

St. John Fisher Catholic Church

7007 SW 46th Avenue ❖ Portland, Oregon 97219

Rev. Richard B. Thompson, Pastor

*Welcome to
St. John Fisher Parish!*

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil...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:

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Deacon:

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Pastoral Associate/DRE:

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Youth Ministry/Family Life:

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Bookkeeper:

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Principal..... Merrit Holub
Administrative Assistant ... Michele Wasman
Development Director Kelly Corrigan

Capital Campaign

Kelly Corrigan 503-708-0070,
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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017**



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.

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.*



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

7/15 Sat 4:30pm *int. of David Brown*
7/16 Sun 9:00 am **for the people of SJF**
11:00 am Steve & Bud Brauser +
5:30pm *int. of Jim Salmon*
7/17 Mon 7:15 am *int. of Betsy & Pete*
7/18 Tue 7:15 am Dr. Margaret Dobson +
7/19 Wed 7:15 am *int. of Laurent Jarvis*
7/20 Thu 7:15 am
7/21 Fri 7:15 am Bernie & Joe Snyder +
7/22 Sat 7:15 am
4:30 pm Maurice Knoepfle +
7/23 Sun 9:00 am Jean O'Neill +
11:00 am *int. of Jim Salmon*
5:30pm **for the people of SJF**

For your calendar this week...

July 15/16 Second Collection: SJF Renewal Fund
July 16 Confirmation Service Project, Office/Rector, 12-2pm
July 17 Senior Lunch, SW Loaves & Fishes, at 11:30am
July 21 Fisherman (John Keppel & crew)
July 22 *NO Wine & Cheese in July or August*
July 23 Confirmation Class, 6:30-8pm
July 26 Altar Guild volunteers at SW Loaves & Fishes
July 27-29 Confirmation Retreat in Silverton, OR
July 30 Vigil & Sunday Masses, as usual
July 28 Fisherman (Ralph Dieker & crew)
Aug 4,5,6 Youth Ministry's "**Treasures Sale**" &
Fr. Richard's Estate Sale, SJF School Gym
Aug 5/6 Vigil & Sunday Masses, as usual

Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue Tour

Save the date! The Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue will be coming to St. John Fisher on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.
Watch the bulletin for more information to come later this summer.

*Please support the businesses
that help make this bulletin free to our church.*

Dr. David McBride, Optometrist
503.297.4183
8566 SW Apple Way, Beaverton

Servers/Greeters Schedule

Visit the *SignUp Genius* to view, add or change the schedule,
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4fafaf2ea6f94-stjohn>

Contact Sr. Dorothy with questions:
dradoli@johnfisher.org or 503.244.4945 x13

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

"How are your tomatoes coming along?" "Oh, I've been harvesting 5 or 6 a day for the last 10 days. How are yours doing?" "Well, there are a few blossoms, but no green tomatoes yet." One can hear this conversation in line at the grocery store or most anywhere. Northwest gardeners are passionate about their tomatoes. I've been there myself, but not this year. Jesus uses an image which most of the people would be familiar with—a sower sowing seeds. Whether they sowed seeds themselves or not, they would be familiar with the activity. We city dwellers can imagine a well packed path where seed would not grow, but the birds would eat the it. A seed sown on gravel or among larger rocks would also not produce a healthy plant. Seeds sown amidst the blackberry bushes would have little chance of survival as the larger plants would shade it and use up the water and nutrients in the soil. However, seeds which are sown in fertile, rich soil will flourish if they receive sunlight, water, and are weeded. These seeds will produce more fruit (tomatoes or whatever.)

The disciples asked Jesus why he taught in parables rather than clearly stating the point. Jesus responds with a quotation from Isaiah, "they (the listeners) look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand." He goes on to explain the parable to them:

"...seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Let those who have eyes see and those who hear listen and understand.

