of the crowd were weeping, "And Jesus wept." On one other occasion when Jesus was looking down on Jerusalem before his Passion and death, Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Jesus is the Son of God but also has a human nature, and had close friends including Martha, Mary and Lazarus. The scripture says Jesus was perturbed and deeply troubled. He comes to the tomb of Lazarus and orders the stone sealing the tomb to be removed. Martha, the practical sister, said there would be a stench since he had been in the tomb for four days. Jesus proceeds and commands, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus comes out tied hand and foot with burial bands, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus instructs the people to "Untie him and let him go." This must have been an extraordinary sight.

Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days—Lazarus in the tomb for four days. These prefigure Jesus being in the tomb for three days after his death on the cross and burial. He, then, is resurrected from the dead and appears first to Mary Magdalene who had come to the tomb early in the morning on the first day of the week. She is the first one to witness the empty tomb, and then encounter the glorified Jesus, although she did not recognize him until he calls her by name. The account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead prepares us for Jesus rising from the tomb which we celebrate at Easter.

**Faith Formation, Sacraments & Youth Ministry**

**Faith Formation**

- There are **NO** classes today. See you next Sunday, April 9th.
- Reminder: There is a 3rd—6th grade Parent Lenten Retreat next **Sunday, April 9th, 12:30-2:30pm.**

**First Holy Communion Preparation**

First Holy Communion Retreat (Parents & Children) on **Sunday, April 23rd 12:30 - 2:30 pm** in Parish Hall & Church.

**Youth Ministry**

- Youth group this **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 3:45-5:15pm. Confirmation Candidates are welcome!
- Stations of the Cross practice after youth group **tonight, 5:15-6pm** in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmation 2017**

- Candidates—please check Sign Up Genius for Confirmation Service Project opportunities!
- Candidates may attend youth group on the following Sundays as part of the Confirmation requirements: **April 2, April 9, April 30**
- April 23** we will have the Rite of Entrance for all candidates at the 5:30 p.m. Following Mass, we will have a short meeting and Confirmation interviews.

**Important dates coming up...**

First Communion Mass—Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 pm  
Confirmation Mass—Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 pm

**SW Hope Food Drive**

Thank you for donating about 200 lbs. of food so far. There are "Dine Out to Donate" ways to support the SW Hope food drive. Fat City Cafe (7820 SW Capital Hwy) will donate 15% of your bill, but you must present the coupon available on the SVDP bulletin board or online at [swhope.org](http://swhope.org). On April 10 from 3:30-9, Salvador Molly's (1523 SW Sunset Blvd) will donate 20% of all sales. Otto and Anita's Schnitzel Haus (3025 SW Canby St) offers a free cup of pickle soup when you bring 2 cans of food to the restaurant.

**Sign Up Genius for Liturgical Ministers**

We will be using Sign Up Genius site starting May/June to enable ministers to sign up for the times & days they would like to serve. This is a great option for this type of sign ups. People could simply sign up for the times and days they want to cover and if people had to switch day/times they could make the changes on this site.

We will start serving Eucharist wine at 4:30 pm Mass from May/June. We need more Eucharistic Ministers to sign up to assist. If you are willing to help contact Sr. Dorothy at [dradoli@johnfisher.org](mailto:dradoli@johnfisher.org)

**Scrip**

The next scrip order will go in **Tuesday, April 11th**. Get your order into the office before 10am on April 11th, or you can always email Mary Jane Weber if you want to purchase some— [mjweber@johnfisher.org](mailto:mjweber@johnfisher.org)

**First Supper  
TONIGHT, Sunday, April 2nd ~ 6:30pm**

Please bring a side dish or dessert (main dish provided) and join us in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship! All are welcome!



**Capital Campaign Update**

When making payments against your pledges to the Capital Campaign don't forget to inquire about employer company matching programs. Many corporations will match your donations; we have seen some special promotions up to 200%! We are currently receiving matches from donors working at Nike, Intel, Tektronix, Adidas, Microsoft, Wells Fargo, PGE and others totaling more than \$73,000. Please inquire to take advantage of your company's matching program! As you can see the proceeds to date are awesome.

Thanks,  
Kelly Corrigan, Development Director  
503.708.0070 [kcorrigan@sjfschool.org](mailto:kcorrigan@sjfschool.org)

**Faith Cafe**

We'll be serving at the Faith Cafe soup kitchen on April 9th. If you can help set up or serve for 2 hours please contact Deacon Scott at [skolbet@johnfisher.org](mailto:skolbet@johnfisher.org) or 971-226-3119.

