

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

### **From Fr. Jim – Significant Events**

**Happy Thanksgiving:** One of the things we have to be thankful for this coming week is Thanksgiving Day itself. Years ago, we had the wisdom and the desire to set aside a National Day to give thanks. Hopefully, we still honor this National Day of Thanksgiving as a day to give thanks for all our blessings, as a nation, as a people, and as individuals. Thanksgiving - giving thanks - should not be just a day, but a way of life. As Catholics, we are a Eucharistic people (the word Eucharist means to give thanks); therefore, for us Thanksgiving Day is every day. An appropriate way to begin this Thanksgiving Holiday is to attend Mass and give thanks to the Giver of all good gifts, Almighty God.

**Thanksgiving Mass Schedule:** Thursday, November 24: Mass is at 9:30AM, St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center.

**Rectory Open House:** This weekend we are hosting an Open House in the Rectory following each of the five weekend Masses. We are looking forward to welcoming you in the Rectory.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** Thursday, November 24: We will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner in the Rectory from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, for students who cannot travel home. Please RSVP to the appropriate Campus Ministers.

God's blessings to each of you.

**St. Charles Seminary Annual Appeal:** Please pray for all Seminarians. Mail your donations to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Envelopes are available for your convenience in the rear of Church. You may donate online if you wish at [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu).

### **This Week at Saints Agatha and James**

#### **Saturday, November 19**

4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

#### **Sunday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ The King**

9:30AM Mass In Memory of Msgr. John Busco  
11:30AM Mass Volunteers and Ministers of Sts. A and J  
5:30PM Mass Visitors and Friends of Sts. A and J  
9:00PM Mass Students, Staffs, & Faculties at area Universities

#### **Monday, November 21**

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Maria Del Carmen Seara

#### **Tuesday, November 22**

7:00PM Holy Hour St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center

#### **Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day**

9:30AM Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

#### **Friday, November 25**

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Msgr. John Busco

#### **Saturday, November 26**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00PM - 5:00PM Fr. George  
5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

#### **Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, November 26 and 27**

#### **Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent**

5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Fr. George  
9:30AM Sunday Mass Fr. Jim  
11:30AM Sunday Mass Fr. Benjamin  
5:30PM Sunday Mass Fr. Jim  
9:00PM Sunday Mass Fr. George

**Day of Sanctification for Priests:** Monday, November 21: The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will gather with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a day of prayer and reflection. Please keep all of the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers.

**Weekly Mass with Archbishop Chaput at the Cathedral:** Archbishop Chaput will hear confessions at 5:30PM each Sunday and celebrate Mass at 6:30PM each Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. All are invited.

## **PARISH COUNCILS**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Fr. Jim McGuinn, Thomas Holloman, Natalie Seminole, Carole Tokarczyk

**Parish Finance Council:** Fr. Jim McGuinn, Eric Banecker Eileen Brennen, John Doyle, Ray Jones, Ed Nelling, Peter Scoles, Jessel Subero

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

### **ADULT MINISTRIES**

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For matters pertaining to Catholic Forum, Circle of St. Bede, Connections, Legion of Mary, Outreach, Pre-Cana, RCIA, Scripture Study, Young Adults, please contact TBA.

**Catholic Forum:** Everyone is welcome to attend this gathering to share fellowship and reflect on the readings of each Sunday's Mass. We meet after the 9:30AM Mass near the Heritage Room in Church to walk to the Center.

**Circle of St. Bede:** We meet in the Newman Center's lower level after 7:30AM Mass on Tuesdays and seek to promote the integration of faith with our academic lives and to foster a sense of Catholic community in the campus setting. November 22: "The Diplomat – The Tragic Silence of Pius XII" by Eamon Duffy. *Commonweal*, November 4, 2011. Discussion will be led by Charlotte Ethier. For more info, contact Dr. Peter Dodson [dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu](mailto:dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu).

**Legion of Mary (Korean):** We meet at 6:00PM Wednesday evenings in Room 2, Lower Level, the Newman Center. Please contact [yik72770@gmail.com](mailto:yik72770@gmail.com) for more information.

**Pre-Cana:** Sts. Agatha and James offers Pre-Cana Friday, March 2, 7:00PM – 9PM, and Saturday, March 3, 9AM – 6:30PM (includes Vigil Mass). The donation to Sts. A & J is \$150. For more information, write to [info@saintsaj.org](mailto:info@saintsaj.org) or call 215-386-9732 and leave your name and contact information.

**Scripture Study:** New members are warmly welcomed at 8:00AM on Wednesdays in the lower level of the Newman Center. We are discussing the Book of Job. Contact Charlotte Ethier at [ethiercc@aol.com](mailto:ethiercc@aol.com) for more information.

