

The Second Sunday of Advent



He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Gospel of St. Matthew 3:11

Advent – Anticipating and Waiting

As we prepare for the coming of the Word made flesh, the Church offers the special anticipatory season of Advent to sharpen and heighten our desires and dreams and properly prepare us for the Word made flesh, so that we may focus clearly on what Christmas really means.

Advent calls us to wait in faith - to express our unwavering trust that God will come to us in love and compassion, knowing that God's timing is often not our own.

Advent calls us to wait in quiet patience – to see challenges and setbacks and adversity as opportunities for special grace. It is only our need to have our way that makes God seem out of synch with our lives. God is never late.

Weekday Masses in Advent

One of the best ways of celebrating Advent and preparing for the birth of the Savior is to attend weekday Masses in addition to Sunday. Mass during one or more additional days other than Sunday offers us a fountain of grace for our Advent hearts. The weekday Scripture readings are among the most beautiful and poignant passages in the Old and New Testaments and rich material for mediation and prayer.

Parish Advent Service Tomorrow Night

Advent is a time of preparation – spiritual preparation. The unique grace of the Advent Season is the grace of new beginnings, of starting over, of self-emptying, in order to prepare a place inside ourselves for the coming of Christ. One of the best ways to enter into Advent Grace is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of our Advent commitment to newness, we will celebrate our traditional ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE tomorrow night, Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm in The Center. Everyone is welcome! Please plan to attend to enhance your Advent Season and to prepare your heart in the light of God's truth and love.

Annual Retirement Fund for Religious

The Archdiocese has designated next weekend, December 11 and 12, as the time to give to the Annual Retirement Fund for Religious. This is one of the most important appeals in the Catholic Church in the United States. Many religious communities of men and women receive much needed support through your generosity in sharing with them the responsibility of caring for retired senior members who labored in the Church at a time when communities received little compensation and no provisions for retirement.

Christmas Concert to Benefit Generation Life

Sunday, December 12, there will be a Christmas concert starting at 11:30 am at the World Café Live, 3025 Walnut Street, Philadelphia – not far from SS AJ. Net proceeds will benefit Generation Life. The featured performer will be Christian musician Bebo Norman whose Christmas music seeks to promote a Christ centered Christmas. Ticket information is available at www.BeboNorman.com for general admission tickets.



Saturday, December 4

9:00AM Mass *In Memory of Charles and Robert*

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *In Memory of Millie Cole*

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5

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

10:00AM Mass *The Candeloro and Zagrosky Families*

11:30AM Mass *In Memory of William V. Roache*

5:00PM Mass *In Memory of Katherine Allison Zinni*

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

Monday, December 6

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

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

7:00PM Parish Advent Penance Service in The Center

Tuesday, December 7

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of June and Joseph*

Wednesday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7:30AM

12:05PM Mass Intentions of Kate St. Clair

1:00PM Mass

5:30PM Mass

Thursday, December 9

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of Louis Dincher*

Friday, December 10

No 1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel on Fridays

Saturday, December 11

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

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Intentions of the SS AJ Community*



- Monday, December 6

Parish Penance Service will be held in The Center at 7:00 pm. Plan to attend and become more alert to God this Advent.

- Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation. No Vigil Mass. Mass schedule:

In The Center at 7:30 am, 12:05 pm, and 5:30 pm on Dec. 8

At Drexel Newman Center at 1:00 pm on Dec. 8

- Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Church at 8:00 pm

- Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, in Church at 10:00 am

- Feast of the Holy Family- No Vigil Mass and no 10:00pm Mass

- Epiphany of The Lord – No Vigil Mass and no 10:00 pm Mass

- Baptism of The Lord – No Vigil Mass and no 10:00 pm Mass

The Christmas folder was mailed to Parishioners. These folders also are available in the back of Church and in The Center.

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.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Psalm 72

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

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, 2011. 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 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.

Prayer Resources

Penn Newman invites you to check out our webpage with several links to resources designed to enhance your spiritual life. Go to www.newman.upenn.edu, Click on Activities, then Prayer & Spirituality, then Prayer Resources.

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) during December 29, 2010 – January 1, 2011. 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

After-Mass Social

Come to the Penn Newman Center at 11:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 5 for free food and fun at an After-Mass Social! Contact Matt Oliveras with any questions at oliveras@wharton.upenn.edu. All are welcome.

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.

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.