**SVDP Food Room Requests**

- Jelly & Jam (especially sugar free)
- Oatmeal
- Small bottles of laundry detergent

*There is a barrel at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generous support!*

**Altar Guild**

The next Altar Guild meeting is **Wednesday, April 12th at 9:30am** in the Parish Hall.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

**Weekly Financial Report**

Last Week's regular offertory  
**March 25/26 Offertory** .....\$ 5,622.37

**Collection YTD** ..... **\$371,342.16**

Church Budget .....\$566,750.00

Average Monthly Needed.....\$ 47,230.00

**Thank you for your faithful support!**

*Our fiscal year runs July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017*

**Reconciliation Services  
in our area**

St. Pius X

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00pm

**St. John Fisher  
Wed., April 5, 7:00pm**

St. Thomas More

Thursday, April 6, 6:30pm

St. Cecilia

Thursday, April 6, 7:00pm

**Stations of the Cross**



Friday, April 7th, at 7:00pm

Join us this Friday in the church for Shadow Stations of the Cross - presented by SJF Youth Ministry, followed by a simple meal in the Parish Hall.

Good Friday, April 14th at 2:15pm

SJF School 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be presenting a living Stations of the Cross. Feel free to join us in the church!

**Holy Week Liturgies, April 9-16**

April 9-**Palm Sunday**: normal Mass times

St. Luke Lutheran will join us at 11:00am, for the Liturgy of the Word, as is tradition at SJF. *[Rice Bowls due Palm Sunday]*

April 13-**Holy Thursday Mass**: 7:00pm

April 14-**Good Friday Liturgies**: 7:00pm

April 15-**Easter (Saturday) Vigil Mass**: 9:00pm

April 16-**Easter Sunday Masses**:  
9:00am & 11:00am (no 5:30 Mass)

“The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.” *Pope Francis*

**Walk of the Cross on Good Friday**

**April 14, 2017, 10:00 AM - Noon**

We are gathering a group of parishioners to join a one-mile interdenominational pilgrimage carrying the cross on Good Friday. Our parish has been asked to carry the cross during the 9th station and read the scripture, reflection, and prayers focusing on peace and justice. Kirsten Meneghello is coordinating the group from our parish. If you are interested in joining, please call or text **Kirsten at 503-703-7989** so she knows how many people to expect. This is a wonderful way to be prayerful and reflective on Good Friday.

The walk begins at Bethel Congregational UCC at 5150 SW Watson Avenue in Beaverton and ends at St. Cecelia Catholic Church.

**Respect Life Committee**

Please let us know if you are interested in attending an informational meeting about establishing a Respect Life committee here at St. John Fisher. Email Mary Jane Weber or let Fr. Richard know. Thank you!

**Thank You!**

Our Third Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 22nd, had 30 people in attendance. We would like to most sincerely thank **Jason Kidd** who provided wealth of information on **Sabbath for Families**. It was a good reminder for each one of us to observe rest on the Sabbath and take time off. He stressed the fact that by keeping the Sabbath, you will make the rest of your week excellent. We would like to thank Susan Menendez, Deanna Rosebrook, Diana Siger, Carol & Scott Young and Kim for providing the most delicious soup, Kim Cox for providing tasty bread. We would like to most sincerely thank Suasn Menendez and Deanna Rosebrook for their quality service and not forgetting Rosebrook kids for assisting in clean up.

Our last Soup Supper speaker on Wednesday, March 29th was **Fr. Jeff Eirvin**, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Portland. We examined **all the vocations in the Catholic Church (Holy Orders, Religious life, Marriage life & Single life)**. We profoundly thank the panel members who shared on different vocations i.e. The Family of Feliz, Deacon Scott, and Sarah Krasse. We most sincerely appreciate the service of the Knights of Columbus & St. Vincent De Paul. We thank our Soup makers Phil Gervis, Nancy Fuhrman, Hillary Foreman & Monica Small for the delicious fruits.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all parishioners who actively attended and participated fully.

**Welcome New Bookkeeper**

We are happy to welcome our new bookkeeper, Mrs. Kim Cox! Professionally, Mrs. Cox started her own bookkeeping business back in 2013 after an extensive managerial position with the United States Army. As a mom of two children in our school, she has actively volunteered as our auction finance chair for the past three years and will be taking on the helm of auction chair for 2017. Welcome to the staff Mrs. Cox! Mrs. Cox will transition with our current bookkeeper, Ms. Madeleine Gendron, after Spring Break. Thank you Ms. Gendron for all your service and time to SJF parish and school!

**Eucharistic to Homebound**

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit homebound Catholics. We have many faithful who are unable to attend Sunday Masses and would greatly appreciate the blessings of receiving Communion. This is a wonderful ministry and a fulfilling way to provide outreach.

If you are interested, please talk to Gordon Growden 503.245.5497 or call the Parish Office.



