

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

**From Fr. Jim – The Format of the Mass
August 7 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today’s Mass will have the same parts as every Mass which is celebrated daily. The Order of the Mass, as we currently know it, is based on the “Missale Romanum,” that is, the Roman Missal, as revised by the Decree of the Second Vatican Council and published by the authority of Pope Paul VI. The basic structure of the Mass has four parts: two main parts and two framing rites:

Introductory Rites (Gathering Rites)

Liturgy of the Word – Biblical Readings, Homily, Creed, Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist – Preparation, Eucharistic Prayer, Communion Rite

Concluding Rites (Dismissal Rites)

We refer to the four parts of the Mass as: the Gathering Rite, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Dismissal Rite. The pattern of the Mass is something we strive to emulate in our work-related gatherings here at St. Agatha-St. James.

As people involved in Church work, we find, by necessity, that a great deal of our time is spent in meetings. At Agatha-James, we have chosen to follow the format of the Mass in these gatherings. We want the structure of the Mass to be reflected in the structure of these critical assemblies essential to the work we do. Thus, we endeavor to design each of our church-related meetings to have four parts, based on the four main parts of the Mass. We call these parts: We Gather, We Learn, We Pray, and We Serve. We have this format as our goal at our Newman Nights (which will resume after Labor Day); RCIA Sessions; Sessions on Retreats; our Small Group Sessions (which here at Agatha-James are called “Connections”); and our Staff Meetings.

God’s blessings to each of you.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15:

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary this year is not designated as a Holy Day of Obligation as it falls on a Monday, according to the USCCB’s Liturgical Calendar. Therefore, we will celebrate Mass in the St. Bede Chapel of the Center at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM, as per our regular weekday schedule.

And Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His Name.”

St. Luke - Chap. 1 V. 46-49

Catholic Social Services – Be a Foster Parent: At present, there are over 4000 children in foster care in Philadelphia in need of safe, temporary homes. Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster care parents of children of all ages and races. To learn more, call 215-587-3960 and consider making a lifetime of difference.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 6

9:00AM Mass In Memory of Bob and Jane

Sunday, August 7

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM Mass Intentions of Candeloro and Zagrosky Families

11:30AM Mass Intentions of Parishioners and Benefactors

5:00PM Mass In Memory of Albert Frick, Jr.

Monday, August 8

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

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Maria Del Carmen Seara

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

Tuesday, August 9

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Mary Talese

Thursday, August 11

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Helen Mansfield

Saturday, August 13

9:00AM Mass Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil

4:30PM Wedding Matthew Klingner and Andrea Fortino

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM Discontinued for Summer

Vigil 5:30 PM Mass Discontinued for Summer

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, August 14

Sunday, August 14

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM Mass Fr. Jim

11:30AM Mass Fr. Gus

5:00PM Mass Fr. George

St. George Parish Community Vocation Fair: All young adult women are invited to a Vocation Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 10 AM to 1:00 PM at St. George Parish Hall, 15 Lamont Avenue, Glenolden, PA. Come and meet women from many different religious communities who will be available to answer questions and provide information about their communities. Learn about the many ways they help others, not only throughout the community, but throughout the world. No registration necessary, just come out for a visit and learn about the different communities. As Jesus said, “...If you wish to be complete,...Come, follow Me.” Matthew 19:21

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.

Summer Reminders: 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00 PM Saturday Confessions and 10 PM Sunday Mass are discontinued for the summer and will resume Labor Day weekend. 1:00 PM Daily Mass St. Katharine Drexel Chapel is discontinued for the summer.

Daily and Saturday Masses: The Daily Masses at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM Monday – Friday and the Saturday Mass at 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, Thomas Holloman, Natalie Seminole, Carole Tokarczyk

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

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: Continues in the Summer. All are welcome to attend this gathering to share fellowship and reflect on the readings of each Sunday's Mass. Meet after 10 AM Mass in 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.

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.

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

Interested in Music at Agatha-James? Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in participating in the Music Ministry at Agatha-James? If so, please tell us. Write to Beth Mirzai at bbeth99@hotmail.com or info@saintsaj.org.

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

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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.

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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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