

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



By your perseverance you will secure your lives.

Gospel of St. Luke 21:19

Called to Conversion and Holiness

Cardinal Justin Rigali recently published a Pastoral Letter for all the faithful entitled *Called to Conversion and Holiness* which announced a planning initiative in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and stressed three major priorities for our Archdiocese as we plan for the future so that “we might be more effective in advancing the mission of Christ.”

These three Super-priorities – the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Confession, and the Special Need for Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia – will ensure that “our Catholic faith will more deeply take root in our daily lives” and that “we are faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.” There must also be other evangelizing and sanctifying initiatives as we support the vocation to Christian marriage, consecrated life, and the dedicated single life.

The letter also announced strategic planning for our Archdiocesan Office structure, our Parishes and Catholic Education. To learn more about how and when this will unfold, read Cardinal Rigali’s Pastoral Letter on the Archdiocesan website at www.archphila.org.

RECEPTION TODAY: With great joy we welcome Christopher Nies into the Catholic Church today at the 10 AM Mass. Chris, a Drexel alum, has been worshiping with us for nine months and has been a faithful and active participant in RCIA and Catholic Forum. We are blessed to have him in our parish. He sets a fine example as he plans to immediately be involved in lay ministries. Catholic Forum will be hosting a small reception for Chris after the 10 AM Mass, in The Center -- all are invited. Welcome to the family, Chris!

St. Charles Seminary Annual Appeal Today

We give thanks to God for the presence within our Archdiocesan Community of this Seminary which is renowned locally, nationally, and internationally for its excellent program for priestly formation. Each year this special collection supports the work of the Seminary in training future priests, not just for Philadelphia but also for many dioceses throughout the country who utilize St. Charles for their formation programs. Your continued generosity and support will ensure that all our future priests will receive the best opportunities to grow in their vocations. Please pray for all the seminarians in formation. We welcome Seminarian Thomas Whittingham to SS AJ this weekend. He will speak at all the Masses on behalf of this appeal.

- Please donate to the Seminary appeal
- Use the envelope mailed to you or one in the rear of Church. Mail to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Office of Development, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096
- If you wish, donate online at www.scs.edu

8th Grade Visitation at Bonner and Prendie

On Thursday, November 18, Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast will be hosting 8th Grade Visitation Day. If interested, please visit www.bonnerhigh.com or www.prendie.com or call 610-259-0280 ext. 1205 to RSVP.

This Week at St. AJ



Saturday, November 13

9:00AM Mass *Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil*

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Blessings on the SS AJ Community*

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 14

10:00AM Mass *Rose & Joseph Candeloro and Maryann DeMarco*

Catholic Forum will meet today after 10:00 AM Mass in The Center.

11:30AM Mass *Intentions of Seminole and Gatto Families*

5:00PM Mass *Intentions of SS AJ Parishioners & Benefactors*

5:00PM Mass in Korean *Celebrated by Fr. Jaehwa in The Center*

10:00PM Mass *Students, Faculties & Staffs of Area Universities*

Monday, November 15

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass Monday – Friday in St. Bede Chapel

1:00PM Mass Celebrated at Drexel Chapel Monday - Thursday

Friday, November 19

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of Juan Chico*

No 1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel on Fridays

Saturday, November 20

9:00AM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Blessings on the SS AJ Community*

Small Group Program Training Seminar

SS Agatha-James will be starting a Small Groups Program. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please come to a training seminar being offered on Sunday, November 21 from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Write to info@saintsaj.org if you are interested and plan to attend the seminar. All are most welcome.

Some Historical Info about St. Charles Seminary

St. Charles Seminary, in Overbrook outside Philadelphia since 1871, was founded by Bishop Francis Kenrick in 1832, and was located in several places in Philadelphia.

But, Did You Know...

Bishop Kenrick (who founded the parish of St. James in 1850) had purchased land in Hamilton Village (University City) for the Seminary. The property was located between 39th and 40th Streets and between Walnut and Locust Street (now Locust Walk). Today this property is occupied by the Rodin College House, the DuBois College House and a branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Bishop Kenrick sold the land in 1848 before founding St. James Parish. So we wonder - where would St. James Church be if the Bishop didn't sell Hamilton Square?

Parking Available for Weekend Masses

Parking is available for our Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses. Park in the Rectory parking lot (adjacent to the Rectory), the little parking lot off 38th St. near Sansom St., or the big parking lot behind The Center – enter from the 3700 block of Sansom St.

Pilgrimage to Italy

St. Peter the Apostle Church, 5th and Girard Sts., is sponsoring an 11 day pilgrimage to Italy from March 21 to March 31. For more information, call St. Peter's Rectory 215-627-3319 or email Fr. Varghese Kocherry, CSsR, at vkocherry@gmail.com.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. Psalm 98

Saturday Confessions, 5:30 pm Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses - except Mass in Korean - are in SS AJ Church.

Newman Notes

Penn Newman Center 3720 Chestnut Street
www.newman.upenn.edu

Mr. Jeff Klein, Assistant Director, Penn Newman

Drexel Newman Ministry 30 South 33rd Street
www.drexelnewman.org

Daily Mass

Penn Newman Center 7:30 am, 12:05pm Mon-Fri
St. Bede Chapel – Upper Level

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Connections” Small-Groups Program: Seminars

St. Agatha-James Parish is starting a small-groups program! This is an opportunity to meet weekly for prayer, socialization and discussion. Groups will likely form around specific populations (e.g., undergrads, grad students, professionals) but participation is open to all. Join us for the seminar on **Sunday, Nov. 21, 1:00-4:30 pm** at Penn Newman to learn more. If you are interested, please e-mail Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

Coat Drive

Baby, it's cold outside... The Penn Newman Center is holding a coat drive to benefit students at Lea Elementary School. Please donate new or gently used coats for children grades K-8 **by January 14**. All donations can be brought to the Newman Center at 3720 Chestnut Street. For more information or questions, contact Louisa Jacquinto at ljacquinto@gmail.com.

Tutor at the IHM Center for Literacy!

Interested in helping recent immigrants learn English? If so, then volunteering at the IHM Center for Literacy (just a few blocks from campus) may be perfect for you. Sister Fran Small, IHM, is looking for some friends who are willing to help out in the "language lab." Your primary job will be to help the learners progress in Rosetta Stone, which the teachers use to supplement the classroom work. If you are interested in learning more – no obligation – feel free to contact Eric Banecker at ejb@sas.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 upper level of Penn Newman. If interested, please contact Dr. Peter Dodson: dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu.

Morning Scripture Study

We gather at **8:00 am on Wednesdays** in the upper 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 7:00 pm (changed from 8:00) at Penn Newman – Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration, and Benediction. Also, confessions will be heard during this time.

Stand Up for Life

Every **2nd 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 Penn Family Care at 39th and Chestnut.

National Catholic Student Coalition: Leadership Conference

Are you interested in meeting other Catholic collegians? Do you want to learn what it takes to be a faith-filled leader on campus? If so, join Catholic college students from across the country for an annual leadership conference hosted by the National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC). The NCSC, as the representative voice of Catholic collegians, provides students with the necessary resources, network, and partners in order to aid in the formation of faith-filled Catholics. For more information about the NCSC or the annual leadership conference, visit www.catholicstudent.org or contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

PENN NEWMAN: ALL STUDENTS

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.