**“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.” - Pope Francis**

**Bottle/Can Drive**

Youth Ministry is still accepting donations for their Bottle & Can Drive. Please *check your bottles and cans carefully*, as some of the following are not refundable:

- Hard cider
- fruit juice
- non-alcoholic Kombucha
- coconut water
- coffee and tea
- some vitamin waters

*No wine bottles can be accepted.*



**Friends of St. John Fisher Foundation**

The Friends of St. John Fisher Foundation is an endowment fund established to fund educational programs at the school and parish. Many of you may remember Our Faith in the Future Campaign in 2004-2005 to bolster this endowment balance. Selected investments are continuously monitored by board members to hold the invested monies as principal, spending only the annual earnings the investments generate as a permanent source of funding.

SJF School uses their proceeds to fund tuition/scholarship assistance, technology in the classrooms and classroom improvements such as new desks. The parish uses their proceeds to help foster the faith development of parishioners at every stage of life including Faith Formation for children, Youth Ministry, bible studies, small faith groups, adult scripture studies and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

As stewards of faith, we should also keep in mind the long term strengthening of the Foundation Fund. For donation information please contact Kelly Corrigan, Development Director 503.708.0070 or [kcorrigan@sjfschool.org](mailto:kcorrigan@sjfschool.org)

**First 1000 Days...**

**A Catholic Culture of Life Initiative**

**Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 749**

Women often lack access to sufficient healthy food and eat smaller portion sizes due to cultural practices within the household. Women's heavy work-loads and domestic responsibilities also make them vulnerable to malnutrition.

**Oregon Right to Life Conference 2017**

*Life...Because Everyone Deserves a Chance*

**April 22, 2017—Holiday Inn, Portland Airport—Portland, OR**

*Speakers include: Randy Alcorn, Catherine Adiar & Jewels Green*

Want to carpool? Call Mary Jane Weber.

**Getting Married?**

Take the time to prepare for this life giving sacrament. Northwest Family Services offers **2 Become 1**, a 10 hour sacramental preparation program that will provide you with life skills, and a deeper understanding of sacramental marriage. Our course is facilitated by a marriage counselor, and features the Prepare & Enrich pre-marriage inventory with one-on-one review to highlight strengths and growth opportunities.

**Where:** Northwest Family Services  
6200 SE King Road, Portland, Oregon 97222

**Spring:** April 29 & 30, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Summer:** August 15, 17, 22, & 23, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Fall:** November 11 & 12, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Cost:** \$300 per couple

**Register:** [www.nwfs.org/marriage](http://www.nwfs.org/marriage)

**Contact:** Patricia Mackie, MCP [p.mackie@nwfs.org](mailto:p.mackie@nwfs.org)

**2017 Women's Ecumenical Luncheon  
On Mission: Crossing Borders with Compassion**

Please join us for lunch, prayer, and fellowship, as we build bridges of friendship among women of faith.

**When:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** St. Pius X Catholic Church Community Center  
1280 NW Saltzman Road, Portland, OR 97229

**Hosted by:** St. Pius X Women's Club

**Speaker:** Bertha Haas, Maryknoll Affiliate

**Special Guests:** Maybelle Community Choir of Portland

**RSVP:** by May 8, 2017 to Anne Hanchek  
at 503-526-9693 or [annemlh@frontier.com](mailto:annemlh@frontier.com)

Bertha Haas, with degrees in guidance and special education, in her "retirement," advocates for the Huruma School for Children with Disabilities in Mwanza, Tanzania, which she founded as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner. She spends a month each year at the school, and advocates in the US for these special children. She continues her connection with Maryknoll through the Portland Maryknoll Affiliates. Since returning to the US in her second retirement, Bertha also provides care for preschool grandchildren when her daughter works, teaches adult religious education classes, is involved in Peace and Justice ministries at St. Alexander Catholic Church in Cornelius, and keeps the children of Huruma in her heart.



**Natural Family Planning (NFP)  
Class Series**

**When:** April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7-9pm

**Where:** Northwest Family Services, 6200 SE King Rd., Portland, OR 97222

**Contact:** Lauren Fuller- [lfuller@nwfs.org](mailto:lfuller@nwfs.org)

Northwest Family Services is pleased to offer their Fall 2016 series for learning Natural Family Planning (NFP) through their SymptoPro Fertility Education program. The Sympto-Thermal method of NFP is scientifically based and can be up to 99% effective when learned and applied under the guidance of an instructor. NFP can be used to avoid pregnancy, achieve pregnancy, or to understand cycle health! One-time class fee of \$110 includes lifetime support. To register visit: [www.symptopro.org](http://www.symptopro.org) or contact Lauren Fuller at [lfuller@nwfs.org](mailto:lfuller@nwfs.org).