

St. John Fisher Catholic Church

4567 SW Nevada Street ❖ 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 503-244-4945

Pastor:

Father Richard Thompson

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Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation:

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A list of Parish Ministry contacts

can be found on our website:

johnfisher.org

School Office 503-246-3234

Principal..... Merrit Holub

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Capital Campaign

Kelly Corrigan 503-708-0070,

kcorrigan@sjsfchool.org

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018



Sacraments

Baptism: Call ahead to schedule a Baptism preparation class.

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 9th-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.

PARISH OFFICE 503-244-4945

Email: church@johnfisher.org

Website: johnfisher.org

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm (closed Fridays)

Temporary Parish Office (physical location):

6426 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland 97221

(off Beaverton-Hillsdale on SW 65th Ave, in the Belrose Realty building)

Church mailing address: 4567 SW Nevada Street, Portland 97219

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.

Mass Intentions

9/8 Sat	4:30 pm	"For the Poor Souls in Purgatory, those who I pray for and those who have no one to pray for them."
9/9 Sun	9:00 am	Dorothy Mousel +
	11:00 am	Steve Werner +
	5:30pm	for the people of SJF
9/10 Mon	7:15 am	<i>int. of</i> Joel & Meghan
9/11 Tue	7:15 am	<i>int. of</i> Betsy & Pete
9/12 Wed	7:15 am	Dr. Margaret Dobson +
	8:30 am	
9/13 Thu	7:15 am	<i>int. of</i> Anne & Tim
9/14 Fri	7:15 am	Brian & Frank +
9/15 Sat	7:15 am	
	4:30 pm	Merlin & Virginia Haldorson+
9/16 Sun	9:00 am	David Cecchi +
	11:00 am	
	5:30pm	for the people of SJF

For Your Calendar

Sep 9Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Registration for Faith Formation, after Mass
Confirmation Prep Class, 6:30-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sep 10..... Rebuilt Core Team Meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Sep 11..... Altar Guild volunteers at SW Loaves & Fishes

Sep 12..... Altar Guild Meeting, 9:30am (see announcement in bulletin)

Sep 13..... Fisherman (John Keppel & crew)

Sep 15/16. Second Collection: Parish Reserve Fund

Sep 16Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Prep Class, 6:30-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Sep 20..... Fisherman (Ralph Dieker & crew)

Sep 22..... Wine & Cheese Social after 4:30pm Mass

Sep 23Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday commissioning at 9am Mass

Sep 27..... Fisherman (John Keppel & crew)

Sep 29/30. Second Collection: Archdiocesan Seminarian Appeal

Sep 30 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

.....Faith Formation classes begin for K-6th grade

Oct 2Adoration & Pro-life Rosary, hosted by Knights of Columbus

Words from the Pastor ❖ September 9, 2018

"Be strong; fear not! Here is your God." I read these words from Isaiah, and believe them, but like many have more specific ideas about where and when we would like our Lord to appear. There are so many places in the world plagued by war, violence, and injustice. Millions of people displaced from their homes—some resorting to terrorism to make their point. Children being abandoned abused and neglected. Some ask why does God allow these things to happen? It is related to the question why do bad things happen to good people? —the problem of evil. If God is all powerful, all knowing, all present why do these things happen? The answer has to do with free will. After the Fall (when human beings decided that they wanted not to be children of God, but to be like God) humans have to option of turning towards God or away. It is not that God allows these things to happen, but it is part of the human condition. Bad things happen to the good and the bad alike. Earthquakes, fires, or floods do not just claim the lives of bad people, but all people, good or bad.

The second reading speaks of the good of all our brothers and sisters and reminds us not to show partiality to those who appear to be rich or powerful. Indeed, we speak of God's preferential option for the poor in the church today. How well do we do in welcoming the stranger and the poor?

The Gospel has Jesus healing a man who was deaf and mute. The people asked Jesus to lay his hand on him. He takes the man away from the crowd and uses unorthodox methods to restore his hearing and speech. Sometimes he just gives a word and the cure works—other times he lays hands on the person. This time, "He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue;....and said to him, "Ephphatha!—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately he was able to hear and speak clearly. In the sacrament of Baptism there is an option to do an 'ephphatha' blessing, praying that the child's ears may be open to hear God's word and lips speak the praise of God. May we continue to hear and speak of the Lord's goodness, in good times and in bad.

