

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS**

**Call to Conversion and Holiness:** The mystery of God calling a young man to follow Him as a priest is a divine mystery, which can never be fully understood. However, according to God's plan, there are also human factors that can cooperate with God in the fulfillment of that plan: a home in which the priesthood is esteemed, along with the good example of joyful, faithful priests, have been shown to be the greatest human instruments of this mysterious call.

Visit the home page of the Archdiocese - [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org) – and read Cardinal Rigali's complete Pastoral Letter.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, The Second Sunday of Easter:** The Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina.

**Easter Season in the Church:** The Church doesn't contain its joy and celebration of Easter to one day. Easter Sunday was the first day of fifty days that end with the solemnity of Pentecost. During this Holy Season of Easter, the Scriptures and the daily and Sunday liturgies examine the central mystery of our faith in all its varied aspects. It is a good season to avail yourself of the opportunities for daily Mass and Sunday Mass. There are Easter Masses available on weekdays and Sundays if anyone wishes to have a Mass said for a particular intention. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a Mass.

**Collegiate Confirmation – 5:30 PM Saturday, April 30:** This Saturday we welcome The Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. At the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass Bishop Senior will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Catholic students from area colleges and universities.

**Catholic Charities Appeal in May:** Each year the Catholic Charities Appeal raises much needed funds to support social service programs provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Appeal provides hope and gives help to almost 250,000 people each year. 100% of the funds raised in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia benefit the people in the five-county region. Since 2000, the Appeal has raised an average of \$8.5 million annually and funds over 80 social service organizations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**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, the Newman Center. Following Mass they pray the Rosary in procession to Penn Family Care at 39<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut St.

## **PARISH COUNCILS**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** *Eric Banecker, Alexandra McFadden, Thomas Holloman, Natalie Seminole, Carole Tokarczyk*

**Parish Finance Council:** *John Doyle, Ray Jones, Ed Nelling, Peter Scoles*

## **PARISH MINISTRIES**

### **ADULT MINISTRIES**

TBA, Director of Adult Ministries  
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## **Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday, April 30**

9:00AM Mass *In Memory of Ned Ryan*  
4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Collegiate Confirmation*  
*Bishop Timothy C. Senior*

### **Sunday, May 1 Divine Mercy Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10:00AM Mass *Intentions of the Ticehurst Family*  
11:30AM Mass *Intentions of Sharon Best*  
5:00PM Mass *In Memory of Edward McGuinn*  
10:00PM Mass *In Memory of Pamela Walsh*

### **Monday, May 2**

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass at Newman Center Chapel Mon.–Fri.  
12:05PM Mass *In Memory of Maria Giampa*  
1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel Monday – Thursday

### **Wednesday, May 4**

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of Rose Ann and Ray Terkoski*  
7:00PM Holy Hour will be held tonight in Newman Center Chapel.

### **Saturday, May 7**

9:00AM Mass *In Memory of Janet Bowman*  
2:00PM Wedding Sean Paton and Kim Esack Fr. George  
4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30PM Vigil Mass *In Memory of Agnes Supol*

*Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, May 7 and 8*

### **Saturday, May 7**

5:30PM Vigil Mass *Fr. Gus*

### **Sunday, May 8**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10:00AM Mass *Fr. Jim*  
11:30AM Mass *Fr. Jim*  
5:00PM Mass *Fr. George*  
10:00PM Mass *Fr. Gus*

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

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

**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 the Newman Center. If interested, please contact Dr. Peter Dodson: [dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu](mailto:dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu).

**Legion of Mary:** We will meet at 6:00 PM Wednesday evenings in Room 2, Lower Level, the Newman Center. Please contact [yjk72770@gmail.com](mailto:yjk72770@gmail.com) for more information.

**Morning Scripture Study:** New members are warmly welcomed as we gather at 8:00 AM on Wednesdays in the lower level of the Newman Center. Contact Charlotte Ethier at [ethiercc@aol.com](mailto:ethiercc@aol.com).

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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

**Holy Hour:** Holy Hour will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday evening, May 4, in St. Bede Chapel of the Newman Center. Next Wednesday, May 11, will be the final Holy Hour for this semester.

## **OPERATIONAL MINISTRIES**

*Joseph Lamb, Director of Operational Ministries*  
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For matters pertaining to Business Ministries, Facilities Ministries, Office Ministries or Custodial Ministries, please contact Joe Lamb.

**Weekend Parking:** 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, enter from 38<sup>th</sup> Street near Sansom Street

**Weekday Parking:** Monday – Friday there is very limited guest parking for Mass attendance and visitors in the lot adjacent to the Rectory. Weekday parking 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 9:00 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](mailto:drexelnewman@gmail.com). All are welcome to join.

## **PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY**

*Jeff Klein, Assistant Director, Penn Newman*  
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## **ALL PENN STUDENTS**

**Baccalaureate Mass & Reception:** All graduating undergrad and grad students of Penn and their families and friends are cordially invited to celebrate with us. Baccalaureate 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 at [jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu](mailto: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! Thanks to the many people who helped with Dollar Dinner this year and also to those who attended. This Thursday, May 5, will be the final Dollar Dinner for the Spring Semester.

**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](http://www.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](http://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 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

**Newman Nights:** The Newman Center began an exciting weekly series for undergraduates this semester. Newman Nights featured an opportunity for community-building, prayer and discussion on current topics. All Penn undergrads were welcome on Sundays, 8:30-9:45 pm. Newman Nights will resume in September.

## **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](mailto:jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu).

## **U SCIENCES NEWMAN MINISTRY**

*Mike Chovanes, Assistant Director, USciences Newman*  
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**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 Mike at [uscience Newman@gmail.com](mailto:uscience Newman@gmail.com) or stop on by!

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Life Awareness Retreat:** June 10 – 12, at the Malvern Retreat House, join a group of single men and women, 18 – 40 years of age, for a weekend to explore the possibility of life as a Religious Sister, Brother or Priest. This retreat is sponsored by the Vocation Directors of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in collaboration with the Serra Clubs throughout the Diocese. For more information, email [religiouslifephilly@gmail.com](mailto:religiouslifephilly@gmail.com) or visit the Philadelphia Archdiocese website.

**SS John Neumann and Maria Goretti High School "A Taste of South Philly":** Monday, May 2, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Pier 1, Delaware Avenue. For information, call 215-465-8437 ext. 229. For tickets via credit card, call 215-389-0925.

**Roman Catholic High School "Evening with Jerry Blavet":** Saturday, May 7 from 7:00 PM to Midnight, buffet and dancing. For tickets and information, contact Joann at 215-342-6969.