

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

RCIA: Do you want to become Catholic? Do you know anyone seeking to be Catholic or interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?

More people than you realize may actually be thinking about becoming Catholic. Among those might be your friends, classmates and colleagues who are currently unchurched or disassociated with their former religious denominations and who may be wondering about the possibility of becoming Catholic. The Church is issuing to people who are yearning to find Jesus an invitation to "Come and See" what it would be like to learn more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps convert. Every year in September we begin a new RCIA journey that will lead candidates to Easter and full incorporation with us at the Lord's Eucharistic Table. Please let people know they can register for the RCIA program at [saintsajrcia@hotmail.com](mailto:saintsajrcia@hotmail.com).

Focus on Remarkable Stewardship –Thank You

Elizabeth Adams-Eilers was not pleased with the garbled sound that was emanating from our portable microphone system in Church - neither were the priests who had been receiving complaints lately about the poor quality sound. But Elizabeth decided to do something dramatic. She wrote a check for \$500 to subsidize the purchase and installation of a new portable microphone system. The system is installed and apparently working very well. Elizabeth's gift provided for almost half of the purchase price and helped facilitate its immediate purchase. This is the action you would take for your own family in your own home. Thank you, Elizabeth, for regarding St. AJ as your family. We talk about being a parish family, so when someone makes this happen in a very real way, we need to acknowledge it and show gratitude.

2nd Collection Today - Black & Indian Missions

Since 1884 parishes throughout the United States have expressed their solidarity with the African American and Native American communities through their contributions to the Collection for the Black and Indian Missions which offers assistance for various programs of pastoral outreach and evangelization throughout the United States and locally here in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. Please be generous!

Sign up for On-Line Giving with ParishPay:

STEP 1 – Go to ParishPay website directly:

[www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)

OR – Go to St. Agatha-St. James Website:

[www.saintsaj.org](http://www.saintsaj.org) and click on link: **ParishPay**

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**

**Parking Advisory:** *If parking on Chestnut Street for the 10 am or 11:30 am Sunday Mass, please post a visible notice advising the Parking Authority that you are attending Mass at St. AJ.*

*If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*

**This Week at St. AJ**

**Saturday, September 6**

- 4:00PM Confessions (in Church)
- 5:30PM Vigil Mass (in Church) *People of St. AJ*

**Sunday, September 7 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 10:00AM Mass *Paul Norton*
- 11:30AM Mass *David Warren*
- 5:00PM Mass *Les Carson*
- 10:00PM Mass *Volunteers & Ministers of St. AJ*

**Monday, September 8**

- 7:30AM Mass *Mary Nguyen*
- 12:05PM Mass *In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Tuesday, September 9**

- 7:30AM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
- 12:05PM Mass *God's Blessing on Nedumcheril Family*

**Wednesday, September 10**

- 7:30AM Mass *Paul Watson*
- 12:05PM Mass *Deacon Vincent Marco 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*

**Thursday, September 11**

- 7:30AM Mass *9/11 Victims and their Families*
- 12:05PM Mass *Paul Battaglia & all 9/11 Victims & their Families*

**Friday, September 12**

- 12:05PM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**Saturday, September 13**

- 9:00AM Mass
- 4:00PM Confessions in Church
- 5:30PM Vigil Mass in Church *People of St. AJ*

**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. No weekday 1:00pm Masses this week in the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel of Drexel Newman Center.

**Spiritual Thank You's, Memorials, and Personal Intentions**

Your parish offers several "spiritual" ways in which you can say "thank you" to someone, remember someone in a special way, honor someone living or deceased with a memorial, or bring your own intentions and needs to a special spiritual focus. Personal intentions can be about almost anything, such as grace needed for a difficult decision, for guidance, for health, for a good semester, in gratitude to God for a favor, appeal to God for a special favor, etc.

1. Have one of the daily or Sunday Masses offered for a person[s], living or deceased, or your own personal intentions.
2. The six –month Memorial Candles at the Sacred Heart Shrine and the Holy Child Shrine can be utilized in the same manner.
3. If someone is deceased, particularly a friend of family member, you can enroll that person in the **St. Agatha-St. James Perpetual Memorial Society**. This is particularly appropriate if you are attending a wake or funeral.
4. Ask about a donated gift in memory of a loved one.

Call the Rectory and speak to our office manager, Carole, if you need more information: 215-386-9732.

**Attention all Students:**

**September is "Confession Month"...**

What a wonderful way to begin a new academic year, to avail yourself of the purifying and healing power of Jesus Christ, and through His mercy, have your sins forgiven. You will be ready to start the new term with heart and soul renewed. Every Saturday from 4-5 pm in Church, or by appointment.