### **HOSPITAL MINISTRIES**

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## *The Church of Saints Agatha and James*

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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**Liturgy Corner:** We will begin implementing changes in the wording of both the spoken and sung parts of the Mass this year as a result of the Church's revision of the *Roman Missal* for English speaking countries. As a result, the parish will need to purchase new **Missals**. This is the book used by the presider which contains the rites and prayers employed in our liturgies. If you would like to make a **Donation** to help offset these costs, please contact the Parish Office for details. I hope you find this week's bulletin insert helpful in answering some questions concerning the factors that have led to the upcoming changes in our liturgies. Also, many thanks to Megan Murphy, the Lector Coordinator, for her work on the current lector schedule. If you would like to be a reader at one of the weekend Masses please contact me. Peace to all!

### **OPERATIONAL MINISTRIES**

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For Business Ministries, Facilities Ministries, Office Ministries or Custodial Ministries, please contact Joe Lamb.

**Restrooms:** The restrooms downstairs in the Church Hall are accessed via the two stairways near the main entrance of the Church. Please follow the signs in place to guide you.

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### **DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY**

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**Connections I and II:** Gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend some time in prayer. All are welcome to Connections which meets Wednesdays at 4:00PM or 9:00PM in the Drexel Newman Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Intercultural Center, 30 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Contact [Drexelnewman@gmail.com](mailto:Drexelnewman@gmail.com).

**Drexel Newman Facebook:** Join Drexel Newman Facebook page to hear about upcoming events, as well as connect with the community! Search "Drexel Newman" on Facebook.

**Get connected!** Learn about upcoming events. Join our email list by emailing Mike Chovanes at [Drexelnewman@gmail.com](mailto:Drexelnewman@gmail.com).

**Newman Dinner:** On Thursdays at 6:00pm at the Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut St., gather with us for our weekly \$3 dinner! All Drexel Students are welcome!

### **PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY**

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### **ALL PENN STUDENTS**

**Newman Brunch:** Join us on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 12:30 pm for a brunch with the Newman community! This is a free event, but please email RSVP by November 27 to Jeff Klein.

**Locks of Love:** We will be hosting our third annual LOL event on Sunday, April 22. To sign up to donate 6 or more inches of your hair, please email [locksoflove.newman@gmail.com](mailto:locksoflove.newman@gmail.com) with your name, telephone number, and email address. Sign up by December 8th to be entered into a raffle!

**Get Connected!** To join one of Penn Newman's email listservs (one for undergrads; one for grad students), see [www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu) and click on REGISTER NOW!

**Newman Dinner:** On Thursdays at 6:00PM at Penn Newman, gather with us for our weekly dinner! A great meal for only \$3! The event also features Open Mic! All Penn students welcome and no reservation necessary!

**Spiritual Mentoring/Direction:** An opportunity to meet one-on-one with a professional minister to speak about your life. Several mentors are available to Penn undergraduate and graduate students. See [www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu).

### **PENN GRADUATE STUDENTS**

**Grad Student Weekly Service:** The Univ. City Hospitality Coalition meal for the poor and homeless needs volunteers 5:30-7:00PM on Mondays at St. AJ's. Email Anna Smith at [annasm@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:annasm@vet.upenn.edu)!

**Connections:** On Tuesdays through Nov. 22, 7:00-8:30 pm, a weekly small-group program featuring social opportunities, discussion on how faith impacts our lives and prayer. Email Jeff Klein.

### **PENN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

**Newman Nights:** Newman Nights have moved to Thursdays, 7:15 pm! NN's feature an opportunity for socializing and/or discussion on current topics. All Penn undergrads welcome! See [www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu) for this week's topic.

**Cor Retreat:** All Penn sophomores, juniors or are welcome to join us, Jan. 13-15 (MLK Jr. Weekend)! It will consist of socialization, small group discussions, and ample time for prayer and reflection. Contact Jeff Klein to sign up or for more info! Cost: \$75.

### **U SCIENCES NEWMAN MINISTRY**

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**Connections I and II:** Gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend time in prayer: Tuesdays, 7:00PM, Whiteacre Hall, upstairs lounge or Thursdays, 7:00PM at the home of USci Newman president, Molly. Contact [uscineyman@gmail.com](mailto:uscineyman@gmail.com).

**Holy Hour:** USci students are welcome to Adore the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday nights from 7-8PM at the Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut Street.

**Newman Dinner:** On Thursdays at 6:00pm at the Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut, gather with us for our weekly \$3 dinner! USci Students welcome - no reservation necessary!