

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Gratitude

Installation Mass and Reception - Thank you

The Parish is grateful to all those who helped make Fr. Jim's Installation Mass so beautiful and the Reception so hospitable. We especially thank Bishop Timothy C. Senior and Monsignor Kevin C. Lawrence for their participation. It was indeed an honor to have them here at St. AJ.

We thank Fr. George (the MC), Fr. Gus, Fr. Jaehwa, and all the liturgical ministers who helped things go smoothly. The efforts of all were much appreciated. The choir lent their lovely voices to the occasion and many lent willing hands. Palma Marinas and her family with the help of Tom Finnegan made everyone most welcome at the Reception following the Installation. We sincerely thank all those "behind the scenes" people without whom no event would ever be successful. We appreciate you!

Ministry Sign-Up – Thank You

Many of you have responded to the invitation to sign-up to serve your local church of St. Agatha-St. James as a liturgical minister, perhaps as a lector, usher, acolyte, extraordinary minister of communion, or music minister. How blessed we are that so many of you do respond to the call to serve. This parish is well known for the contributions of time and talent of its liturgical ministers. To be a Catholic Christian is intrinsically to serve and to witness. Service is inherent in our baptismal identity. Of course, we understand that there are many who do want to be a part of one of these liturgical ministries but know that they are committed elsewhere, often serving in other capacities. To those who may be discerning whether this is your calling, you are still welcome to fill out the sign-up sheet. We extend a warm invitation to sign-up to anyone who may not have had an opportunity to be present in Church to learn about these ministry opportunities.

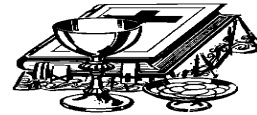
It is wonderful to see so many in the pews, praising God and giving powerful witness to faith. It is clear that there is a direct correlation between Mass attendance and good stewardship. They are intrinsically related. Here's why:

- 1. When a Catholic is willing to offer an hour a week in praise and gratitude to God, there is a good possibility that he/she will also be willing to offer time, talent, and treasure in other areas.
2. The work and service a person does in the Parish community must be grounded in the Eucharist to flourish.
3. Stewardship takes faith and sacrifice. Only by faith can we know that time we spend with God and for God does not diminish our time for other things. Rather, God multiplies and magnifies our efforts to increase the harvest of our lives, work and relationships.

2010 Catholic Cultural Awareness Forum

The Office for Black Catholics and the Martin de Porres Foundation presents the 2010 Catholic Cultural Awareness Forum: Celebrating the Culture of Africans and African-Americans. Bishop Timothy Senior will be the celebrant and homilist at 9 am Mass at St. Francis de Sales. More Information at 215-587-3634.

26th Week at St. AJ



Saturday, September 25

9:00AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
2:30PM Wedding Kaufman / Jeffers GLS
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass Intentions of St. AJ Community

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 26

10:00AM Mass The Candeloro and Zagrosky Families
Catholic Forum will meet today after 10:00 Mass in The Center.
11:30AM Mass Intentions of St. AJ Parishioners and Benefactors
5:00PM Mass Powell and Blanche DuBose
5:00PM Mass in Korean Celebrated by Fr. Jaehwa in The Center
10:00PM Mass Students, Faculties & Staffs of Area Universities

Monday, September 27

7:00AM & 12:05PM Mass Monday – Friday in St. Bede Chapel
1:00PM Mass Celebrated at Drexel Chapel Monday - Thursday

Tuesday, September 28

12:05PM Mass Soul of Raymond E. Hull
12:30PM to 2:00PM Church open by request – ask at The Center

Friday, October 1

12:05PM Mass Soul of G. Michael Bellenghi
No 1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel on Fridays
5:30PM Wedding Rehearsal Northrup / Nnadi GLS

Saturday, October 2

9:00AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00PM Wedding Northrop / Nnadi GLS
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass Intentions of Clair Schultz

BUT, Did You Know?

The Parish of St. James was founded in 1850 by Bishop Kenrick. BUT, the original name of the Parish was not St. James, but St. Vincent de Paul. However, when the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers asked to establish a parish in Germantown, Bishop Kenrick thought it would be more fitting for that parish to be named after their founder. Thus, before the old Church was built, the name of our parish was changed to St. James.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

St. AJ conducts an RCIA journey that leads candidates to Easter and full incorporation at the Lord's Eucharist. If interested in the RCIA, visit the RCIA page at www.saintsaj.org or call the Rectory and leave your name and number.

