

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Lent: Invitation and Opportunity

#### Cardinal Rigali's Lenten Pastoral:

"Through the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our desire to conform ourselves more fully to Christ each day is given expression during this holy season through acts of penance. Penance offers us the opportunity to allow the sanctifying grace of this Sacrament to unfold more completely in our lives. Efforts at reconciliation, concern for the salvation of one's neighbor, the practice of charity, care for the poor, prayer, the exercise and defense of justice and the endurance of persecution for righteousness sake are all means by which we can take up our cross each day and become united to Christ more fully."

#### Lenten Guidelines

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, on all the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially to study the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions and Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross are especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl," which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Special Note: Because the Feast of Saint Joseph will be on a Friday in Lent this year, the obligation to abstain from meat does not bind on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Friday, March 19, 2010.

#### Ash Wednesday Schedule

This Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

#### Masses:

7:30 am Church  
12:05 pm Church  
5:15 pm Church

*N.B. Ashes distributed during Mass after the Gospel*

#### Prayer Services with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 pm Penn Newman  
9:00 pm Penn Newman

The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. In the early Church, Ash Wednesday was the day on which those who had sinned, and who wished to be readmitted to the Church, would begin their public penance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness, and many Catholics leave them on their foreheads all day as a sign of humility. **Turn Away from Sin and Believe the Good News.**

## This Week at St. AJ

### Saturday, February 13

4:00PM Confessions  
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of Parishioners and Benefactors*

### Sunday, February 14

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10:00AM Mass *Intentions of the Gatto and Seminole Families*  
**Catholic Forum Today February 14 - after 10:00AM Mass**

11:30AM Mass *Katherine DalMonte*

5:00PM Mass *Ray and Nora Flesher*

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

### Monday, February 15

NO 7:30AM Mass *Presidents' Day*

### Tuesday, February 16

7:30AM Mass *Yolene Hertelou Lherisson*

12:05PM Mass *Margaret Mary Campion*

### Wednesday, February 17

7:30AM Mass (Church) *Serge Petit-Frere*

12:05PM Mass (Church) *Philomene Durand Joachim*

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

5:15PM Mass (Church) *Intentions of Faith Community at St. AJ*

7:00PM and 9:00PM Prayer Services (Penn Newman)

### Thursday, February 18

7:30AM Mass *Naomie's Son*

### Friday, February 19

No 7:30AM Mass

12:05PM Mass *Margaret Minetti Campion*

5:15PM (Church) Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 20

4:00PM Confessions

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



### 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 on the parish web site, [www.saintsaj.org](http://www.saintsaj.org), or contact [saintsajrcia@hotmail.com](mailto:saintsajrcia@hotmail.com).

### Stations of the Cross

The traditional devotion of Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays in Lent at 5:15pm beginning Feb. 19 in the Church.

### Visit the Jacobium Gathering Space...

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### Collections for Sunday 1/24/10

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1897.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$2608.00 (Catholic Relief for Victims in Haiti)

**Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.** Psalm 1