

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

One Daily Mass at 12:05PM
St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 17 –
4:00 - 5:00PM

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

Annual 39th Annual March For Life: This year's March for Life will be on Monday, January 23, 2012. The location this year will be on the National Mall, west of 8th Street near the Smithsonian Castle. The rally will begin at 12:00PM and continue until about 1:30PM followed immediately by the March. Please visit the website of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for more information related to this year's March.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: We greatly appreciate your generosity to this important Collection last weekend. Please keep all Religious in your prayers.

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 17

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

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30AM Mass Intentions of the Ticehurst Family
11:30AM Mass In Memory of Henry Jaquias
5:30PM Mass In Memory of Raffaella Evangelista
9:00PM Mass Students and University Community Members

Monday, December 19

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Juan Chico

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

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

Friday, December 23

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Salvador Pasuquin, Sr.

Saturday, December 24

5:30PM Vigil Mass of Christmas

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, December 24 and 25

Sunday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

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



PARISH MINISTRIES

ADULT MINISTRIES

TBA, Director of 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 resume January 8 and will meet after the 9:30AM Mass near the Heritage Room in Church to walk to the Center.

Circle of St. Bede: We resume our meetings on Tuesday, January 17, in the Newman Center's lower level after 7:30AM Mass. We seek to promote the integration of faith with our academic lives and to foster a sense of Catholic community in the campus setting. **Topic for January 17:** "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. 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: We resume meeting on Wednesday, January 11. New members are warmly welcomed at 8:00AM

The Church of Saints Agatha and James

in the lower level of the Newman Center. We will continue discussing the Book of Job (Chapters 32-34). Contact Charlotte Ethier at ethiercc@aol.com for more information.

HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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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: 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. If you would like to make a *Donation* to help offset the cost of the *pew cards*, contact the Parish Office for details. 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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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. If you are interested in learning more about Connections, please contact Mike at 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! Dinners resume next Semester on January 12. All Drexel Students are welcome!

Operation: Santa Claus: Sincere thanks to all who participated in this event. The toys were greatly appreciated!

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

PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY

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ALL PENN STUDENTS

Giving Tree and Operation Santa Claus: Many thanks to all who participated in these initiatives. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all recipients and participants.

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! Dinners resume next Semester on 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: Registration has closed for this retreat which welcomes Penn sophomores, juniors or seniors and will be held January 13-15 (MLK Jr. Weekend). It will consist of socializing, small group discussions, and ample time for prayer and reflection.

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Connections I and II: Gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend time in prayer: If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Mike at uscineyman@gmail.com.

Cor Retreat: Registration has closed for this retreat which will take place from 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. Holy Hour continues through the Holidays.

Newman Dinner: Thursdays at 6:00PM, Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut, weekly \$3 dinner! Dinners resume next Semester on January 12. USci Students welcome!