

April 2025

Plases note: Every weekend is an opportunity to donate food to support our local food bank

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 8:30 AM
 Masses: Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM; Sun. 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
 Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church
 30 Jones Hollow Rd Marlborough, CT 06447
 Church Office: 860-295-0001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Remember: Non-perishable Food Items and Household Supplies are collected EVERY weekend for the Marlborough Food Bank</p>	<p>Details on Lenten opportunities are on the back of this calendar</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Scripture Reflection with Deacon John Following Morning Mass 860-942-7961</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Men's Prayer Group 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Chapel 860-295-9904 or 860-888-1276</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Communion Around Town Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008 Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross Soup 6:00 PM Hall Stations 7:00 PM Church</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Family Faith Formation K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM Hall 860-690-9097 Youth Group St. Columba 6:30-8:30 PM 860-930-6849</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9th Grade Confirmation Retreat Holy Family Retreat Center in W. Hartford 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM 860-930-6849</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website) 9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church Lenten Reconciliation 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Church</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Scripture Reflection with Deacon John Following Morning Mass 860-942-7961 2nd Grade Faith Formation 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Introduction to Bible Study with Deacon Bill 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hall 860-805-5826 or dcnbill@yahoo.com, if attending</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Communion Around Town Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008 Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross Soup 6:00 PM Hall Stations 7:00 PM Church</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Chalk-the-Walk 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Grounds 860-830-2194 First Holy Communion Retreat 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p>
<p>13</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY Easter EGGstravaganza 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Church Grounds & Hall 860-690-9097 Chalk-the-Walk 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Grounds 860-830-2194 7th & 8th Grade Faith Formation 860-805-5827 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Hall</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website) 9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church Lenten Reconciliation Last Opportunity before Easter 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Church</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Scripture Reflection with Deacon John Following Morning Mass 860-942-7961</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NO MORNING MASS HOLY THURSDAY MASS With Washing of the Feet 7:00 PM Church</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO MORNING MASS Communion Around Town Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 3:00 PM Church Begin the Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena</p>	<p>19</p> <p>HOLY SATURDAY NO 4:00 PM Mass Blessing of the Easter Food (Basket) 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Hall EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00 PM Church</p>
<p>20</p> <p>HAPPY EASTER HE HAS RISEN! EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Please return CRS Rice Bowl Donations in the coming week – and thank you!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website) 9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Christian Outreach 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Hall 860-614-1282 2nd Grade Faith Formation 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Hall 860-930-6849</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667 Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Hall & Kitchen 860-295-9701</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sandwich Making and Collection for St. Vincent dePaul Making: After 8:30 Mass Collection: 7:00 – 7:30 PM at church 860-614-1282 Introduction to Bible Study with Deacon Bill 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hall 860-805-5826</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Communion Around Town Begins at 10:30 AM 860-338-1008</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Chapel 860-823-8768 Reminder: CRS Rice Bowl Donations are Due</p>
<p>27</p> <p>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Family Mass at 8:30 AM Coffee Hour Social Following 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses 860-558-5566 Due: Rice Bowl Donations St. Vincent dePaul Sunday Supper (on back) Faith Formation Classes: 9th Grade 3:45 – 6:00 Hall 7th & 8th Grade 7:00 – 8:30 Hall 860-805-5827</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 AM Online Rosary (link on church website) 9:00 AM Adoration of the Eucharist Church</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Women's Prayer Group 6:30 PM Social 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Program Hall 860-614-1282</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Church 860-267-4667</p>	<p>Pastor Rev. Alvin J. LeBlanc Rectory: 860-295-0067 Fr.LeBlanc@aohct.org</p>	<p>Deacon Bill Gilles Cell: 860-805-5826 dcnbill@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Senior Deacon Retired John W. McKaig Cell: 860-942-7961 Dcnjohn77@gmail.com</p>

Experiencing Lent 2025 – St. John Fisher Parish Family Style

Let's continue to experience Lent together – the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving deepen our connection with God, our awareness of Jesus' sacrificial love, and help to prepare our hearts and minds for the Paschal Mystery—the journey of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. **Lent** is an invitation to reflect, repent, and renew one's commitment to living a life of faith, ultimately leading to the joyful celebration of Easter. Lots of ways to do just that below!

