

Easter Sunday



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

Happy Easter

To Parishioners, Students & Friends

The priests and staffs of the Rectory and the Newman Centers at Drexel and Penn wish all of our parishioners and students a happy and blessed Easter. It is a special privilege for the priests to remember all of you and your families in a special way during this holy season.

Parents – Welcome

Dear Parents of students at our local universities... Welcome! We hope you enjoy this special, however brief, time with your sons and daughters. Please know that we are very proud of them as parishioners of St. Agatha-St. James while they are living in University City. Most are faithful "Mass-Attendees" whose joyful witness adds so much to our parish celebrations. Many have become committed ministers who serve as lectors, acolytes, musicians, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, and members of various parish committees such as Pastoral and Finance Council. Your sons and daughters are quick to donate their time and talent when asked to get involved with parish and Newman club activities. They struggle authentically, even heroically, to live Gospel values in difficult and challenging secular and campus situations. We know you are concerned for the spiritual and religious development of your sons and daughters and that you pray accordingly. I want you to know that we are all inspired and edified by the choices they make to keep Jesus Christ and His Church in their lives.

Parents: Thank You

I also want to thank you for your generosity to St. Agatha-St. James Parish. Your financial contribution is an expression of your gratitude as well as the support we need to continue our efforts on behalf of your sons and daughters. We continue to respond to the challenge of on-going renovation of our magnificent worship space. Your generosity on behalf of this goal is most welcome.

Your Easter Offering/Sacrifice: Thank You

As you know, our Church building has been undergoing its own resurrection over the last several years, thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners and friends. We are so grateful and blessed. Maintenance and new tasks are always necessary. It is in the spirit of Easter joy and gratitude that I humbly ask that you remember your Church and parish by being especially generous in your Easter offering this week on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity to St. AJ.

Easter Envelopes Available

Those parishioners and visitors who want to use a special Easter envelope for their Easter contribution can obtain an envelope in the rear of the Church.

Easter is Seven Weeks

The Church cannot contain its joy and celebration of Easter to one day. What our culture calls "Easter" and relegates to a single day of bunnies and eggs, the Church calls Easter Sunday, the First Day of 50 days that end with the solemnity of Pentecost. In the Holy Season of Easter, the Scriptures and the daily and Sunday liturgies examine the central mystery of our faith in all its varied aspects. Easter Masses are available on weekends and Sundays. If you want to have a Mass said for a particular intention, please call the Rectory.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, April 11

No Confessions Today

7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday

10:00AM Mass *Chester Pondo*

11:30AM Mass *Dolph J. Tokarczyk*

5:00PM Mass *The Nguyen Family*

10:00PM Mass *The Stone Family*

Tuesday, April 14

7:30AM *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday, April 15

12:30PM to 2:00PM Church will be open today.

Thursday, April 16

7:30AM *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Saturday, April 18

4:00PM Confessions in Church

5:30PM Vigil Mass Collegiate Confirmation



Collegiate Confirmation

Next Saturday, April 18, Bishop Daniel Thomas will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to young men and women from surrounding college campuses at the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Agatha-St. James. For some years St. AJ has traditionally hosted this celebration.

Launching of Parish "WISH LIST"

Often persons who are moved by what is happening here at St. AJ in fulfillment of our Parish Mission: **Word, Worship, and Witness in University City**, ask what they might do to contribute to our ministry. In response we have created our Wish List for those who wish to contribute in a specific way to particular needs and projects and who may want to memorialize in a special way a loved one or express gratitude for God's favor. This Wish List consists of various ways such contributions can be made. The Wish List can be found on the St. AJ parish Website: www.saintsaj.org. Please check it out and remember us.

Clothing Drive Coming to St. AJ

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be on Chestnut St. in front of St. AJ from **9 am-2 pm on Wednesday, April 29**. St. Vincent de Paul gladly accepts clean used clothing for men, women, and children in addition to linens, towels, dishes and kitchen utensils. Here is a chance to put Spring cleaning to good use - clean out your closets and contribute!

Tell Your Friends: Clothing Drive - Wednesday, April 29!

Collections for Sunday 1/18/09

1st Collection: \$1823.00

2nd Collection: \$ 637.00 Catholic Relief Services

Collections for Sunday 1/25/09

1st Collection: \$2345.00

2nd Collection: \$ 720.00 Drexel and Penn Newman Centers

Collections for Sunday 2/1/09

1st Collection: \$1667.00

2nd Collection: \$ 661.00 Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope

Collections for Sunday 2/8/09

1st Collection: \$1915.00

2nd Collection: \$ 863.00 Care of Aging and Ill Priests