CATHOLIC FORUM meets every Sunday in The Center, after the 10 AM Mass, with coffee and treats, to reflect on the day's Liturgy of the Word and how to make it real in our lives. We are not Bible scholars but just earnest Catholics engaging the Word of God. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Parking Availability for Weekend Masses

Please take advantage of available parking when coming to a weekend Mass: In church: Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil Mass; Sunday Masses - 10 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm and 10 pm. Also 5 pm Korean Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays 5 pm in The Chapel. You can park in the Church parking lot immediately adjacent to the Rectory, the little parking lot off 38th Street, or the big parking lot behind The Center - enter from the 3700 block of Sansom Street.

Saturday Confessions, the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses are held in St. AJ Church.

Newman Notes

The Center 3720 Chestnut Street
www.newman.upenn.edu

Drexel Chapel 30 South 33rd Street
www.drexelnewman.org

Daily Mass

Monday – Friday 7:30 am and 12:05pm The Center
St. Bede Chapel – Upper Level

Drexel Chapel 1:00 pm Mass Monday through Thursday
St. Katharine Drexel Chapel, 2nd Floor

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tough Questions Series

Join us on **Monday, Sept. 20, at 7:00 pm** in the Penn Newman Center for the first in a weekly series called Tough Questions. Participants can anonymously submit questions for priests and professional ministry staff to answer. Everything you always wanted to know about the Church but were afraid to ask! *All are welcome!*

Penn and Drexel COR Retreat

COR includes reflective talks by students, discussions, personal reflection time, recreation, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist -- all with the aim of discovering God and God's love in one another and in all things. COR will take place **Oct. 8-10, 2010**. For more information or to register, contact Mary Mahon at mjmahon@newman.upenn.edu or 215-898-7575. *All Penn and Drexel sophomores, juniors and seniors invited!*

Beatification of John Henry Cardinal Newman

Newman ministries are named in honor of the Cardinal whose 19th-century writings greatly influenced the work of the Church in higher education. Cardinal Newman is being beatified in September, and all college students in University City are invited to celebrate this occasion with Dinner, Mass and a Conference at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on **Saturday, Oct. 23, 4:00-8:00 pm**. RSVP to Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

Circle of St. Bede

The Circle of St. Bede invites interested faculty and professionals to join us on **Tuesdays 8:10-8:50 am** in the lower level of Penn Newman. If interested, please contact Dr. Peter Dodson: dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu.

Morning Scripture Study

Beginning September 15, we gather at **8:00 am on Wednesdays** in the lower level of Penn Newman. New members are warmly welcomed. Contact Charlotte Ethier at ethiercc@aol.com.

Holy Hour

All are invited to join us for our weekly Holy Hour on **Wednesdays at 8:00 pm** at Penn Newman – Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration, & Benediction. Priests will be available to hear confessions weekly at 7:00 pm on Wednesday.

Stand Up for Life

Every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am a pro-life group will celebrate Mass at the Penn Newman Center. Following Mass, they will pray the Rosary in procession to the Women's Medical Society clinic at 38th and Lancaster.

PENN NEWMAN: ALL STUDENTS

Walking to 10:00 pm Mass?

Interested in walking to 10:00 pm Mass each Sunday with other Catholics? Newman will help coordinate people walking together on campus. Email Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu and let him know which dorm you are coming from; we'll meet you there at 9:50 pm.

Dollar Dinner!

On Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Penn Newman, gather with us for an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner for just \$1! All Penn students are welcome and no reservation necessary!

Penn Newman: Spiritual Mentoring/Direction

Spiritual mentoring/direction is an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a professional minister to speak about your life. Several mentors are available to Penn undergraduate and graduate students. See www.newman.upenn.edu.

West Philly Recess Initiative

Penn Newman undergrads and grad students will be gathering for this program at local elementary schools. **2 hours per week (M-F)** on site around lunchtime. Promote a more pleasant lunchroom and environment conducive to interactive play and fitness through games and activities. Contact Natalie at west.philly.recess@gmail.com.

Service Opportunity: Tutoring

Participate in a tutoring program for children from K-4th grades at Annunciation BVM Church in South Philly on **Mondays, 3:00-5:15 pm**. The children are primarily Mexican immigrants who are just learning English, and consequently placed below grade level in local schools. Contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

Support Group for Penn Students Coping with Illness or Death of a Loved One

Penn students facilitate a peer-led support group. For more info, see www.newman.upenn.edu (scroll down to the bottom of the page under "Ongoing Programs"). Though this is not a Penn Newman activity, we are happy to let students know of this opportunity.

PENN NEWMAN: GRAD STUDENTS

Small Faith-Sharing Groups

We would like to start some faith-sharing/discussion groups of Penn grad students to begin meeting in Fall 2010. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

