

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

From Fr. Jim – HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2011-2012

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Regular Weekend Schedule
Saturday Vigil at 5:30PM
Sunday Masses at 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM and 9:00PM

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30PM

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Sunday Masses at 9:30AM and 11:30AM

Sunday, January 1, 2012 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

No Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 31

Sunday Masses, January 1, 2012, at 9:30AM and 11:30AM
No Mass at 5:30PM or 9:00PM on Sunday, January 1

Sunday, January 8, 2012 Epiphany of The Lord

No Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 7

Sunday Masses, January 8, 2012, at 9:30AM and 11:30AM
No Mass at 5:30PM or 9:00PM on Sunday, January 8

Daily Masses During the Holiday Season

Monday, December 26 to Friday, December 30
Monday, January 2 to Friday, January 6
Mass at 12:05PM, St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center

Saturday Mass
8:30AM, St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 10 and 17 –
4:00 - 5:00PM

Advent Reconciliation Weekend:
Confessions in Church after each Mass
Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

Advent Reconciliation Weekend: December 10 and 11:
Confessions in Church after each Mass in the Baptistry, the Confessional, and the Heritage Room. Prepare for the Christmas Season in the right spirit. Come to Confession! You will feel great!

Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection:
December 10 and 11. This is an important effort on behalf of men and women religious who serve the Church so well and who witness so dramatically to God's kingdom in our midst.

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

This Week at Saints Agatha and James

Saturday, December 10

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

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

9:30AM Mass Ministers and Volunteers of Sts. A and J
11:30AM Mass Visitors and Friends of Sts. A and J
5:30PM Mass In Memory of Anthony Evangelista
9:00PM Mass Students and University Community Members

Tuesday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 17

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00PM - 5:00PM Fr. George

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, December 17 and 18

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

ADULT MINISTRIES

TBA, Director of Adult Ministries
info@saintsaj.org

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 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.
December 13: "Advent Paraliturg and Hymns of the Season" led by Tom Connolly, Emeritus Professor of Music. Contact Dr. Peter Dodson at dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu.

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 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. On December 14, we will be discussing the Nativity Narratives. Contact Charlotte Ethier at ethiercc@aol.com for more information.

HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

Rev. Benjamin Nwanonyi, Director of Hospital Ministries
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For matters pertaining to Hospital Ministries and Hospital Eucharistic Ministers, contact Fr. Benjamin or Fr. George.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Church of Saints Agatha and James

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For matters pertaining to: Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Audio/Visual, Lectors, Music, Sextons, Ushers, contact Bruce Carlson at bruce.carlson.jr@gmail.com.

Liturgy Corner: If you would like to make a *Donation* to help offset the cost of the *pew cards*, contact the Parish Office for details. Please read the insert in this week's bulletin. I hope you find it helpful in addressing some of the questions concerning our revised liturgy. Peace to all!

OPERATIONAL MINISTRIES

Joseph Lamb, Director of 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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Joseph Lamont, Custodian
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DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY

Michael Chovanes, Assistant Director, Drexel Newman
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Alternative Spring Break! This year Drexel Newman is going to have an Alternative Spring Break to a needy area of Maryland. Sign-up is available—contact our ASB coordinator, Cathleen Kerr (cmk58@drexel.edu), for more information!

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 Interfaith Chapel, 2nd floor of Intercultural Center, 30 S. 33rd Street. Contact Drexelnewman@gmail.com.

Get Connected! Learn about upcoming events. Email Mike Chovanes at Drexelnewman@gmail.com to join the list.

Newman Dinner: On Thursdays at 6:00PM at the Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut St., gather with us for our weekly \$3 dinner! December 15 will be the last Dinner until January 12. All Drexel Students are welcome!

Operation: Santa Claus: Join Penn Newman in a toy drive for St. Ignatius/Our Mother of Sorrows School. Help a low-income child have a happier Christmas! \$10-\$15 toy requests will be given to Drexel Students (you need to sign up first!). After the toys are purchased they can be dropped off at the Newman Center or the Drexel Newman Office. Email Mike Chovanes for more info.

Small-group Leaders Needed! Are you a Drexel student willing to facilitate a small group meeting? Please email Mike Chovanes.

PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY

Jeff Klein, Assistant Director, Penn Newman
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ALL PENN STUDENTS

Last Call for Operation Santa Claus! If you signed up to buy a Christmas gift for OSC, please bring it to Penn Newman by Monday, December 12, so Santa can deliver it!

Giving Tree: Penn for Life has a Giving Tree to help mothers and children at Mothers' Home. Please pick up a tag in the Newman Center. Donations should be dropped off at the Newman Center lobby by December 16. For more info, contact Catherine Imms, caimms@sas.upenn.edu, or (484)798-9233.

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 with your name, telephone number, and email address. Sign up by December 8th to be entered into a raffle!

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! December 15 will be our last Dinner until January 12.

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.

PENN GRADUATE STUDENTS

Grad Student Service Opportunity: The University City Hospitality Coalition meal for the poor and homeless needs volunteers 5:30-7:00PM on Mondays at St. AJ's. For more information, Email Anna Smith at annasm@vet.upenn.edu!

PENN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Cor Retreat: All Penn sophomores, juniors or seniors are welcome to join us, January 13-15 (MLK Jr. Weekend)! It will consist of socializing, small group discussions, and ample time for prayer and reflection. Contact Jeff Klein to sign up or for more info! Cost: \$75. Deadline to register: December 16.

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 uscine.wm@gmail.com.

Cor Retreat: Penn Newman has invited USci Newman to Cor January 13th-15th. There will be time to build community, pray, and learn about the spirituality of John Henry Cardinal Newman.

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

Newman Dinner: Thursdays at 6:00PM, Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut, weekly \$3 dinner! December 15 is last Dinner until January 12. USci Students welcome!