

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Gospel of St. Matthew 1:23

Rejoice, the Lord is Near!

During the Advent and Christmas Season, pray this response out loud or in your heart to your prayers of petition: "Be born in us; be born in our world."

Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932-1996)

The work of Advent is to bring light to the dark places of our life, to fill the valleys of poverty and want; to make the mountains of injustice flat and to straighten the roads that have been made impassable because of mistrust and lack of love and forgiveness.

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Always remember – we are challenged to make our hearts ready for Jesus. Take time each day to pray, attend daily Mass, perform a work of kindness or charity, and invite someone you know to come back to the Sacraments and to the Church. The important thing is to prepare for His coming.

Adapted from "The Word Among Us"

Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You. Let those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Psalms 70: 4

Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory. Psalm 24

Attending Weekday Masses

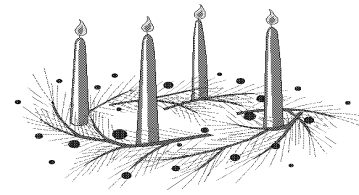
An excellent way of celebrating Advent and preparing for the birth of the Savior is to attend weekday Masses in addition to Sunday. Also, attending Mass between Christmas and New Year's offers us a fountain of grace. The weekday Scripture readings in the Old and Testaments are beautiful and poignant and offer rich material for meditation and prayer.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Thanks

Your generosity to the Annual Retirement Fund for Religious last weekend is most appreciated. The religious communities helped by your contributions receive much needed support through your generosity. You share 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 Wishes to All

As we enter into the solemn celebration of this holy season of the birth of the Savior, Fr. Jim, Fr. George, Fr. Gus, Fr. Jaehwa and the Staff of St. Agatha - St. James and the Newman Apostolates at Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania extend to all of you and your loved ones best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas Season. Please know that your needs and intentions are remembered in the priests' prayers and Masses during these Holy Days.



Saturday, December 18

9:00AM Mass *In Memory of Eugene and Dante*

4:00PM Confessions

5:30PM Vigil Mass *In Memory of Nicholas Pipino*

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19

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

10:00AM Mass *Intentions of the Ticehurst Family*

11:30AM Mass *In Honor of Living Members of the Orlando and Principato Families*

5:00PM Mass *In Memory of Jennifer Grace Robinson*

5:00PM Mass *in Korean celebrated today, Dec. 19, in The Center*

10:00PM Mass *In Memory of Teresita Narvaez Peregrino*

Monday, December 20

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

No 1:00PM Mass celebrated at Drexel Chapel until January 3, 2011

Tuesday, December 21

7:30AM Mass *In Memory of Fr. Chuck Pfeffer*

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of Fr. Chuck Pfeffer*

Friday, December 24

7:30 AM Mass

12:05 PM Mass

8:00PM Vigil of Christmas Mass *People of St. Agatha – St. James*



Saturday, December 25

10:00AM Christmas Mass *The People of St. Agatha – St. James*



Christmas and Post-Christmas Schedule

- Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Church at 8:00 pm
- Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, in Church at 10:00 am
- Feast of the Holy Family- No Vigil Mass and no 10:00pm Mass
- Masses on Sunday, December 26: 10am, 11:30am and 5pm
- Mary, Mother of God, Saturday, January 1, 2011, New Year's Day; 10:00 am Mass only; not a Holy Day of Obligation; no Vigil Mass on December 31. 10 am Mass celebrated in The Center.
- Epiphany of The Lord – No Vigil Mass and no 10:00 pm Mass
- Masses on Sunday, January 2: 10 am, 11:30 am and 5 pm
- Baptism of The Lord – No Vigil Mass and no 10:00 pm Mass
- Masses on Sunday, January 9: 10 am, 11:30 am and 5 pm

Christmas folders are 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, next 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.

8:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass and 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass 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 – 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) 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

Extended Hours for Finals Week!

Starting December 14, all Penn students are invited to use the Penn Newman Center as a place to study, relax and socialize. We'll have snacks and maybe even some healthy food available.

- Sunday (Dec. 19): 4:00 pm - Midnight
- Monday (Dec. 20): 9:00 am - Midnight

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! **No more Dollar Dinners in 2010, but we'll start again January 13, 2011.**

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.