

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

A New and Necessary Capital Project

The street level stained glass windows on the 38th Street side of the building are in serious need of repair and cannot be put off any longer. They represent an unusual problem because, while they are essentially all parish basement windows, they are also a major part of the visual facade of the church building on 38th Street. While we don't want to pay for stained glass repair of basement windows, we don't want to install ordinary replacement windows either because the windows are part of the building's external beauty. To resolve this we are employing a new technology which uses a single piece of decorative glass that exhibits a stained glass appearance and which is substantially stronger than stained glass. We have arranged through the help of a benefactor to repair a single window which will serve as a prototype for us to see and appreciate. We hope others will want to donate the cost of repairing the other seven windows. The decorative design of the window is easily able to include a memorial banner to acknowledge the donor and the name of persons remembered if the donor wishes. The cost of each window is \$2250. Please visit the Jacobium gathering space in the rear of Church to see a reproduction in color of the artist's rendering of this first window.

We are a ParishPay Parish

St. Agatha-St. James is an Automated On-Line Giving Parish. Please go to the parish webpage - www.saintsaj.org - and select the ParishPay link. When you arrive at the donor page, you can thoughtfully and prayerfully choose your monthly offertory contribution. Thank you to all our new members who have taken the time to sign up and embrace their stewardship calling and responsibility. Since we started Kick-off three weeks ago, ten new members have chosen automated online giving.

A Reflection of Service

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only people among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. Those among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Marriage Preparation Schedule Now Online

The Family Life Office is now publishing the Archdiocese's Marriage Preparation Program schedules exclusively online. Pastors, parish staff and couples can access the schedule and registration form by visiting the Archdiocesan website at <http://archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/marriage.htm#couple>. A partial schedule of dates for 2010 is online now, including the four-session program and the Marriage Preparation Retreat at: <http://archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/2010archregmarpre> [sess.htm](http://archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/2010archregmarpre). Local couples preparing for Marriage are also reminded that the Penn Newman Center offers Pre-Cana classes once each semester. Please call the Penn Newman Center for more information.

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, October 24

9:00AM Mass
4:00PM Confessions in Church
5:30PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 25 The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM Mass *Brigitte Rauer*
11:30AM Mass *Thomas Holton*
5:00PM Mass *Intentions of Parishioners & Benefactors*
10:00PM Mass

Monday, October 26

1:00PM Mass *Catherine Brennan*

Tuesday, October 27

12:05PM Mass *Joseph Carney*

Wednesday, October 28

7:30AM Mass *Intentions of Huan and Mary Nguyen*
12:05PM Mass *Intentions of Joseph and Hee Nguyen*
12:30PM to 2:00PM **Church will be open today.**

Friday, October 30

No 7:30 AM Mass on Friday
12:05PM Mass *Andrea G. Wheatley*

Saturday, October 31

9:00AM Mass
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of Parishioners & Benefactors*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA meetings are on Tuesday evenings and are for all those seeking to enter the fullness of the Catholic Church (new Christians, Christians from other faith traditions, and Catholics needing Confirmation). See the RCIA page of the parish web site, or contact saintsajrcia@hotmail.com for information.

CATHOLIC FORUM TODAY after 10 AM Mass

Held every Sunday after the 10 AM Mass, downstairs in the Parish Hall. Join us for a discussion of today's "Word" and its value to you. It is an opportunity to meet new Catholic friends - coffee and donuts also. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope

Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope is the fundraising initiative that combines the capital needs of the Archdiocese with the needs of the local parish. This initiative is in its third year and is enjoying the success that was anticipated. St. Agatha – St. James is among the third wave of parishes that are now entering the program. Our goal established by the Archdiocese is \$155,000. So far we have collected about \$10,000 by allocating the non-dedicated Second Collections to this Campaign. We will continue to do that throughout the coming year. Our parish is entitled to one third of whatever we collect. We will provide more information shortly about our parish plan for **Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope**.

Centering Prayer

For information about Centering Prayer and to learn when it occurs at St. AJ, call Tom Connolly at 484-995-4046.

Reminder: Main Church Open on Wednesdays

The main Church is open for visits and prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 2 PM. Please ring the Rectory bell.

An Opportunity to Help St. Vincent de Paul...

and yourself! Thin out your closets and drawers and donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donations will be accepted on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Barnabus, 6300 Buist Avenue. Clean clothing appreciated.