

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

From Fr. Jim – Key Ministries in the Church

What are key ministries? How do we define key or major ministries in the Church as opposed to minor ministries? Major and minor do not necessarily refer to the importance to the Church but rather to the importance to the doer, the minister. All service to the Church is worthy of praise. St. Therese of Lisieux has taught us that we can seek holiness in the ordinary and the everyday tasks of life. However, ask yourself which ministry may change your perspective, be spiritually transformative, and bring you to a closer relationship with Christ. In which ministry may you be called to give of yourself on a higher level, a more personal level, a deeper, more meaningful level? A level at which a Hospital Eucharistic Minister has said, "I get more out of this than I give; patients are grateful to receive the Sacrament but I am equally blessed to give it to them." The Church identifies such ministries which have the potential to be transformative as key ministries. These include mission trips, retreats, small groups for faith sharing (Connections), RCIA, among others. Key ministries offer the opportunity for personal spiritual growth.

God's blessings to each of you.

On Freedom: On Independence Day, we acknowledge the anniversary of the signing of the *Declaration of Independence*, a document which is the cornerstone of American Freedom, our most cherished value and legacy. Perhaps nowhere else do our faith and our patriotic identity as Americans intertwine more closely than here in this philosophical and spiritual understanding of Freedom. Our forefathers spoke and acted and fought and sacrificed for the God-given right to be free and pursue human and spiritual independence. The value of Freedom is inexorably linked to our God.

Independence Day Prayer

We lift up our hearts to God, on this day of celebration,
in gratitude for the gift of being an American.

We rejoice with all those who share
in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all.

With flags and feasting, with family and friends,
we salute heroes past and present,
those who have sacrificed all for the good of all.

We declare our intention to work for the time
when all people are granted equal dignity and worth,
regardless of race, religion, heritage, or sex.

Come gracious God, who led your children out of slavery,
keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage,
that we may praise You, our source of freedom,
the One in Whom we trust.

The Campaign for Human Development, July 10: Next Sunday Rev. Dr. Librado L. Baluarte, D.Min., of the Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines, will speak at each Mass in conjunction with the Philadelphia Archdiocese Campaign for Human Development. There will be baskets in the back of church to receive offerings for donations to this Appeal. Fr. Baluarte will speak on the purpose of his appeal: to educate poor but deserving seminarians in the Philippines; and to establish and strengthen Basic Ecclesial Communities which form authentic Christian disciples in the Philippine Church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 2

9:00AM Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, July 3

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM Mass In Memory of Charles H. Spalding

11:30AM Mass In Memory of Rose & Joseph Candeloro and Maryann DeMarco

5:00PM Mass Intentions of Parishioners & Benefactors

Monday, July 4

9:00AM Mass In Thanksgiving for the USA

Tuesday, July 5

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass at Newman Center Chapel Mon.- Fri.

1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel – Discontinued for Summer

Saturday, July 9

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, July 10

Sunday, July 10

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM Mass Fr. George

11:30AM Mass Fr. Jim

5:00PM Mass Fr. Gus

Interested in Music at SS AJ? Do you sing or play an instrument? Interested in participating in the Music Ministry at SS AJ? Please let us know! Write to info@saintsaj.org and tell us of your interest.

Thanks for Supporting Peter's Pence: Your generosity to the Archdiocesan Special Collection for Peter's Pence in support of the Holy Father is much appreciated. As you know, your contribution to this effort allows the Holy Father to provide emergency relief assistance around the world.

2011 Catholic Charities Appeal ended June 30: Sincerest thanks to all who contributed to this year's Appeal.

Stand Up for Life: Every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM a pro-life group celebrates Mass at the St. Bede Chapel, the Center. Following Mass they pray the Rosary in procession to Penn Family Care at 39th and Chestnut Streets.

Independence Day Holiday Mass: On Monday, July 4, there will be a 9:00 AM Mass in the St. Bede Chapel of the Center.



5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00 PM Saturday Confessions and 10 PM Sunday Mass are discontinued for the summer months and will resume Labor Day weekend.

1:00 PM Daily Mass - St. Katharine Drexel Chapel - is discontinued for the summer months.

Daily and Saturday Masses: The Daily Masses at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM Monday – Friday and the Saturday 9:00 AM continue during the summer months in the St. Bede Chapel of the Center, 3720 Chestnut Street.

PARISH COUNCILS

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

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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. Please note: Catholic Forum will not meet Sunday, July 3.

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.

Legion of Mary (Korean): We meet at 6:00 PM Wednesday evenings in Room 2, Lower Level, the Newman Center. Please contact yjk72770@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 (Mon. – Fri.) Parking: there is 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, 5:00 PM: in Church for Summer because of renovations in the Center. We hope the fans increase air circulation and aid in exhaust.

DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY

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Small Group Prayer & Discussion Meeting: Takes place Wednesday evenings at 9:00 PM in the Newman Office on the 2nd floor of the Intercultural Center, 30 South 33rd Street. This is an opportunity to gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend some time in prayer. All are welcome to join. For more information, 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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