July 16, 2017

OF CABBAGES & KINGS, II

Two years ago I wrote a letter to the parish referring to the title of Lewis Carroll's poem, Jabberwocky. The connection was that it touched on many things, including the "Growing to Serve" Capital Campaign. We have finished phase 1 and are poised to break ground on phase 2, the Corrado Family Center. We will begin demolition of much of the current rectory / office building in August and have a formal ground-breaking in September. This has been a long time coming, but is finally going to happen. There will be no electricity, water or sewer in the remains of the building during construction, lasting about a year. Fr. Richard will be moving into temporary housing in an apartment nearby and the parish offices will be housed in a double wide trailer. The contents of the rectory, offices, garage, records room, and furnace room will be stored in the current parish hall, excluding items which will be used in the temporary office and Father's residence. We are beginning to pack up and Father is preparing for a huge sale the first weekend of August to significantly downsize--books, art, furniture, high end pots & pans and much, much more. The Youth Group will be having their "Treasures Sale" the same weekend to benefit their programs, and there will be some items for sale which will benefit the church.

There is no question that this project will cause significant inconvenience for all, but we need to focus on the results—a beautiful new accessible parish hall / school cafeteria, new offices, meeting spaces, and smaller, refurbished quarters for the pastor. We will lose some parking spaces during construction and the present parish hall will not be available for events. We know the big pieces, but there are a lot of details to be worked out. Please pray for us during this project. I will try to keep you informed from time to time what is going on. Most of the money has been pledged or given. We have a 'gap' of less than one percent of the total cost of the project. It's not too late to make a gift, pledge, or extend your pledge for another year! Bless you for your generosity and good will.

Fr. Richard Thompson, Pastor

Ministry List:

Altar Guild

Nancy Fuhrman 503-706-2709

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Andrea Jones 503-957-4392

Coffee & Donuts

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CYO

David Aman

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Fishermen

Ralph Dieker 503-449-8782

John Keppel 503-244-1461

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight -

Phil Jarvis 53-244-1864

Men's Club

Tom Patterson 503-314-1946

Music Ministry

9am Mass:

Yvette Starkey 503-480-5353

livilette@gmail.com

4:30pm & 11am Mass:

Dan Scott 971-570-5763

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Mike & Shawna Davis

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Pastoral Council

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Prayer Request

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St. Vincent de Paul

Tricia Fryer 503-452-1535

Eucharistic Ministers,

Servers & Greeters

Sr. Dorothy Radoli 503-244-4945

Wine & Cheese

(Usually on 4th Saturday)

Carole Vranizan 503-957-5309



2nd annual

"Treasures Sale"

August 4-6, 2017 — 9am to 5pm
St. John Fisher School Gym

Benefits St. John Fisher Youth Ministry.
We will be part of a large Estate Sale
with Fr. Richard.

Contact Mary Jane Weber to donate or
volunteer: mjweber@johnfisher.org
or 503.244.4945 x 14

Portland Catholic Women's Conference

Ladies, please save the date: **September 16th, 2017** for "**Fiat: Making Mary's Yes Our Own**". Spend a day with fellow faith-filled women learning about the myriad of national programs dedicated to creating and fostering a deeper relationship to Christ. Speakers Sonja Corbitt, author of *Unleashed* and Heather Renshaw *Blessed is She* contributor will inspire, empower, and equip us to respond to live out our authentic femininity within our community.

Go to: www.pdxcatholicwomensconference.org

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat

St. Pius X Parish is hosting a Men's ACTS Retreat.

3-day, 3-night ACTS Retreat is scheduled for **October 5-8, 2017**, at the Camp Collins YMCA, Gresham OR. The goal of the retreat is to allow an opportunity for men to focus on their faith and its application during their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendship amount members of the church community.

Minimum age requirement is 21 and the cost for each retreatant is \$225. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 must be submitted with the registration form to save your place. For more information, visit the St. Pius X Parish website, or contact the Parish Office 503.644.5264.

Traveling Crib

The Traveling Crib is a program of Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support. The crib travels to different parishes to collect donations for unwed mothers. Please place your baby items in the crib during July.

Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services offers pregnancy support, serving 250 women each year; adoption services, placing approximately 4-8 children each year; help for mothers—matching pregnant clients with mom mentors and offering healthy relationship workshops; make refers for Project Rachel, a ministry for post abortion recovery and peer grief counseling; and have a brand new counseling center for women.

