

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve Thank You Tiger Woods

Now that Tiger is out of the public eye and some of the celebrity gossip has died down, it is time for me to reflect a little on Tiger's crimes and misdemeanors because I believe that they showcase a part of the Gospel that we should never overlook. It is really quite simple: here is a man who has literally "everything" – if he is not a billionaire then certainly a multimillionaire. He has fame, property in all the areas where property is most valued, and a beautiful wife. He is the world's greatest in his chosen sport, perhaps the greatest golfer ever. He has instant recognition...but...apparently it is not enough. His philandering suggests a restlessness, an emptiness, a dissatisfaction that cannot be satiated by the things the world values. I don't know anything about his spiritual values but if he came to me for spiritual direction, I would discuss with him what St. Augustine [D. 430] may have meant by his famous saying:

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

This ancient wisdom was well articulated by the psalmist as well:

"As the deer longs for running water, so my soul longs for You, O God. My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God..." Psalm 42.1-2

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. 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.

Concert of Sacred Music

Celebrate the "Year of the Priest" at a concert of Sacred Music featuring the All Catholic Secondary Singers, the Keystone Boys' Choir and the Philadelphia Priest Singers – a group of Archdiocesan priests singing sacred music from our Catholic Heritage. This one-time performance will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Limited tickets are available - call 215-587-3519. Proceeds benefit the Archdiocesan Retirement Fund. (Don't worry Fr. George is not part of the Priest Singers.)

"What's New – What's Happening"

Please visit the Jacobium Gathering Space [right-hand side as you exit] and browse through some of the materials, updates, and handouts that will keep you informed about the latest happenings and events here at St. AJ.

Collections for Sunday 1/10/10

1st Collection: \$1905.00

2nd Collection: \$ 199.00 (Church Building Maintenance Fund)

Collections for Sunday 1/17/10

1st Collection: \$1843.00

2nd Collection: \$2608.00 (Catholic Relief Services)

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, February 6

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of Parishioners and Benefactors*

Sunday, February 7

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10:00AM Mass *Intentions of St. AJ Candidates and Catechumens*

Catholic Forum Today February 7 - after 10:00AM Mass

11:30AM Mass *Intentions of Christine Jochem*

5:00PM Mass *Lily Goveas*

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

Monday, February 8

7:30AM Mass *Philomene Durand Joachim*

Tuesday, February 9

7:30AM Mass *Rose Renee Augustin*

Wednesday, February 10

7:30AM Mass *Stanley Emmanuel Salomon*

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

Thursday, February 11

7:30AM Mass *Ronald Rodrigue*

12:05PM Mass *In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes*

Friday, February 12

No 7:30AM Mass

Saturday, February 13

4:00PM Confessions

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



Anniversary Mass Today –

In Honor of Fr. Chuck and His Legacy

In memory of Father Chuck Pfeffer there will be a 5th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Maginnis today, February 7 at 2:00 PM in the Cathedral Chapel of SS Peter and Paul. All priests are invited to celebrate. This Mass is sponsored by the promoters of "Father Chuck's Challenge." This group is dedicated to Fr. Chuck's memory and has already built several villages in Nicaragua and Haiti.

Today is the 14th World Day for Consecrated Life

The Church in the United States joins with the Universal Church in marking the "Fourteenth World Day for Consecrated Life." Initiated by Pope John Paul II, this commemoration enables the entire body of Christ to rejoice in the gifts of vocation and ministry shared by so many who have committed their lives in unreserved consecration to the Lord.

2nd Collection Today - for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of Philadelphia

This collection will be taken up in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese this weekend to assist the diocese in caring for the sick and ill priests who have served God's people in their active priestly ministries here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They continue to serve us through their ministry of prayerful intercession. Your generosity is appreciated.

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.

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***In the sight of the angels,
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.*** Psalm 138