

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve A Spiritual Reflection

Rarely have I come across a short spiritual reflection that captures so beautifully and clearly how a mature spirituality would function in daily life. It's entitled "Doors."

Look back and thank God.

Look forward and trust God.

Look around and serve God.

Look within and find God.

God closes doors no person can open.

God opens doors no person can close.

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 Parish 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. In addition, anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church should check the RCIA page of the parish web site or contact saintsajrcia@hotmail.com.

Some Important and Needed Donations And Matching Gifts to Saint AJ

1. Jackie McCrean & Brian Yachyshen and their son, Dylan, have donated \$250.00 to acquire one of two new sanctuary chairs on the pulpit side of the sanctuary which Fr. George placed on the parish wish list. [This can be accessed on the parish website: www.saintsaj.org].
2. Emily and Niko Jaumard have donated \$1,125.00 towards the purchase of an artistic stained glass replacement exterior window on the 38th side of the Church. Their gift represents half of the total cost of one of these windows which is \$2,250.00.
3. A friend of St. AJ, Frank Sustersic, has donated \$2,500.00 to be used at our discretion, which Fr. Marinucci will direct towards the purchase of another artistic replacement window.
4. Fr. Vince Morabito is interested in donating an artistic replacement window in memory of Johnny Williamson, a Drexel Student and student officer in the Drexel Newman Center, who was killed in a car accident last year.
5. Matching gifts for artistic stained glass replacement exterior windows:

A University of Pennsylvania Administrator has indicated that he will donate \$1,125.00 for each of the remaining four artistic stained glass replacement exterior windows on the 38th side of the Church, as a matching gift for anyone or any group of people who step up to donate the other half of a window – \$1,125.00.

The generosity of these people is a gift to all of us and for all of us. They represent a great influx and example of good stewardship. Please remember their intentions that are memorialized in these gifts.

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.

Psalm 19

2010 St. AJ Calendars are still available in the rear of Church. Please take one for yourself or for a friend.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, January 23

4:00PM Confessions

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

Sunday, January 24 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM Mass *Intentions of the Gatto and Seminole Families*

Catholic Forum Today January 24 - after 10:00AM Mass

11:30AM Mass *Marie Andricola*

5:00PM Mass *Winifred Intille*

10:00PM Mass *Intentions of Students at our Area Universities*

Monday, January 25

7:30AM and 12:05PM Weekday Masses (Penn Newman Center)

Wednesday, January 27

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

Friday, January 29

No 7:30AM Mass

12:05PM Mass (Penn Newman Center)

Saturday, January 30

4:00PM Confessions

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

2nd Collection Today – CRS Haitian Outreach

The Second Collection today is an emergency Catholic Relief Services collection for Haiti. This collection represents our commitment and concern to support the continued human outreach to Haiti in the face of the massive human disaster there. Please continue to pray for Haiti and remember in your prayers all the victims, including Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, the priests, seminarians and religious who died in the earthquake.



Health Care Reform and Catholics

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have been longtime advocates of health care reform. Therefore, they are very interested and concerned as a health care reform bill is reaching its final form to be voted on by the Senate and the House of Representatives. The U.S. Catholic bishops have consistently tried to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, conscience, and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country.

The recent history of health care legislation has been controversial in both houses of Congress.

1. The U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform on November 7 that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortions and includes positive measures on affordability and immigrants.
2. The U.S. Senate rejected this policy and passed health care reform on December 24 that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions.
3. Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers.
4. These two bills and political positions are being combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form.

The Bishops will oppose and all Catholics should oppose a bill that doesn't have provisions against abortion funding and that doesn't allow conscience protection.

Please Pray for Christian Unity...

Week of prayer for Christian Unity continues to Monday, Jan. 25.