

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

**A Vision Statement for
a Total Stewardship Parish**

A total Stewardship Parish is alive. It is a prayerful welcoming, Eucharist-centered Community with a common vision: **God is the source of all.** Its members are committed to furthering the Word and work of Christ by caring for each other and all of God's creation. In gratitude, they joyfully give back a portion of their God-given gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

We are grateful...

This week we have received three unexpected financial gifts, all of which have flowed out of a deep sense of gratitude for God's Blessings.

1. Joseph and Elizabeth Woodward have donated \$100.00 in appreciation for the wonderful pastoral care Mrs. Woodward received from the Hospital Eucharistic ministers and from the priests while Mrs. Woodward was a patient at HUP.
2. The Sisters of the Holy Child will be celebrating their 150th anniversary of their mission, which began here in West Philadelphia at St. Leonard's Academy. The Sisters also taught in our parish school. This anniversary Mass will be offered here at St. Agatha-St James next Sunday, October 12 at 2 PM. The Provincial leader, Sr. Helen T. McDonald, wrote: *"It was the intention of the Society to express our appreciation with a donation to the parish following the Opening Liturgy. However, after learning of the parish's need, the society would like to provide our gift at this time. Please find enclosed a check for \$750.00 for the contracted cleaning of the floor."* N.B. Our terrazzo floor hasn't been professionally cleaned in many years. This gift enables us to provide for this long overdue need.
3. The estate of Mr. Raymond Flesher, 1923-2007, has donated \$1,500.00 to St. Agatha-St. James and asked that it be used in the following manner: 2/3 of the money to be used for something in the Church, lasting, tangible, and religious; and 1/3 to be used for feeding the poor. Both of these intentions will be joyfully and easily honored.

Thank you all for your generosity and wonderful display of stewardship. I invite all of you to remember these benefactors and friends of St. AJ in your prayers.

Heritage of Faith – Vision of Hope

The Campaign's established goal for St. Agatha - St. James Parish has been set at \$155,000. Over the next 12 months, the total proceeds of the any second collection that is not already dedicated for a particular purpose will be earmarked as our parish's contribution.

Centering Prayer Group meets in the Rectory prayer-room twice each month at 4:15pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass for the first and third Sundays of the month. For info, call Tom Connolly 484-995-4046 or tconnoll@comcast.net.

Reminder - Our Church Building is Open Wednesdays from 12:30-2pm. Stop in to visit, pray or tour.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, October 4

9:00AM Mass *Dionesio J. Po*
2:30PM Wedding *Kochka/Dougherty (Fr. Morabito)*
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass *John W. Bower*

Sunday, October 5 **27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

10:00AM Mass *The Candeloro & Zagrosky Families*
11:30AM Mass *Dionesio Po*
5:00PM Mass *Michael M. Riordan*
10:00PM Mass *Paul Pryor*

Tuesday, October 7

7:30AM Mass *For the Nguyen Family*
1:00PM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
7:30PM Training Session *Eucharistic Ministers*

Thursday, October 9

7:00PM Training Session *Lectors*

Friday, October 10

5:30PM Wedding Rehearsal *Balsamo/Mirarchi (Fr. Zlock)*

Saturday, October 11

9:00AM Mass *Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil*
2:00PM Wedding *Balsamo/Mirarchi (Fr. Zlock)*
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Special intentions of AER*

Daily Mass Reminder

Weekday Masses at 7:30am, 12:05pm Monday – Friday and Saturday at 9:00am are celebrated in St. Bede Chapel of Penn Newman Center. Weekday Masses at 1:00pm are celebrated in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel of Drexel Newman Center.

RCIA: Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm in the Penn Newman Center. Come and See. There is still time to be part of this year's RCIA. The last session of the Period of Inquiry is this Tuesday. If you know someone who might want to be part of this year's RCIA journey, please let him/her know that he/she can register for the RCIA program at saintsajrcia@hotmail.com.

St. AJ Ministry Training Sessions:

Lectors: Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm in Church. This training session for Lectors will be offered a second time on Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm in Church. Those who signed up to become Lectors should come to one of these sessions.

Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday, October 7 at 7:30 pm in Church. This training session will be offered a second time on Monday, October 13 at 7:30 pm in Church. Those who signed up to become Eucharistic Ministers should come to one of these sessions. Thank you.

On-Line Automated Giving Through ParishPay

STEP 1 – Go to ParishPay website directly:

www.parishpay.com

STEP 2 – Select the third option: **Zip Code**

Type in St. AJ's Zip Code: **19104**

Step 3 – On St. Agatha-St. James Donor Page:

- **Make your Contribution Choices**
- **Create Your Account**

Collections for Sunday 9/07/08

1st Collection: \$1693.00

2nd Collection: \$ 579.00 (Black & Native American Missions)

Collections for Sunday 9/14/08

1st Collection: \$1993.00

2nd Collection: \$ 613.00 (Heritage of Faith-Vision of Hope)