

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Random Thoughts For Your Reflection

### R.S.V.P.

Throughout the year, we receive a number of invitations to attend various celebrations and enclosed in the invitation is a request to **R.S.V.P.** [from the French: *Repondez s'il vous plait* – please respond]. This request is more than a formality because it helps the hostess/host prepare adequately and economically for the proper number of guests. Yet, so often, according to social reports, a growing number of persons don't respond to such requests. Usually the reason we tell ourselves for not responding is that we are B.U.S.Y. While it's true that we are busy and that polite and thoughtful behavior does require a little more effort from us than rude and boorish behavior, it is not only busyness that keeps us from responding. We are witnessing a new phenomenon in social communication – cell phones and texting allows us to update people on our intentions and whereabouts in an up-to-the-minute fashion. Notice that rather than set an actual time and place to meet, people wait until the last moment and then call or text about their plans for the next hour in their lives. The idea of making a plan or a commitment now for where you intend to be weeks and months from now seems unnecessary and silly to many people. Why commit to something when something better or more interesting may present itself in the next half hour. It's called: "keeping your options open."

However, keeping our options open may cause us to ignore or miss important people and events and to allow fate to determine our lives instead of choosing to be present to the priorities we establish for ourselves. There are people who supposedly intend to attend Mass but are still open to other invitations at the last minute. Jesus' R.S.V.P. to the banquet of the Eucharist could remain unanswered because people want to keep their options open.

### Please Note: Moving to the Penn Newman Center For Summer Masses

Sunday Masses are moving to the Penn Newman Center today, Sunday, June 27. Sunday Masses will be in Penn Newman until Labor Day Weekend.

### Independence Day - Next Weekend

On Sunday, July 4, St. AJ will follow its regular Summer Sunday schedule; there will be three Masses in the Penn Newman Center: 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 5:00 pm. On Monday, July 5, the actual Civic Holiday for Independence Day, there is one Mass - in the Penn Newman Center at 9:00 am.

### Peter's Pence Collection – Today

The annual Peter's Pence Collection, in support of the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works, will be taken up this Sunday, June 27. Through your generous participation in this special appeal, you share in the concern of the Successor of Peter to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease and natural disaster. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

### This Week at St. AJ

#### Saturday, June 26

9:00AM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*  
11:00AM Baptism Maeve Juden Wyant GLS  
3:00PM Wedding Black / Kotz GLS  
NO 4:00PM Confessions for Summer – By Request or Appointment  
NO 5:30PM Vigil Mass for Summer – Resumes Saturday, Sept. 4

#### The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 27

10:00AM Mass *Rose and Joseph Candeloro & Maryann DeMarco*  
**No Catholic Forum in June – Resumes in July in Newman Center**

11:30AM Mass

5:00PM Mass *Intentions of Parishioners and Benefactors*  
NO 10:00PM Mass for Summer – Resumes Sunday, September 5

#### Monday, June 28

NO 7:30 AM Mass for Summer – Resumes Tuesday, September 7

#### Wednesday, June 30

12:30PM to 2:00PM Church is open today. Please ring Rectory bell

#### Thursday, July 1

5:30PM Wedding Rehearsal Slater / Glendon GLS

#### Friday, July 2

12:05PM Mass *Members of St. AJ Perpetual Memorial Society*

5:00PM Wedding Skater / Glendon GLS

#### Saturday, July 3

9:00AM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*



**CATHOLIC FORUM** resumes next Sunday, July 4, at the Penn Newman Center. We are a small but enthusiastic group of parishioners who gather each week after the 10 AM Sunday Mass to reflect on the day's Liturgy of the Word and how to make it real in our lives. We are not Bible scholars but just earnest Catholics engaging the Word of God. All are welcome to join our motley group of Biblical explorers. We meet in the Council Room right after the 10:00 AM Mass. Please join us for some fun learning, refreshments, and new friends!



### Reminder: Summer Schedule 2010

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass** - discontinued for Summer. Resumes September 4.

**10 PM Sunday Mass** - discontinued for Summer Resumes September 5

**Saturday Confessions** at 4:00 pm - discontinued for Summer. Confessions are available by request or appointment. Saturday Confessions resume September 4.

### St. AJ Welcomes Our New Priests

**REVEREND JAMES T. MCGUINN**, Ordained 1988  
Pastor, Saint Agatha/Saint James Parish, and Director of Newman Apostolates at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University

**REVEREND AUGUSTO CONCHA**, Ordained 1972  
Parochial Vicar with the status of Senior Priest, Saint Agatha/Saint James Parish with responsibility for hospital ministry within the parish

**REVEREND JAEHWA JOHN LEE**, ORDAINED 2007  
Parochial Vicar, Saint Agatha/Saint James Parish, and Chaplain for the Drexel University Newman Apostolate