

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

From Fr. Jim – Update on the Rectory and a Review:

Let us first offer an update on the Rectory for the SS AJ Community. We hope to host an Open House sometime in the Fall so that all the community can see the results of our efforts this past year. Many of the repairs cannot actually be seen, however, because they involve the essential operating systems of the building: electrical, heating, plumbing. Many of these repairs were the result of long-standing and persistent problems. To enable all of these repairs to be accomplished in a timely fashion and to return the Rectory to its primary function as the home of the priests, all lay staff was moved to the Newman Center. We look forward to having you see the Rectory renovations in the Fall.

Now to review, the Parish of St. Agatha – St. James is in the process of evolving with the help of The Holy Spirit and, hopefully, the good will of all involved in the Parish. SS AJ is responsible for multi constituent communities: the resident Parish population; patients at the three area hospitals (CHOP, Presby, and HUP); the Drexel community; the Penn community; and the USci Community. As I am the first to be appointed as Pastor and Director of the three college Ministries, there is no model to follow and I rely on leadership and guidance from the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council, and the Parish Staff. As mentioned last Sunday, this is most definitely a challenging assignment but with your help, I hope we will achieve all that God wishes us to accomplish for His Church. God’s blessings to each of you.

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“Open Your Heart. Open a Door.” Catholic Charities Appeal - Archdiocese of Philadelphia: *I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.* Matthew 25:35-36, 40. The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia responds daily to the physical and spiritual needs of people with a helping hand. By opening our hearts to the cry of the needy, we begin to make it possible to open a door for them and meet their needs.

The generous support of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal provides for a significant portion of the operating expenses of 82 ministries – ministries that daily respond to the call of Jesus to care for the needy. We sincerely thank all of you who have participated in the Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please consider a gift to support this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal.

Summer Mass Schedule is now in effect: please note:

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass is discontinued for the summer months and will resume Labor Day weekend.

10 PM Sunday Mass is discontinued for the summer months and will resume Labor Day weekend.

Saturday Confessions at 4:00 PM are discontinued for the summer months. Confessions are available by request – ask a priest or call the Parish Office.

Daily Masses: The Daily Masses at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM Monday – Friday continue during the summer months in the Newman Chapel. The last 1:00 PM weekday Mass for the Summer at Drexel Chapel will be this Thursday, June 9.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 4

9:00AM Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM Discontinued for Summer.
Vigil 5:30 PM Mass Discontinued for Summer

Sunday, June 5

7th Sunday of Easter

10:00AM Mass *In Memory of Sarah (Sally) M. Kennedy*
11:30AM Mass *In Memory of Charles H. Spalding*
5:00PM Mass *In Memory of Sarah Horan*
10:00PM Mass Discontinued for Summer

Monday, June 6

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass at Newman Center Chapel Mon.–Fri.
1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel Monday – Thursday

Tuesday, June 7

12:05PM Mass *In Memory of James and Eric*

Wednesday, June 8

Holy Hour discontinued in Newman Center until September.

Thursday, June 9

1:00PM Mass Last Mass for Summer at the Drexel Chapel

Friday, June 10

3:00PM Baccalaureate Mass *In Honor of 2011 Drexel Graduates*

Saturday, June 11

9:00AM Mass *Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil*
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM Discontinued for Summer.
Vigil 5:30 PM Mass Discontinued for Summer
Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, June 12

Sunday, June 12

Pentecost Sunday

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

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 39th and Chestnut Streets.

PARISH COUNCILS

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

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

ADULT MINISTRIES

TBA, Director of 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.

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 10 AM Mass back of Church near Heritage Room to walk to the Center.

Circle of St. Bede: The Circle of St. Bede meets during the academic year and warmly invites interested members of the university community to join on Tuesdays 8:10-8:50 AM in the lower level of the Newman Center. We will begin meeting again in September. If you are interested in attending or for more information, please contact Dr. Peter Dodson at dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu.

The Church of Saint Agatha – Saint James

Legion of Mary (Korean): We meet at 6:00 PM Wednesday evenings in Room 2, Lower Level, the Newman Center. Please contact yik72770@gmail.com for more information.

Morning Scripture Study: Scripture Study meets during the academic year and new members are warmly welcomed as we gather at 8:00 AM on Wednesdays in the lower level of the Newman Center. We will begin meeting again in September. Contact Charlotte Ethier at ethiercc@aol.com for more info.

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 is discontinued for the Summer. The Chapel is open for prayer during the day Monday to Friday.

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 38th 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.

Summer Sunday Masses - 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM: These three Sunday Masses will continue in Church throughout the Summer as renovations are being accomplished in the Newman Center. To increase air circulation we will place two large exhaust fans in the choir loft and several large air circulating fans in the rear of the Church.

Eileen Brennen, Business Manager

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Data Entry Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to do some data entry work. If you are interested, please call Eileen Brennen at 215-573-6041. Thank you.

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DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY

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Drexel Baccalaureate Mass: This Friday, June 10, at 3:00 PM, graduating students from Drexel University will be honored at a special Baccalaureate Mass in Church. We invite all parishioners to Mass to support our student parishioners as they move to another stage in life. Graduating students are asked to gather in their academic gowns at 2:30 PM in the

Newman Center. Drexel graduating students please RSVP to drexelnewman@gmail.com. A reception following Mass for Drexel students, families, and friends will be held in the Newman Center.

Small Group Prayer & Discussion Meeting: Wednesdays at 9:00 PM in the Newman Office on the 2nd floor of the Intercultural Center. All are welcome to gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend some time in prayer. For more info, contact drexelnewman@gmail.com.

PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY

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ALL PENN STUDENTS

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.

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 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Cor Retreat: All Penn sophomores, juniors and seniors are welcome to join us for this retreat, Oct. 7-9, 2011 (Fall Break)! What better way to spend break than on a reflective Catholic retreat run by peers?! This retreat will focus on how faith matters in our daily lives. It will take place outside of Philadelphia and consist of witness talks, small and large group discussions, some discussion of Cardinal Newman – for whom the Newman Center is named – as well as ample time for prayer and reflection. Please contact Jeff Klein, Penn Newman Assistant Director, (jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu) or retreat team leader Bridget Barrett (bbar@nursing.upenn.edu) to sign up or just inquire about more information!

PENN GRADUATE STUDENTS

Theology on Tap: Penn Newman is looking for graduate students interested in helping launch a Theology on Tap (TOT) Program. 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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Congratulations
Class of 2011