September 9, 2018

Sacrament Preparation

Confirmation

The next class will be TODAY Sunday, **September 9th at 6:30-8:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th.

Questions? Please reach out to Maura Timoney-DeVile at mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org.

Faith Formation

Kindergarten - 6th grade

Faith formation registration is officially open to students for the 2018-19 school year! We are blessed with two returning catechists Teresa Grompe and Pedro Alzaga. Maura Timoney-DeVile is coordinating the program overall and will help in various classrooms throughout the year. This weekend, we will have a registration table set up in the back of church for families who wish to register their students for the school year. Registration forms are also available on the parish website: www.johnfisher.org. For more info, email Maura at mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

The new Liturgical Ministry schedules for September and October are now available. Paper copies are available in the sacristy.

If you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister, or have question about the schedule, contact Elizabeth in the Parish Office at 503.244.4945 or emillager@johnfisher.org

SJF School

School Masses—Wednesday at 8:30am*

St. John Fisher School Masses began last week, on the first week of the school year.

School Masses are at 8:30am once a week on Wednesdays or Holy Days* (if a holy day falls on Thursday, for example, the school Mass is moved to Thursday). The children participate in the liturgy. All are welcome to come to the Mass. There is no school Mass during vacation weeks (Christmas & Spring Break) or during the summer.

Called to Protect Training

SJF will be offering **Called to Protect** training for school and church volunteers. There will be three opportunities on **Tuesday, September 25th** at 8:30 and 1:30 in the school cafeteria, then at 6:00 pm in the school library.

This training is required by the Archdiocese of Portland for all church/school staff, and for all volunteers who work with children 3 times or more per year.

Feel free to call Elizabeth in the Parish Office, if you have questions.

SJF Groups

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet this **Wednesday, Sept. 12th at 9:30am**. Please call Gin Schwab at 503.246.8363 for location and directions. All are welcome.

Parish Survey Update from the Pastoral Council

The results from the recent Parish Survey will be shared this weekend. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and we look forward to hearing more from everyone in the parish as we move on to the next steps to improving the St. John Fisher Parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Tichy at tatichy@hotmail.com.

Service

SVDP Food Room Requests

canned vegetables	rice
canned soups	canned meat/tuna
hand soap	cooking oil

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

St. Andre Bessette Requests

Deodorant	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Combs	Shampoo & Conditioner
Blankets	Socks
Underwear (men's and women's M-L)	

Your generosity is appreciated! Please leave your donations in the bins at the back of the church in the narthex.

Liturgy

Visiting Priests

We welcome Fr. Dominic Mtenga back to SJF this weekend for Saturday confessions, 4:30pm Sat. Vigil Mass and Sunday 5:30pm Mass, while Fr. Richard enjoys his high school reunion.

Next weekend, we welcome Fr. Anthony Nguyen, CSsR, who will be celebrating the Masses with us and will tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. More information will be available in next week's bulletin.

~ Celebrating the Sacraments ~

*Congratulations to **Megan O'Day & Patrick Kappler** on their marriage celebrated at St. John Fisher on Friday, August 31, 2018.*

September 9, 2018

Capital Campaign Update

Look for some construction progress next week as a surveying team will be on site to layout the building footprint, then begin excavation for concrete footings. In addition there is new water piping being laid to the water meter behind the Rectory to the edge of the property line with St. Luke.

The Building Committee has recruited some new leadership to re-initiate soliciting for capital campaign funding. As we start construction again we will work towards augmenting the budget with the \$1m plus need to finish our project. It is our hope to provide the extra funding to seamlessly keep construction progressing to completion.

Kelly Corrigan
Development Director
503.708.0070

Bookkeeper's Bulletin Block

September 4, 2018

To the St John Fisher community,

Thank you for all the additional staffing and budgetary shortfall donations designated for FY 17/18 and FY 18/19. Because of your generosity, we were able to close last year in a substantially better position than what was predicted. You may remember that our deficit as of May 31st, 2018, was (\$55,311.90). On June 30th, 2018, our Net Ordinary Income was (\$24,743.24). With the gains on our investments, we ended our year only \$3,407.04 in the red. This is a remarkable feat. Thank you for the prayers, donations, and support. Our community is stronger than ever!

