

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS**

### **From Fr. Jim – Novus Freshman Retreat**

This week from Tuesday to Thursday we will host a Novus Retreat for incoming University of Pennsylvania freshmen. As the name implies, this retreat is specifically tailored to those who are new (“Novus”) to both the college experience and this faith community. This year we have twenty-two freshmen registered for Novus. They will be joined by about two dozen upperclassmen who will be the student leaders for Novus and who will share their experience of balancing social life, faith, and academics while exploring the many opportunities for spiritual and faith formation available in our faith community. The theme of the Novus Retreat will be a basic introduction to spirituality. Different topics will be covered within this framework – among them will be: living a successful life; relationships; suffering; spirituality in your everyday life; religion in your life. Novus offers time for communal prayer, small group discussion, recreational activities, and individual reflection. In addition, there will be a service project during the retreat itself which will involve local area/neighborhood institutions – e.g., nursing homes and/or hospitals. Eventually, we would like to have a significant number of ministry partners in our immediate and extended neighborhoods. We plan to offer retreats to incoming students at other universities and a similar retreat to our residential parishioners. We hope that some of you would be interested in participating in such a retreat.

God’s blessings to each of you.

**Labor Day Mass, Monday, September 5:** There will be only one Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, at 8:30 AM in the St. Bede Chapel, 3720 Chestnut Street. Have a good holiday!

**Pilgrimage:** The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 15. Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Ignatius of Loyola are sending a bus and have invited St. Agatha-St. James Parish to travel with them. Tickets are \$50 for adults; \$20 for high school students and children (includes dinner at Cactus Willie Steak Buffet on the way home). Tickets must be purchased before September 30. For more info, contact Ed Scott at 215-878-0875 (Our Mother of Sorrows Rectory).

**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

**Fall Festival – The Music of Sanctuary:** Come for an afternoon of beautiful music on October 23 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. Fr. Shawn Tracy of Villanova University directs *Sanctuary*, an ensemble of musicians and artists (Free Will Donation). To register or for more information: 610-558-6152; [fsc@osfphila.org](mailto:fsc@osfphila.org).

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Saturday, August 27**

9:00AM Mass In Memory of Suzanne Urban

#### **Sunday, August 28 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM Mass In Memory of Rose and Joseph Candeloro and Maryann DeMarco

11:30AM Mass Intentions of Danny Bailey – 1st Anniversary

5:00PM Mass Intentions of Parishioners and Benefactors

#### **Monday, August 29**

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

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

#### **Wednesday, August 31**

12:05PM Mass Intentions of the Participants in the 2011 Novus Retreat

#### **Thursday, September 1**

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Joseph Puthenkandathil

#### **Friday, September 2**

12:05PM Mass Members of the Perpetual Memorial Society

#### **Saturday, September 3**

8:30AM Mass Special Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fr. Jim

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, September 3-4

#### **Sunday, September 4 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Fr. Jim

9:30AM Sunday Mass Fr. Gus

11:30AM Sunday Mass Fr. Gus

5:30PM Sunday Mass Fr. George

9:00PM Sunday Mass Fr. Jim

**Archdiocesan Boy Choir Openings:** There currently are openings in this prestigious Choir. To schedule an audition, please call Director Tom Windfelder at 215-425-6995 or 610-906-3551 or visit [www.archboychoir.org](http://www.archboychoir.org).

**Stand Up for Life:** Every second Saturday of the month at 8:30 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 39<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets.

**New Mass Schedule:** Beginning this Labor Day Weekend, the new Mass Schedule at St. Agatha – St. James for Autumn 2011 – Spring 2012 will be as follows:

#### **Saturday, September 3:**

Morning Mass in St. Bede Chapel - 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church - 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Vigil Mass in Church - 5:30 PM

#### **Sunday, September 4:**

Masses in Church - 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:30 PM and

9:00 PM

#### **Tuesday, September 6:**

Daily Masses in St. Bede Chapel, 3720 Chestnut Street -

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM

Monday - Thursday: 5:30 PM

The 1:00 PM Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel, 30 South 33rd Street, will be discontinued. There will be special Masses held there which will be announced.

## **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**

TBA, Director of Adult Ministries

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For matters pertaining to Catholic Forum, Circle of St. Bede, Connections, Legion of Mary, Outreach, Pre-Cana, RCIA, Scripture Study, 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. For more information, please contact Dr. Peter Dodson at [dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu](mailto: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](mailto:yjk72770@gmail.com) for more information.

**Pre-Cana:** Register now for Pre-Cana October 7 and 8: Friday evening 6:30 pm – 9 pm; Saturday 9 am – 6:30 pm (includes Vigil Mass). Donation to Agatha-James - \$150. For more information, please write to [info@saintsaj.org](mailto:info@saintsaj.org) or call 215-386-9732 and leave your name and contact information.

**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](mailto:ethiercc@aol.com) for more information.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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**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](mailto:bbeth99@hotmail.com) or [info@saintsaj.org](mailto:info@saintsaj.org).

**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 for weekend Masses is available in these locations: parking lot adjacent to the Rectory; big parking lot behind the Center – enter from 3700 Sansom St.; or little parking lot, enter from 38<sup>th</sup> St. near Sansom St.

**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.

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### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Intercultural Center, 30 South 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:drexelnewman@gmail.com).

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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](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**

**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](mailto:jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu)) or retreat team leader Bridget Barrett ([bbar@nursing.upenn.edu](mailto: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](mailto:jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu).

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