

Stewardship Newsletter



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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL *Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This is a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.” These are not new goals or focus but renewing education, appreciation, practice and purpose for our parish spiritual life centered on the gift of the Eucharist. Existing segments of parish life will be enhanced to focus our attention on the Real Presence. The need for this Eucharistic Revival is proximate in timing with the effects of the Covid Pandemic on Mass attendance and surveys of Catholics’ understanding of these important fundamentals of our beliefs and practice concerning Mass and the Eucharistic. Our parish components will include:

1. Bi-monthly bulletin article of catechesis on the Mass and Eucharist
2. A monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration with the celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation. Adoration begins at 6:30pm, confessions from 6:45-7:30pm and Benediction at 7:50pm. Monthly Thursday dates for the Fall are September 29, October 27, November 17 and December 22.
3. Two communal evenings of fellowship with a focus on the Eucharistic in the lives of St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel on Mondays, November 7 and 21. A communal meal will be shared at 6pm, followed by a spiritual reflection and group discussions and activity.
4. Forty Hours Devotion during Lent 2023
5. Eucharistic Procession on Solemnity of Corpus Christi in June 2023.



PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

We are called to be good stewards of the assets with which we have been blessed. This calls for faithful financial and estate planning for ourselves and our families to assure that future needs will be met. St. John Fisher Parish has been blessed with the generous devotion of parishioners for time, talent and treasure. Responsible stewardship looks at current needs and also towards the future. In 2020 our parish had lost the regular income from the rental of the Immaculate Conception School in Marcus Hook. We sold the school in August of 2021 and looked to invest these funds responsibly.

Saint John Fisher Parish has partnered with the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGF). CFGF is an independent, nonprofit community foundation committed to growing philanthropy ac-

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Special points of interest

- Fr. Henry Graebe, a former summer internship seminarian is ordained a priest
- Assist with wonderful people and ministries such as the Flea Market, Holy Swifters who beautify our church and the Knights of Columbus
- Eagle Scouts Daniel Mylnarski and Andrew Mayo graced our parish with their Eagle Project
- Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated every Monday from 7:30am to 12 noon as well as our new monthly Thursday adoration

Focus on Service

Father Henry Graebe

He was a seminarian intern during the summer of 2018 at St. John Fisher Parish. Years have passed and now Father Henry Graebe is serving at his first priestly assignment at St. Eleanor Parish in Collegeville. Father Graebe was ordained in May 2022 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul by Archbishop Nelson Perez. Father Graebe celebrated his First Mass at St. Andrew Parish in Newtown. One of our newest priests in the Archdiocese, he is now immersed in parish life with responsibilities for school, youth, ministries as well as celebrating weddings, funerals, and baptisms. Father Graebe is remembered for his leadership in a pilgrimage to Washington, DC as well as



his warm smile and energetic spirit. St. John Fisher Parish was his first summer parish assignment. We are a part of his formation as a priest by our needs, example and prayers. May Father Henry Graebe enjoy many happy years of priesthood.

Juanita Madden

God Bless Juanita! A dynamo of energy is our lady of the Flea Market. This was a banner year for the Flea Market after an absence with the covid pandemic. This was possible through the



leadership of Juanita Madden. She led her crew of volunteers for the rental of flea market space in the parking lot as well as sales and food in the parish center. The Flea Market is a benefit to the parish and a social gathering of the community. Juanita understands and lives out the meaning of community. Our Holy Swifters are also led by Juanita to give our church sanctuary a special cleaning each month. The beauty and upkeep of our church is not taken for granted and neither are the efforts of wonderful volunteers like Juanita that help to make our surroundings shine in the light of Christ by their dedication and personal touch. Thank you Juanita for making a difference and warming our hearts with your tireless smile.

Parking Lot Improvements

Our Parish Finance Committee is committed to the goals of a fiscally sound parish taking care of current needs as well as planning for the future. Regular maintenance is a part of the yearly budget as well as larger projects that keep our parish grounds and buildings in good shape. The church parking lot has been recently improved. The oldest section of the main lot has been milled and re-paved. The new section of the main lot as well as the driveways to the rectory and entrance have been repaired, sealed and relined. Improvements such as this improve the longevity of parish resources. Our thanks to the members of the Finance Committee as well as special advisors Jack Leahy and Michael Pauly for their expertise and counsel.

Knights of Columbus Council

The changing of the guards happens not only at Buckingham Palace but also with organizations such as the Knights of Columbus. Holy Saviour Council # 13710 has a new Grand Knight in Will Lawler. Congratulations and our pledge for support for the Knights. A warm Thank You from the parishioners of St. John Fisher for the efforts of Grand Knight Harry Stefchak during the past two years of service as the leader for the Knights. With a strong core of dedicated and experienced Knights, as well as the new influx of members, the Knights are a key component for our parish life as well as a shining light in the local community.

