

Third Sunday Easter



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

Catholic Charities

The Catholic Church is the largest charitable organization in the world. In Philadelphia, the Catholic Charities Appeal raises funds to support social service programs which help 250,000 local people annually. The funds raised in this Appeal remain in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and 95% goes directly for the charitable purposes intended among the 80 Social Service organizations that come under the wide umbrella of Catholic Social Services. Since 1995, this Appeal has generated over 10.5 million dollars annually.

The theme of this year's Appeal is "Who Cares?" Who cares for the homeless, who cares for the disabled children, who cares for the elderly and the marginal and disenfranchised among us, who cares for the youth who struggle with no parents or families, who cares for the seeing and hearing impaired, and the physically and mentally handicapped??? - YOU CARE, through your generous support of Catholic Charities. The Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next Sunday. Please prepare now to be generous when the basket comes around in Church or when the letter comes to your home. You may give directly on line at catholiccharitiesappeal@adphila.org.

Your Easter Offering / Sacrifice: Thank You

It is apparent that many people have seen the financial need of St. AJ and have chosen to be especially generous in their Easter contributions. Thank you. In the continuing spirit of Easter joy and gratitude that pervades this Easter Season, I humbly ask that you remember your Church and parish by being especially generous if you have not already done so.

"To show great love for God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in the doing that makes our offering something beautiful for God." Mother Theresa

Parish "WISH LIST"

We have received some responses already to our PARISH WISH LIST which is published on our parish website: www.saintsaj.org. Please remember us and check it out. Already donated in memory of Dolph J. Tokarczyk are:

- 1] The new publication of the Book of the Gospels
- 2] The new set of free standing satin finished Altar candles
- 3] The funds necessary to obtain permanent seasonal floral decorations for the Church

2nd Collection

Today: The 2nd Collection is taken for the Catholic Home Missions. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal is dedicated to strengthening the Church here in the United States. It is sponsored by the United States Bishops' Committee on the Home Missions which supports missionary work in areas such as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the Southwest, Puerto Rico and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean.

Collections:

- 1st Collection: \$2132.00 **Sunday 2/22/09**
- 2nd Collection: \$ 503.00 Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope
- 1st Collection: \$2361.00 **Sunday 3/01/09**
- 2nd Collection: \$ 568.00 Churches in Eastern Europe

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, April 25

- 4:00PM Confessions in Church
- 5:30PM Vigil Mass *Parishioners & Benefactors of St. AJ*

Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

- 10:00AM Mass *James J. Epperson*
- 11:30AM Mass
- 5:00PM Mass
- 10:00PM Mass

Monday, April 27

- 7:30AM *Intentions of Seth Stone*

Wednesday, April 29

- 12:05PM *Ferris Bryant Walser, Jr.*
- 12:30PM to 2:00PM Church will be open today.

Thursday, April 30

- 7:30AM *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Friday, May 1

- 1:00PM *Members of St. AJ Perpetual Memorial Society*

Saturday, May 2

- 4:00PM Confessions in Church
- 5:30PM Vigil Mass *Parishioners and Benefactors of St. AJ*



Clothing Drive This Week at St. AJ

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be on Chestnut St. in front of St. AJ from **9:30 am-2 pm this 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 – **please clean out your closets and contribute!**

Diocese of Camden Canonical Announcement

Please be informed that Bishop Joseph A. Galante, Bishop of the Diocese of Camden, has called Joseph John Izzo, who was baptized in this parish, St. Agatha-St. James, to the order of Deacon. The Church rejoices in the commitment to ministry which Joseph John Izzo has made and we announce it to you with great joy. The ordination will take place at 10:30 am on May 9, 2009 at Incarnation Parish in Mantua, NJ.

Mass Schedule Changes for the Summer

Memorial Day weekend marks the changeover in St. AJ Mass schedule for the Summer. We begin to announce these changes now in preparation for the changeover so that our worshippers will be ready.

These changes go into effect in the Summer to accommodate the diminishing Summer attendance and the Summer schedules of the priests who will be away on retreat and vacation or away for the Summer. Fr. Phil will be finishing his doctorate at Catholic University as well as making a 30 day Ignatian retreat in preparation for final vows next Summer.

Beginning the Weekend of May 23-24 Memorial Day Weekend...

- The Saturday evening 5:30 Vigil Mass is cancelled for the Summer. Last Saturday 5:30 Vigil is May 16.
- Confessions from 4-5 pm on Saturday are cancelled for the Summer. However, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment at the Rectory or before and after any Mass with any priest.
- The 10 pm Sunday evening Mass is cancelled for the Summer. Last Sunday 10:00 pm Mass is May 17
- The 7:30 am daily Mass is canceled for the Summer as of Tuesday, May 26. There will be one Mass at 9:00 am on Memorial Day, Monday May 25.