

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

### Two Anniversaries This Week

1. Monday, January 18: Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., a religious man, a dynamic preacher, a prophet, and an ordained minister who led the great ethical debate and pioneered the political initiatives that challenged Congress and all Americans to accept the Civil Rights movement that brought about equal rights to all Americans.

2. Friday, January 22: The Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision on January 22, 1973 which allowed abortion on demand in this country, a sad and tragic event in our civic, cultural and legal history which must be marked by a sad anniversary. If there is a bright side to this anniversary, it is the 37 year heritage of prophetic and heroic pro-life witnessing by the Catholic Church and many other religious groups and individuals. In addition to reflecting on our challenge and responsibility to bear the pro-life torch, we offer some suggestions here for observing this anniversary.

- If you are not physically attending the Pro-Life March on Washington, you can attend Mass on Friday, January 22 when the liturgy will be focused around pro-life and prayer for the unborn.
- You can mark January 22<sup>nd</sup> as an opportunity for you to make a personal reparation day keeping it as a day of fasting, prayer and penance.
- You can light a candle at the Holy Child altar in memory of those Holy Innocent children whose lives have been sacrificed.

### Christmas Gratitude from the Priests and Staffs

The Priests and Staffs of the Rectory and the Newman Centers at Drexel and Penn thank the many people who offered cards, gifts, and kindnesses over the holiday season. Please know that your needs and intentions are remembered in our prayers and Masses.

### Gratitude for Christmas Generosity to the Parish

It is apparent that many parishioners and worshippers made a special effort to be generous to the parish by way of their Christmas collection. We are deeply grateful, particularly because Christmas like Summer is marked here at St. AJ by extremely decreased attendance which impacts our Sunday offerings. For those who have been away during the holidays, please know that we welcome and need any Christmas contribution you might still want to make. Hopefully, you will see the needs in the parish that call out for your generous support and the need in your own heart that wants to express gratitude to Almighty God by being a generous giver to His Church, your spiritual family. If you want to make a special gift, please go to the parish wish list on the parish webpage.

### Ongoing Faith Formation Opportunities at St. AJ

Want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Want to join with others seeking to face the challenges of living out our faith in the modern world? Our pastor Fr. Steve is committed to providing you with ongoing faith formation opportunities, so stay tuned for more upcoming events. Also, all are welcome anytime to join our Catholic Forum discussion group each Sunday downstairs in the Parish Hall after the 10 AM Mass. And anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church should check the RCIA page of the parish web site or contact [saintsajrcia@hotmail.com](mailto:saintsajrcia@hotmail.com).

### This Week at St. AJ

#### Saturday, January 16

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of St. AJ Parishioners & Benefactors*

#### Sunday, January 17 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM Mass *Marie Andricola*

**Catholic Forum Today January 17 - after 10:00AM Mass**

11:30AM Mass *Geraldine Fraser*

5:00PM Mass *Intentions of the Wade Family*

10:00PM Mass *Intentions of Ministry Volunteers*

#### Monday, January 18

7:30AM Mass (Penn Newman Center)

#### Tuesday, January 19

12:05PM Mass (Penn Newman Center) *Juan Chico*

#### Wednesday, January 20

12:05PM Mass (Penn Newman Center) *David J. DiNinni*

12:30PM to 2:00PM Church will be open today.

#### Friday, January 22

No 7:30AM Mass

12:05PM Mass (Penn Newman Center) *Pro-Life Initiatives*

#### Saturday, January 23

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of St. AJ Parishioners & Benefactors*



### Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend

This weekend – January 16 and 17 - the Second Collection will be dedicated to assist the Church's international social ministry by funding the work of six agencies: Catholic Relief Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; the Holy Father's Relief Fund; Migration and Refugee Services; Justice, Peace and Human Development; and the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. In addressing today's global realities, resources raised by this annual collection make possible much needed humanitarian aid to poor and suffering people. In this concrete way, through prayerful and financial support, we express our compassion, generosity and solidarity with the needy of the world.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday, January 18 through Monday, January 25, is the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

### January 22, 2010 - Day of Penance and Prayer

In November 2001, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved several adaptations to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* including: in all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23 when the 22<sup>nd</sup> falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

### Free Dog and Cat Vaccination Clinic...

will be hosted by The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine for dog and cat owners who may not ordinarily have access to veterinary services.

**Where:** Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 3900 Spruce Street

**When:** Starting at 9:00 am, Monday, January 18

**Details:** Vaccination will be available for approximately 200 dogs and cats.

**215-898-4680:** Please call ahead to obtain an appointment time.

### Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Psalm 96

2010 St. AJ Calendars available in the Jacobium space.