Our Knights Council is one of the most active in the area. They have been honored for their level of commitment and hours of service. We have benefited as a parish with the assistance of the Knights for our PREP program, the ice cream treats at the parish picnic, as well as the baptismal gifts and Pro-Life support for families.

The men of Don Guanella homes have been treated to an evening at the Wilmington Blue Rocks, coat drives, meals collected and distributed at Thanksgiving, support for Vocations and seminarians, and projects to assist the elderly and fellow Knights.

An Evening of Music featuring the music of Frank Sinatra, Patsy Kline and ELVIS was held by the Knights for the delight of all.

Faith lived out for the service of all. The Knights of Columbus' principles of *Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism* are exemplified in Holy Saviour Council #13710. The Knights of Columbus motto is "VIVAT JESUS", "JESUS LIVES". Jesus indeed lives within our Knights and their good deeds.



PARISH FINANCIALS FOR 2021-2022

OPERATING BUDGET JULY 1, 2021—JUNE 30, 2022

Revenues (\$)	
Sunday Collections	654,147
Other Collections ¹	157,720
Stole Fees	17,350
Socials and Donations	38,131
PREP	15,018
Interest, Dividends and Rentals	6,466
Other	0
Total Income	\$ 888,832

Expenses (\$)	
Diocesan Assessment ²	103,200
Salaries of Clergy and Religious	54,678
Salaries of Lay Employees	175,710
Payroll Taxes, Benefits, IRS Tax Expense, and FICA	61,515
Property Insurance and Real Estate Taxes	42,063
Pastoral Administration	37,367
Professional Fees/ Contracted Services	32,373
Outside Printing and Publications	32,516
Office Supplies and Equipment	5,030
Liturgical / Altar Supplies	16,448
PREP	12,316
Rectory Expense	4,551
Maintenance Church	85,100
Maintenance Rectory	1,692
Maintenance Convent	119
Utilities of Buildings	42,173
Subsidy Payment to School	39,346
Capital Improvements	69,471

Total Expenses	\$ 815,668
Net Cash Balance (\$)	\$ 73,164

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT (as of June 30, 2022)

Checking and Savings:	1,071,151
Parish Debt with Archdiocese:	(0.00)
Other Current Liabilities:	(85,144)
Sale of Immaculate Conception School	375,476
Net Assets:	\$1,361,483



Additional Information For Financials

1— Other Collections include Christmas, Easter and Block Collection

2—Archdiocesan assessment is based on a percentage from the ordinary income of the previous year.

Other point of interest:

Sale of Immaculate Conception School in August 2021

Loss of Income from yearly rental of Immaculate Conception in July 2020.

Income from Raising the Roof is almost completed with over 98% of pledges fulfilled.

PARISH LIFE 2021-2022



Eagle Scout Court of Honor

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held to award Daniel Mylnarski and Andrew Mayo of Troop 225 in Aston with their Eagle Scout medal. Both Danny and Andrew graced our parish with their Eagle Scout projects. Danny's project consisted of a rosary walkway surrounding the statue of the Blessed Mother as well a new bench for this garden area. Andrew restored the statue of St. John Fisher and set up new landscape lighting surrounding the church. The Eagle ceremony will be held at St. John Fisher Church on Sunday, October 9. Congratulations and thank you to Eagle Scouts Daniel Mylnarski and Andrew Mayo and their proud families. Both Eagle Scouts are now college students and we wish them well in all their endeavors.



RETURN OF VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2022

Evenings of Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 7
with Sr. Pat
Hutchinson, OFM

The Eucharist and
St. John Neu-
mann, Lord,
Teach me how to
Live"



Monday, Nov. 21
with Fr. Robert
lanelli

"The Eucharist
and St. Katharine
Drexel, Open my
Heart to Love"



**Block Collection
Weekend
October 15-16**

PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND (cont'd)

cording to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Grounded in the principles of faith and service, CFGP meets the diverse needs of donors and Catholic institutions through charitable fund management and development consulting. Our services ensure an investment in the future of our faith. The Saint John Fisher Parish Fund is to be utilized to support purposes of maintaining the property, infrastructure, and capital improvements of Saint John Fisher Parish, as well as to support initiatives for various social services, educational services, ministries and programs of Saint John Fisher Parish today and for the future. Invested in a balanced fund of stocks and securities, we look towards both annual dividends and sustained long-term growth. Each year of dividends, half of the generated funds would be realized for parish initiatives and the other half would be reinvested in the portfolio.

Parishioners are encouraged to support these goals through personal contributions. These contributions are separate from the regular income needed to sustain a parish in the annual budget and collections. These contributions would be considered tax deductible and the contributions would remain in the parish only. Our parish business manager, as a liaison with CFGP, can assist parishioners for their planned gift whether in a legacy (Personal Will or Trust), annual IRA Distribution, property or stock donation. We can plan for the future from our strengths now as a parish.

The Saint John Fisher Parish Fund can be found at [Saint John Fisher Parish Fund : Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia \(thecfgp.org\)](#) or by contacting the parish at 610 485 0441 or dkinnik@sjf71.org.