

Baptism of the Lord



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

Vocation Awareness Week: Called to Serve

The Theme of Vocation Awareness Week [January 11-18] is "Proclaim the Good News." Cardinal Rigali has asked all persons in the Archdiocese to participate by praying the following "Novena Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life" throughout the course of the week. For more information about vocations, check out the diocesan website at www.HeedTheCall.org.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Lord Jesus, bless the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with priests after your heart. May the young men of our parishes, whom You are calling to be priests, respond generously. Give them the courage and the insight to discern your invitation, by speaking with a trusted priest, mentor or friend.

We pray as well for the young women of our parishes to consider consecrated life. May their prayer be that of Mary – to proclaim the greatness of the Lord - through a life of service as a consecrated religious.

Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit - we are confident that you will hear our prayer and send good priests and consecrated religious to guide us. Amen.

The Baptism of the Lord and "Ordinary Time"

This day marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of "Ordinary Time" in the Church's liturgical year. The Church's liturgical year contains various specific or "proper" seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Apart from these seasons which have their own very distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle of celebration and prayer, those weeks [either 33 or 34] that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sunday, these days are devoted to the mystery of Christ in its fullness and depth. This period in the Church's liturgical year is called: "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time is hardly "ordinary" in the common use of the term, only that it is not a focus on a particular mystery but the entire mystery of salvation. Each week, a particular quality or aspect of the mystery is presented for reflection and prayer. This first phase of Ordinary Time will last until Ash Wednesday, February 25.

ORDINARY TIME MASS SCHEDULE RESUMES

- 1:00 PM daily Mass at Drexel Newman Center has resumed
- 7:30 AM daily Mass resumes tomorrow Monday, January 12 in the Penn Newman Center.
- 12:05 PM daily Mass returns to the Penn Newman Center, Monday, January 12.
- The 10:00 PM Sunday Mass resumes today Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, January 10

9:00AM Mass *Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil*
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Friends and Benefactors of St. AJ*

Sunday, January 11

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10:00AM Mass *The Candeloro & Zagrosky Families*
11:30AM Mass *Rose Brady*
5:00PM Mass *Richard Noonan, Jr.*
10:00PM Mass *Intentions of Students of Area Universities*

Monday, January 12

7:30AM Mass – resumes in Penn Newman Center
12:05PM Mass – resumes in Penn Newman Center
1:00PM Mass - Drexel Newman Center – *Joseph DiNinni*

Tuesday, January 13

7:30AM Mass – *Margaret Duffy*

Wednesday, January 14

7:30AM Mass – *Special Intention for Health*
12:30 to 2:00 PM - Church open today for prayer and/or tours.

Saturday, January 17

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Friends and Benefactors of St. AJ*

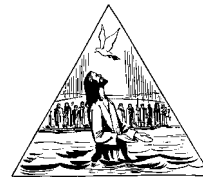
Welcome Father Philip Florio, SJ

Fr. Philip Florio, SJ, has been assigned to replace Father Charles Zlock as Director of the Penn Newman Center and Parochial Vicar of St. Agatha-St. James Parish. Father Florio was ordained in 2001 for the Society of Jesus. He is over 40 but we don't know how much over 40. He was born in Philadelphia and grew up locally in South Philadelphia in St. Monica Parish. Fr. Florio earned a BA in political science and an MA in organizational development from St. Joseph's University. He was a catechism teacher in the Bronx, a Chaplain's Assistant at Scranton Prep, and an English teacher in Chile. At Loyola Blakefield he taught and directed the Christian Service Program. After Ordination he served as Associate Campus Minister at University of Scranton (Maryland Province). Father Phil comes to us from St. Joseph's University where he served as Assistant to the Vice President and was an Associate Campus Minister. In addition to having a background in campus ministry, Fr. Florio is also fluent in Spanish. He will arrive here on January 15, 2009 as Penn begins its Spring semester. Fr. Florio will retain his primary residence at St Joseph but will also reside here at the Rectory on certain days of the week. We extend to him our warmest welcome. Keep Father Florio and his ministry here at Penn Newman and St. Agatha - St. James in your prayers.

RCIA Resumes Tuesday, January 20 For Candidates and For

Catholics who Haven't Been Confirmed

RCIA candidates and catechumens are reminded that we resume RCIA sessions next Tuesday, January 20, in the Penn Newman Center at 7 pm. ALSO those Catholics who have NOT BEEN CONFIRMED and desire to complete their sacramental initiation at collegiate confirmation on the Saturday after Easter must attend these RCIA sessions this semester since these classes deal primarily with Sacraments.



2009 St. AJ Calendars Available in the back of Church.