How can you help? Support the Traveling Crib in July by donating ...

Current Urgent Need

baby wipes
baby shampoo
baby wash
diaper cream
baby lotion
diapers (newborn, 3 & 4)
newborn clothes
Pack-n-Plays

New or Used Items

strollers
diaper bags
clothes (esp. newborn)
baby front packs
baby tubs
maternity clothes

New Items Only

baby bottles
baby towels
baby pacifiers
baby formula
(Similac, no soy)
breast pump
car seats (new with tags only!)

...or financial donations are accepted and used to purchase diapers, car safety seats, etc. Cash & checks payable to **Catholic Charities** can be dropped in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Sacraments & Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry

Annual "Treasures Sale"...Accepting donations of nice, resalable items please before our August 4-6 "Treasures Sale," including household items, furniture, art. *No toys or clothing please.* Contact Mary Jane Weber with questions — mjweber@johnfisher.org.

Confirmation 2017-2018

Confirmation Class will meet next Sunday, July 23 from 6:30-8pm. Join us for a service opportunity today!

Service Opportunities...July 16th at noon-2pm, Parish Office/Rector

Confirmation Retreat...July 27th-29th in Silverton, Oregon

Confirmation Leaders' Meeting...July 16th at 6-8, Parish Hall

Faith Formation

Sr. Dorothy is seeking Catechists for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation year (September to May). Please prayerfully consider sharing your time as a 3rd/4th grade catechist or as a 2nd grade parent liaison.

It's Summer Time...

Summer is a busy time with travel plans and activities. Don't forget we still need your support through Liturgical Ministries (servers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, greeters, etc.) and offertory.



If you are traveling, you can use masstimes.org to find church locations and Mass times.

Faith Café ~ Thank you volunteers!

Thank you to those who volunteer at Faith Café throughout the year! These programs could not help the people they do without your generosity of time, talent and treasure!

What Can I Do to Protect Religious Freedom?

From June 21 to July 4, Catholics across our nation observed a "Fortnight for Freedom." As a citizen and Catholic, what can I do? You have the opportunity to keep up with religious freedom issues through text messages from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Just text the word "FREEDOM" to 377377. You also can keep informed about religious liberty, life, marriage and family, community, education and social justice issues of importance to the Church by subscribing to the e-newsletter of the Kansas Catholic Conference. Go to www.kscathconf.org and click the TAKE ACTION button.

~ Celebrating the Sacraments ~

Congratulations to **Michael & Gin Schwab** who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8th.

Congratulations to **Ryan & Suzanne (Pompili) Lucke** on the baptism of their son, **Austin Paul Lucke**, on July 9th.

Please notify the Parish Office of anniversaries, weddings, baptisms, etc., so we can recognize them in the bulletin. Items must be submitted by noon on Tuesday to make it into the following Sunday's bulletin. Contact Elizabeth in the Parish Office at emillager@johnfisher.org or 503-244-4945 x10.

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—call 503.708.0070 or email kcorrigan@sjsfchool.org.

We Still Have Sand!

We need your help! There is a large pile of sand in the upper parking lot that needs to find a good home...any home! If you can use it, take it! There is plenty to go around!

If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office 503.244.4945 or church@johnfisher.org

Rent/Utility Financial Assistance

Is there someone you know in need of assistance for paying rent or utility bills? Your local St. John Fisher St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference provides the regional SVdP Council with funds for that purpose. Please contact them directly at Society of St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Services Center, 503-235-8431. The Center is open Monday through Friday (closed 12-1pm) at 8101 SE Cornwell.

SVDP Food Room Requests

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| spaghetti sauce | jelly/jam |
| rice | laundry soap |
| beans | Fruit juice |
| | (single serve or bottles) |

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

Weekly Financial Report

Last Week's regular offertory
July 8/9 Offertory.....\$ 3,766.02
Collection YTD\$ **13,819.02**

Thank you for your faithful support!
 Our fiscal year runs July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018