This good news is carrying on into FY 18/19. Many of you made donations that were designated for the FY 18/19 budget. Those donations, in addition to our regular offertory have brought our Income for the month of July to \$115,356.96. This is a 62% increase from the same time last year!

Balances as of July 31st 2018

Income: \$115,356.96

Expenses: \$46,242.47 – breakdown follows:

Staff including musicians	\$ 12,107.51
Staff Reduction with Severance	\$ 13,658.03
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,475.19
Benefits	\$ 4,537.92
School Subsidy	Not in Session
Assessments	\$ 6,950.77
Utilities & Operating	\$ 2,550.54
Insurance	\$ 1,319.56
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 1,760.75
Services to Parishioners	\$ 63.40
Ministry	\$ 120.00
General & Administrative	\$ 1,398.80
Other (Staff Appreciation - Sister & Mary Jane)	\$ 300.00

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Ministry Contacts

Altar Guild	Nancy Fuhrman	503-706-2709
Children's Liturgy	Andrea Jones	503-957-4392
Coffee & Donuts	Vince Hayes	260-515-3755
CYO	Jamie Rankin	503-887-9889 <i>Jamie.Rankin@comcast.net</i>
Eucharist to Homebound	Gordon Growden	503-245-5497
Faith Café	Chris Loberg	503-819-9543
Faith Formation	Maura Timoney DeVille	503.244.4945 <i>mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org</i>
Fishermen	Ralph Dieker	503-449-8782
	John Keppel	503-244-1461
Jean's Place (Women's Ministry)	Athena Bettger	503-720-4979 <i>athenadmd@yahoo.com</i>
Knights of Columbus	Phil Jarvis	503-244-1864
Men's Club	John Andreas	<i>coachandreasiv@gmail.com</i>
Music Ministry	9am Mass: Yvette Starkey	503-480-5353 <i>livilette@gmail.com</i>
	4:30pm & 11am Mass: Dan Scott	971-570-5763 <i>ds.portland@gmail.com</i>
Parent/Teacher Club (PTC) 2018-19	Jamie & Alisa Gaylord	503.519.3730 <i>alisa.gaylord@gmail.com</i>
Pastoral Council	Theresa Tichy	<i>tatichy@hotmail.com</i>
Prayer Request	call the parish office or email:	<i>sjfprayer@hotmail.com</i>
Sacrament Preparation	Maura Timoney DeVille	503.244.4945 <i>mtimoneydeville@johnfisher.org</i>
St. Andre Bessette	Skip Monaco	503-245-0174 <i>tomsimport@ipinc.net</i>
St. Vincent de Paul	Tricia Fryer	503-452-1535
Wine & Cheese (Usually 4th Saturday)	Carole Vranizan	503- 957-5309



In our Archdiocese

Married Singles Life-Style

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on **October 12-14, 2018**, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

14th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia

All are welcome to join our Filipino Community at this year's Feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia on **September 15th**. This celebration is held every year on the third Saturday of September at the Holy Trinity Church in Beaverton. The festivities begin with the Rosary at 10:30am and Mass at 11:00am. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Come join us!

Respect Life Corner

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

9/12 — Mother and Child Education Center Volunteer Opportunities: Visit the Mother and Child Education Center website, MomChildPDX.org, for details on how to help with sorting of donations, bundling baby clothing or diapers, and organizing items or rooms around the center.

9/22 — 40 Days for Life Opening Mass with Bishop Peter Smith on Saturday, September 22 at 5:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima, 2727 NE 54th, Portland.

Why You Want to Attend: "Human life is sacred and human dignity is the foundation of a moral vision for society." *U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

9/23 — 40 Days for Life Opening Prayer Vigil at 2 PM outside the Lovejoy Sur-gicenter, 933 NW 25th Avenue, Portland.

9/26 to 11/3 — 40 Days for Life Campaign: Eugene, Portland, Salem & St. Helens
<https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/>