

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Conversion and Holiness

Here is a bit more on the Sacrament of Confession during this Lenten season from the office of Justin Cardinal Rigali. All of us are in need of healing and forgiveness which according to God's plan is given to us in the Sacrament of Confession. In this great Sacrament, the reality of sin and forgiveness is placed before us, not so that we can lament that we are all in the same boat, but so that we might rejoice that, although we have sinned, Jesus, the divine physician, always offers us His healing and forgiveness.

N.B. Visit the website of the Archdiocese - www.archphila.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Parish Lenten Penance Service: Tuesday of Holy Week, April 19, at 7:30 PM in Church.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday: April 21, 7:30 PM in Church

Good Friday: April 22, 3 PM and 7:30 PM in Church

Easter Vigil: April 23, 7:30 PM in Church

Central and Eastern European Collection

Thank you for your generous response to the Archdiocesan collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last weekend.

Home Missions

This weekend, April 2–3, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will take up the special collection for Catholic Home Missions. Please place your donation in the basket in the rear of Church. We thank you for your generosity.

Stand Up for Life

Every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM a pro-life group will celebrate Mass at the St. Bede Chapel, Penn Newman Center. Following Mass they will pray the Rosary in procession to Penn Family Care at 39th and Chestnut Street.

Parish Pastoral Council: *Alexandra McFadden, Natalie Seminole, Carole Tokarczyk*

Parish Financial Council: *John Doyle, Ray Jones, Peter Scoles*

ADULT MINISTRIES

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For matters pertaining to Circle of St. Bede, Catholic Forum, RCIA, Pre-Cana, Scripture Study, Legion of Mary, Connections, Young Adults, please contact TBA.

Everyone is welcome to attend Catholic Forum, a gathering of parishioners who share in fellowship and reflect on the readings of each Sunday's Mass. Meet after the 10 AM Mass at the back of Church near the Heritage Room to walk to the Center.

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 gathers 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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 2

9:00AM Mass

4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30PM Vigil Mass *In Memory of Michael Ward*

Sunday, April 3 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday

10:00AM Mass *God's Blessing on Amy*

11:30AM Mass *In Memory of Sarah (Sally) M. Kennedy*

5:00PM Mass *In Memory of Lyn and Noel Brinker*

10:00PM Mass *In Memory of Anthony Cipolla*

Monday, April 4

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

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of David J. DiNinni*

1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel Monday - Thursday

Wednesday, April 6

7:00PM Holy Hour St. Bede Chapel, Penn Newman Center

Friday, April 8

5:15PM Church Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 9

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

4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Parishioners and Benefactors of St. AJ*

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, April 9 and 10

Saturday, April 9

4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation *Fr. Gus*

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Fr. Gus*

Sunday, April 10 Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00AM Mass *Fr. George*

11:30AM Mass *Fr. George*

5:00PM Mass *Fr. Jim*

10:00PM Mass *Fr. Jim*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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For matters pertaining to Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Sextons, Audio/Visual, contact TBA.

Stations of the Cross: in the Church at 5:15 PM Friday, April 8.

Holy Hour is every Wednesday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Penn Newman Center chapel. We will pray the Rosary and have silent prayer. Confessions will be heard. Holy Hour will close with Benediction. Come and bring a friend.

OPERATIONAL MINISTRIES

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For matters pertaining to Business Ministries, Facilities Ministries, Office Ministries or Custodial Ministries, please contact Joe Lamb.

Parking is available for weekend Masses in these locations: the parking lot adjacent to the Rectory; the big parking lot behind The Center – enter from the 3700 block of Sansom Street; or the little parking lot, off 38th Street near Sansom Street

Monday – Friday there is very limited guest parking for Mass attendance and visitors in the lot adjacent to the Rectory. This must be cleared with Joe Lamb.

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DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY

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Small Group Prayer & Discussion Meeting: Small group prayer and discussion will take place Wednesdays at 8:30 PM in the Newman Office on the 2nd floor of the Intercultural Center. This is an opportunity to gather with others, reflect on scripture, and spend some time in prayer. For more info, contact drexelnewman@gmail.com. All are welcome to join.

PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY

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ALL PENN STUDENTS

Baccalaureate Mass & Reception: All graduating undergrad and grad students of Penn and their family and friends are cordially invited to celebrate with us. Mass is Saturday, May 14, at 5:30 pm at St. AJ's Church with the reception following immediately after at Penn Newman. Please RSVP the number attending the Reception no later than May 6 to Jeff Klein: jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

Kentucky Appalachia Mission Trip: Join us as we work with and learn from the people of one of the poorest regions in the U.S., July 22-30, 2011. Contact jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

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: 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 an environment conducive to interactive play and fitness through games and activities. Contact Natalie Feigenbaum 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.

PENN UNDERGRADUATES

Newman Nights: The Penn Newman Center has begun an exciting new weekly series for undergraduates. Newman Nights feature an opportunity for community-building, prayer and discussion on current topics. All Penn undergrads welcome! Sundays, 8:30-9:45 pm.

Newman Nights continued:

Topic for April 3: Leadership. We need your help planning and organizing Penn Newman activities! Join us to find out how to get involved.

Topic for April 10: TBA.

PENN GRADUATE STUDENTS

Theology on Tap: The Penn Newman Center is looking for graduate students interested in helping launch a Theology on Tap program. Theology on Tap involves meeting for discussions on current topics at a local bar. This is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. We are looking for assistance in generating ideas for topics and speakers and welcome any level of commitment you can give. If this interests you at all, please contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu

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Roots Retreat: Exploring Catholicism: Take some time to meet new friends, explore Catholicism, spend time with God in nature, and brainstorm ways to apply our faith on-campus. Enjoy talks, small group times, and different types of worship led by students and staff. ROOTS will be Saturday, April 9 to Sunday, April 10. We will leave by 9:30 AM on Saturday; the Retreat concludes at 11 PM on Sunday. Meals are included. We will carpool to Greta Glen Retreat Center in Lebanon, PA. Cost is only \$25! Spots are limited, so if you would like to go, please contact Crissy Bowen at uscience Newman@gmail.com.

Connections at USci: There is a small group that meets at USci every Tuesday night at 8 PM in STC 137 to build relationships, read and learn more about Scripture, pray together and brainstorm ways to put our faith into action. Contact Crissy Bowen at uscience Newman@gmail.com or stop on by!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

For Pete's Sake, Walk! Round the bases! Join the Phillie Phanatic on April 10 at Citizens Bank Park in a charity walk for families facing cancer. Visit www.takeabreakfromcancer.org.

IHM Sisters' Night: An opportunity to spend Friday, April 8 at Villa Maria House of Studies with the IHM Sisters. RSVP: Sr. Rose Mulligan, ibmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553.

Stations of the Cross with Cardinal Rigali on Good Friday: Cardinal Rigali will conduct an outdoor candlelight procession and the devotions of the Way of the Cross on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Good Friday evening, April 22, beginning at 7:30 PM. The faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join His Eminence for this public witness to our faith. Beginning at 6:30 PM shuttle buses will be available for transportation to the Seminary from St. Joseph's University parking lot on 54th St. below City Ave. If you are planning to attend, please call Kathy Kelley at 215-965-8280.