

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



About St. AJ

1887 – The Church known as St. James Church, at 38th and Chestnut, that we now occupy, was completed and dedicated on October 16, 1887. The cornerstone for St. James was laid six years earlier on October 16, 1881.

The Church building of St. AJ is an imposing structure founded and erected by what was then a thriving, urban congregation which could afford the creation and upkeep. We continue with this mission with the help of the generosity and foresight of many parishioners and “friends.” We are blessed to worship in this sacred place known since 1976 as St. Agatha – St. James.

There is an organization called “Partners for Sacred Places” that works very diligently to make us all aware that magnificent sacred places are of great value not just in themselves and to their local faith congregations but also to their neighborhoods and to the city in general. We need to become more aware of how much public value these buildings and the many varied and important programs they house add to our commonwealth. These sacred places generate millions of dollars of donated services and space for the betterment of all people. Their loss is a tragedy, made even more manifest because we are often unaware of how much we have lost when they are gone.

There is an internet-based tool that is used by sacred places to calculate in dollar amounts the public value a particular sacred place generates based on the value of its non-religious donated space and services. Using this tool, it has been calculated that St. Agatha-St. James Catholic Community, utilizing the original St. James Church building, generates more than \$500,000 worth of public value to University City.

The Church is Open on Tuesday, 9/14/10 not 9/15/10 this week

The main Church is open by request for visits and prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 2 PM. Please come to The Center and ask to be admitted to the Church. .



Current Mass Schedule – Fall 2010

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
5:30 pm - Saturday - Vigil Mass - Church

Sundays: 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm, 10:00 pm - Church

Monday through Thursday: 7:30 am – St. Bede Chapel
12:05 pm – St. Bede Chapel
1:00 pm – St. Katharine Drexel Chapel

Fridays: 7:30 am – St. Bede Chapel
12:05 pm – St. Bede Chapel

Saturdays 9:00 am – St. Bede Chapel

There may be changes to the Mass Schedule and/or location. See the Church bulletin which is available weekly on our website: www.saintsaj.org or call the Center (215-898-7575 or the Rectory (215-386-9732) to confirm.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, September 11

9:00AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass Intentions of St. AJ Parishioners & Benefactors

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 12

10:00AM Mass The Candeloro and Zagrosky Families
Catholic Forum will meet today after 10:00 Mass in The Center.
11:30AM Mass In Memory of Dolph Tokarczyk
5:00PM Mass In Honor of St. James
10:00PM Mass Intentions of Students & Staffs of Area Universities

Monday, September 13

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass Monday – Friday in St. Bede Chapel
1:00PM Mass Celebrated at Drexel Chapel Monday - Thursday

Tuesday, September 14

12:05PM Mass Special intention

Wednesday, September 15

12:30PM to 2:00PM Church open by request – ask at The Center

Thursday, September 16

12:05PM Mass Gail Carney

Friday, September 17

12:05PM Mass Juan Chico
No 1:00PM Mass at Drexel on Fridays
6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal Morrow / Keppler GLS

Saturday, September 18

9:00AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
2:00PM Wedding Morrow / Keppler GLS
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass

To Schedule an Announced Mass

If you wish to dedicate a Mass, please call 215-386-9732, leave your name and number with the service, and we will call you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you want to become Catholic? Has anyone in your circle expressed interest in learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you already Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist? Each September, St. AJ begins a new RCIA journey that will lead candidates to Easter and full incorporation with us at the Lord's Eucharist. Now is your opportunity to be an evangelist and relay this invitation to others. If interested in the RCIA, visit the RCIA page at www.saintsaj.org or call the Rectory and leave your name and number.

Installation of Fr. Jim - September 19

St. Agatha-St. James is pleased to announce the installation of our new pastor, Fr. James T. McGuinn. Fr. Jim will be installed by Bishop Timothy C. Senior at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, September 19. Bishop Senior will be the main celebrant and homilist at the Installation Mass. Msgr. Kevin C. Lawrence, Regional Vicar for Philadelphia South, will participate. All are most welcome.

Black & Indian Missions - September 11 - 12

Express your solidarity with African- & Native-American communities by contributing to Collection for the Black and Indian Missions this weekend, Sept. 11 & 12. This collection offers assistance to poor areas of our nation so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be proclaimed and lived.

I will rise and go to my Father.

All Sunday Masses will be held in St. AJ Church beginning Labor Day Weekend.