

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

“What a Beautiful Church!” Follow Up

Last week I wrote that many visitors to the Bicentennial Mass of the birth of Cornelia Connolly, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Child, mentioned to me their appreciation and awe when they saw our Church. This week I received several emails on that subject. I think you will enjoy this one:

Dear Father Marinucci,

I had the good fortune in my life to attend the University of Pennsylvania as an undergraduate. In 1997, the year of my 25th from graduating from Penn, I attended my reunion. After the activities of the Saturday afternoon were over, I decided to attend the 5:00 pm Mass at the Church of Saints Agatha-James. My husband and I had attended St. James occasionally during my undergraduate days and I was dismayed to see the condition of the Church 25 years later. It did not look like much had been done to it during the interim time and all I kept thinking during the Mass was that I wanted to clean the Church ("old" habits I developed as a mother of eight die hard). After Mass, I just got into my car and drove back up to New York where I was living at the time. I had the better fortune in my life to attend School of the Holy Child, Sharon Hill for my high school. This past Sunday (October 12th) I attended the ceremony marking the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Cornelia Connelly, the Foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. You cannot imagine my joy when I saw the wonderfully different condition of the recently-done-over Church. It is just beautiful!! All the reparation and prep work were so evident in the beautiful painting and gold work. The red, gold, and white on the arches is truly outstanding. The angels and other symbolic images truly help one to pray more. Thank you, thank you, thank you - for taking care of Our Lord's house, for giving importance to where and how the sacred liturgy is proclaimed and lived, and for fostering a place where one can give over mind and heart to God. THANK YOU!!

Dotie Briggs, Class of 1968

Mass Schedule Alert

1] This Saturday, November 1, is the celebration of **All Saints**. This year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Saturday. Saturday does not allow for an evening Mass of All Saints because of a conflict with the Vigil of Sunday. The one Mass for this day will be our regularly scheduled Mass at 9:00 am in the Penn Newman Center.

2] Next Sunday, November 2, is the **Feast of All Souls**. The celebration of All Souls will take the place of the liturgy of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, which means that the Scripture readings and prayers will be proper to the Feast of All Souls

Open House at St. Charles Seminary: TODAY

Today, the Seminary is hosting its annual Open House from 9 am to 5 pm. You can tour the grounds, view the sacred and historical art collection, and learn about seminary life. Tours of buildings and grounds will be offered Noon to 4:00 pm. Evening Prayer will be celebrated in St. Martin Chapel at 5 pm. Say hello to Mr. Thomas Whittingham, our Parish Seminarian. (Board the #10 trolley to Overbrook at 36th & Sansom – it stops within a 5 minute walk to the Seminary.)

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, October 25

2:30PM Wedding Sirolli/Carr (Fr. Morabito)
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass Our Own Special Intentions

Sunday, October 26

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00AM Mass Rose, Joseph Candeloro & Maryann DeMarco
11:30AM Mass Phyllis & Pat Murray 50th Wedding Anniversary
5:00PM Mass People of the Parish
10:00PM Mass Students of Area Universities

Wednesday, October 29

7:30AM Mass Seth Stone

Thursday, October 30

5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal Parker/O'Donnell (Fr. Marinucci)
7:00PM Wedding Rehearsal Veselaj/Bocci (Fr. Marinucci)

Friday, October 31

12:05PM Mass John J. O'Connor, Jr.
3:00PM Wedding Parker/O'Donnell (Fr. Marinucci)
5:45PM Wedding Rehearsal Mills/Eccleston (Fr. Janton/GLS)

Saturday, November 1

9:00AM Mass Deceased Children & Spouses of Penn Alumni
2:30PM Wedding Mills/Eccleston (Fr. Janton/GLS)
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass Remembrance of Deceased Penn Alumni

November: Month of the Holy Souls

November is traditionally the month dedicated to the prayerful remembrance of the Holy Souls and particularly for each one of us, the remembering of our deceased loved ones. There are several ways you can do that.

A] You can have a daily Mass offered in memory of your deceased loved one[s] on a particular day throughout the year or one day in November. Please call Carole at the Rectory to make arrangements.

B] You can submit the name[s] of those to be remembered during the month on the special envelope in the rear of the Church. Place it in the collection basket or give it to one of the priests and those envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

C] Book of the Names of the Dead

You can remember your deceased loved ones by inscribing their names in the "Book of the Names of the Dead." This Book will be available in Church on weekends throughout November. The Book will be placed at the Baptistry next to the Paschal Candle. The people whose names are inscribed in this Book will also be remembered during the weekend Masses throughout November. At the weekend Masses we light the Paschal Candle and include special intercessory prayers for those names inscribed in the Book. Names already in the Book from previous years don't need to be inscribed again to be included in the remembrance.

Gratitude:

- 1. New Ministers: We are finished training those who have signed up for liturgical ministries. We've had a very generous response on the part of so many to serve in these capacities. We invite you to pray for them that their ministry of service to us will draw them closer to Christ.
2. ParishPay: More and more people are taking advantage of ParishPay, the automated online giving program. It will take time for us to educate ourselves about the potential of this program to vitalize our offertory collections and put our parish family on a more stable financial basis. We are grateful to those who are helping us to take those first difficult steps to becoming a "ParishPay Parish."