Weekly Confession

Father Al is offering a special **weekly Confession on Monday from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, the last one will be on April 14th of Holy Week** - as well as the regular Saturday Reconciliation from 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM, prior to 4:00 Mass.

Daily Mass – 8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - We would love to see you at daily Mass – pick a day (or all four) and deepen your Lenten experience with scripture, community and the most blessed gift of Jesus in the Eucharist – daily!

Weekly Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Please join in the virtual **Rosary on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM** with a link on the church website at stjfcchurch.org – the leaders will guide the Rosary; you just need to follow along and experience the “mystery” reflection of Lent in the peace of your home. **Adoration on Monday mornings following 8:30 AM Mass** -experience the power and connection of Adoration this Lent as a personal connection with Jesus. Come and sit with Jesus as you start your week – let Him gaze at you and sit in His presence.

Operation Rice Bowl - Millions of the most vulnerable around the world are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. **We can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation to share bread for life Lent.** Please participate by using the provided Rice Bowl to collect your Lenten almsgiving to help our neighbors in Christ. Check out www.crsricebowl.org for more information. **Your giving will be collected the week after Easter.**

Fill an Easter “Basket” for Journey Home - Purchase an “Easter” basket of your choice aka a laundry basket, household cleaning bucket or storage container and fill it with cleaning and laundry supplies or kitchen tools and supplies for those transitioning from homeless to a secure and sustainable housing situation. Please drop items off to church during the Lenten season. **Collection will continue through Easter week.**

Weekly Food Drive and Monthly Sandwich Making and Collection - We are collecting non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and personal care items weekly at all Masses to support the Marlborough Food Bank (filled bags left to the right of the sanctuary and individual items in the vestibule basket). Sandwich making and collection continue for St. Vincent dePaul the last Thursday of the month.

Adult Faith Formation

Weekly Lenten Scripture Reflection with Deacon John - Please join your fellow parishioners and Deacon John, following Tuesday morning Masses during Lent, for a guided scripture reflection lasting about 45 minutes. A great way to grow deeper in our faith. **April dates are the 1st, 8th and 15th.**

Introduction to Bible Study with Deacon Bill – Please join this wonderful adult faith formation offering as Deacon Bill partners with us in exploring the Bible and guiding us in the process of discovery, reflection and understanding. Feel free to bring your own Bible or use one from our Lending Library. Text or email Deacon Bill if you plan to attend at 860-805-5826 or denbill@yahoo.com

Parish-wide Divine Mercy Novena – Please join in saying the 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday. The Novena will be in the bulletin, available on line and will be sent out via our email distribution during Holy Week. Let's join our prayers together as a St. John Fisher Parish Family.

Families, Families, Families – we have something for all of you (and really all parishioners too!). Come **Chalk-the-Walk** with your messages of love, joy and hope in honor of Pope Francis' “Year of Hope”. There are two opportunities – Saturday April 12th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Sunday April 13th 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM – come make our parish walkways and parking lot shine brightly!

Easter fun **Eggstravaganza will be held Palm Sunday, April 13th** in our church hall from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – come and get ready for all the Easter joy with games, egg hunts, crafts and refreshments.

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday Supper – Sunday, April 28th is the first of our parish's two commitment days this year to provide a full Sunday supper to the patrons of St. Vincent dePaul in Middletown. This April dinner will be a baked ham meal to include potatoes, vegetables, apple sauce and dessert. Stay tuned for all the details as the date gets closer – needed will be, cooks, bakers, prep staff and those going to the soup kitchen to serve. Buy your Easter hams while they are on sale!

Youth Group Opportunity

We are excited to once again offer a wonderful social and faith building opportunity for our high school youth to gather in service and learning. On April 5th, along with other RHAM high school youth from Holy Family (Hebron) and St. Columba (Columbia), we will join the gathering at St. Columba church. **Please spread the word to our high school youth - the**