

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

From Fr. Jim – As Summer Ends...

This weekend marks the traditional end of Summer for most of us. It is a time for challenging beginnings, new endeavors, and also a time to enthusiastically resume on-going projects and undertakings. This is a time to evaluate your commitment to your work, your studies, your daily life. As you reflect on your responsibilities and obligations, you may want to open yourself to an increase in spirituality in your everyday life. Perhaps this is the right season and the right time to become more involved in St. Agatha-St. James. Visit the Chapel on a weekday for some quiet time with Our Lord. Take advantage of our new 5:30 PM Mass Mondays to Thursdays. Become involved in some of the Adult Ministries: Catholic Forum, Circle of St. Bede, Connections, or Scripture Studies. Consider volunteering some of your time to your parish. There are many ways in which your talents could be utilized here. Liturgical Ministries are in need of Lectors, ushers, Altar Servers, among others. On a very practical level, Operational Ministries could use your help in counting, for example. The three Newman Ministries offer many opportunities to become involved. Later this month we will have sign-ups for the Parish and the Newman Ministries. Volunteer! Get involved! You will find yourself deeply rewarded.

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.

The Saturday Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses are held in St. AJ Church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 3

8:30AM Mass Special Intention
4:00– 5:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 4 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Mass Intentions of Candeloro and Zagrosky Families
11:30AM Mass In Memory of John F. Lafferty
5:30PM Mass Intentions of Morgan Bell Bernardo
9:00PM Mass Intentions of Students, Staffs, and Faculties of area universities

Monday, September 5, Labor Day

8:30AM Mass at Newman Center Chapel

Tuesday, September 6

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass Newman Center Chapel Mon.- Fri.
1:00PM Mass at Drexel Chapel – Discontinued
5:30PM Mass Newman Center Chapel Monday – Thursday

Thursday, September 8

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Deacon Vincent Marco

Friday, September 9

12:05PM Mass

Saturday, September 10

8:30AM Mass Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil
2:30PM Wedding Timothy Esack and Shannon Hill
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fr. Gus

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, September 10-11

Sunday, September 11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Fr. Gus
9:30AM Sunday Mass Fr. Jim
11:30AM Sunday Mass Fr. George
5:30PM Sunday Mass Fr. Jim
9:00PM Sunday Mass Fr. Gus

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.

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 39th 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, 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.

The Church of Saint Agatha – Saint James

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 - info@saintsaj.org

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: Everyone is welcome to attend this gathering to share fellowship and reflect on the readings of each Sunday's Mass. Meet after the 9:30AM Mass in back of the 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.

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.

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 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 for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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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.

Prayer in the St. Bede Chapel: The Chapel is open for prayer during the day Monday to Friday. Please visit often.

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 38th 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 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

Kickoff BBQ! Sunday, September 11, at 6:30 pm at the Newman Center. All Penn students -- both graduate and undergraduate -- are invited to join us for a cookout! (In the event of rain, we'll just do a cook-in.)

Thursday Dinner: On Thursdays starting September 15 (no DD on September 8) at 6:00 pm at Penn Newman, gather with us for our weekly Thursday dinner! All Penn students are welcome and no reservation necessary!

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.

PENN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Cor Retreat: All Penn students who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in Fall 2011 are welcome to join us for this retreat, Oct. 7-9, 2011 (Fall Break)! What a 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. If you are interested please contact Penn Newman Assistant Director Jeff Klein (jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu) or retreat team leader Bridget Barrett (bbar@nursing.upenn.edu) to sign up or just inquire about more information!

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