

**Feast of All Saints**



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

**Month of the Holy Souls**

November is traditionally the month dedicated to the prayerful remembrance of the Holy Souls, particularly for each one of us, the remembering of our deceased loved ones. There are several ways you can do that.

**A]** You can offer a **Daily Mass** in memory of your deceased loved one[s] on a particular day throughout the year or one day in November. Please call Carole at the Rectory to make arrangements.

**B]** You can submit the name[s] of those to be remembered during the month on the **All Souls special envelopes** in the rear of the church. Place them in the collection basket or give them to one of the priests and those envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

**C]** You can enroll a loved one in the **St. Agatha-St. James Perpetual Memorial Society**. The complete list of names enrolled in the Society is on the Parish website which you can access at [www.saintsj.org](http://www.saintsj.org). The members are prayed for at Masses throughout the year. Please check the Jacobium gathering space for an example of an Enrollment Card.

**D] Book of the Names of the Dead**

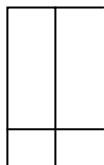
You can remember your deceased loved ones by inscribing their names in the "Book of the Names of the Dead." This Book will be available in Church on weekends throughout November. The Book will be placed at the Baptistry next to the Paschal Candle. The people whose names are inscribed in this Book will also be remembered during the weekend Masses throughout November. At the weekend Masses we light the Paschal Candle and include special intercessory prayers for those names inscribed in the Book. There is also an offering book if you wish to make a contribution.

Note: Names already in the Book from previous years will be included in the remembrance.

**We are a ParishPay Parish**

St. Agatha-St. James is an Automated On-Line Giving Parish. Please go to the parish webpage - [www.saintsj.org](http://www.saintsj.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.

Fr. Marinucci and the Parish Pastoral Council have identified this program as an important initiative for the future financial stability and health of the parish. They thought that a reasonable, achievable goal for this first year would be 100 sign ups. To date we have:



**GOAL = 100 Registered**

**Present number registered = 21**

**Reminders:**

Next Sunday Hospitality is in the Parish Hall after the 10 am and 11:30 am Masses. All are welcome.

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

**This Week at St. AJ**

**Saturday, October 31**

4:00PM Confessions in Church  
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of Parishioners & Benefactors*

**Sunday, November 1**

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10:00AM Mass *The Gepty and Monjardin Family*  
11:30AM Mass *Intentions of Thomas and Yvonne Gatto*  
5:00PM Mass *The Cortes – Brinker Family*  
10:00PM Mass

**Monday, Nov. 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

7:30AM Mass *Deceased Parishioners & Benefactors of St. AJ*  
12:05PM Mass *Juan Chico*  
1:00PM Mass *Deceased Alumni of Drexel Newman Center*

**Wednesday, November 4**

**Church will be open today.**

**Thursday, November 5**

7:00PM Rehearsal *Sabrina Vadino and Jaime Jimenez GLS*

**Friday, November 6**

No 7:30 AM Mass on Friday.  
12:05PM Mass *Members of the St. AJ Perpetual Memorial Society*  
6:30PM Wedding *Sabrina Vadino and Jaime Jimenez GLS*  
7:30PM Rehearsal *Heather Nardone and Justin O'Malley SJM*

**Saturday, November 7**

9:00AM Mass  
2:30PM Wedding *Heather Nardone & Justin O'Malley SJM*  
4:00PM Confessions  
5:30PM Vigil of Mass *Intentions of Parishioners & Benefactors*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

RCIA meetings are held on Tuesday evenings for 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 [saintsjrcia@hotmail.com](mailto:saintsjrcia@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 to meet new Catholic friends – with coffee & donuts. All are most welcome.



**November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints.**

This Feast of All Saints goes back many centuries. In Ancient Rome it was celebrated as the Feast of the Nameless Martyrs. Over time, it has become one of the most popular holy days because people see it as the celebration of the unpublicized holiness of people they have known, friends, family members who were good, holy people, whose love and personal witness inspired others. The Second Vatican Council spoke compellingly and at length on the "Universal Call to Holiness" which reminds all of us that Holiness is God's gift and desire for all of us.

**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. 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. We have been anticipating our involvement during this past year by allocating the non-dedicated Second Collections to this Campaign. We have collected about \$10,000. Phase One is now at an end and we are entering Phase Two which is a pledge campaign that will offer individuals an opportunity to make a financial pledge over 3-5 years towards the parish goal of 155,000. Our parish is entitled to one third of whatever we collect. If anyone wants to make a pledge, please contact Fr. Marinucci.

*Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.*