

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

From Fr. Jim – Ministry Service Opportunities at St. Agatha – St. James

As you read this bulletin, you will see that there are seven main departments or branches here at St. Agatha – St. James which include a myriad of Ministries. These seven areas are: Adult Ministries, Hospital Ministries, Liturgical Ministries, Operational Ministries, the Drexel Newman Ministry, the Penn Newman Ministry, and the U Sciences Newman Ministry. All of the seven subdivisions offer a wealth of opportunities for you to get involved, contribute and be rewarded in a deep and significant way. As you can see each Ministry cluster offers multiple categories in which you can serve. To serve is its own reward.

Please consider prayerfully how you might like to become more involved with St. Agatha – St. James. Next weekend you will have the opportunity to choose the Ministry that will be the most rewarding to you. There are a numerous possibilities and opportunities, a multitude of ways in which you can reap the special rewards that come from being of service to others and to God.

God's blessings to each of you.

Get involved! Next weekend, October 1 and 2, will be Sign-Up for Ministries Weekend at St. Agatha-St. James.

Blessing of the Animals: Bring your pets to Church to be blessed at all the Masses on the weekend of October 8 and 9.

Fall Benefit for Blessed Sarnelli Community: Come to a Benefit Buffet Sunday, October 2 from 2:00PM to 6:00PM at LaSalle College High School Boat House (Boat House Row – 4 Kelly Drive). All proceeds help to minister to people in need, Fr. Kevin Murray, Director (www.bscphilly.org). Food, drink, silent auction. For tickets, call Sister Alice at 215-222-3382.

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@osphila.org.

Pilgrimage: The pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC will be Saturday, October 15. Archbishop Charles Chaput will celebrate Mass at 3:00PM. Tickets for the day are \$50 for adults; \$20 for high school students and children (includes dinner on the way home). Tickets must be purchased before September 30. To register and purchase tickets, contact Ed Scott at 215-878-0875 (Our Mother of Sorrows Rectory) by September 30.

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

PARISH COUNCILS

Parish Pastoral Council: Fr. Jim McGuinn, Eric Banecker, Thomas Holloman, Natalie Seminole, Carole Tokarczyk

Parish Finance Council: Fr. Jim McGuinn, Eileen Brennen, John Doyle, Ray Jones, Ed Nelling, Peter Scoles

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 24

8:30AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
2:30PM Wedding Jason Gonzalez and Gina LaPlaca
4:00PM – 5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, September 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Mass In Memory of Rose and Joseph Candeloro and Maryann DeMarco
11:30AM Mass For Alison's Recovery from Surgery
5:30PM Mass Parishioners and Benefactors
9:00PM Mass Students, Staffs, & Faculties at area Universities

Monday, September 26

7:30AM & 12:05PM Mass Newman Center Chapel Mon.-Friday
5:30PM Mass Newman Center Chapel Monday – Thursday

Wednesday, September 28

12:05PM Mass God's Blessings on Marilym

Saturday, October 1

8:30AM Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00PM - 5:00PM Fr. George
5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

Celebrants for the Weekend Masses, October 1 and 2

Sunday, October 1 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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: 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 the Heritage Room to walk to the Center.

Circle of St. Bede: The Circle of St. Bede warmly invites interested members of the university community to join on Tuesdays 8:10AM-8:50AM in the lower level of the Newman Center. For more information, please contact Dr. Peter Dodson at dodsonp@mail.vet.upenn.edu.

Legion of Mary (Korean): We meet at 6:00PM Wednesday evenings in Room 2, Lower Level, the Newman Center. Please contact yjk72770@gmail.com for more information.

Pre-Cana: Registration for Pre-Cana October 7 and 8 closes tomorrow, September 26. Pre-Cana will be offered again March 2 and 3, 2012: For more information, please write to info@saintsaj.org or call 215-386-9732 and leave your name and contact information.

Scripture Study: We warmly welcome new members at 8:00AM on Wednesdays in the lower level of the Newman Center. We are discussing the Book of Job. Contact Charlotte Ethier at ethiercc@aol.com for more information.

The Church of Saint Agatha – Saint James

HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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, write to Bruce Carlson.

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

OPERATIONAL MINISTRIES

Joseph Lamb, Director of 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: For weekend Masses park in: parking lot adjacent to the Rectory; parking lot behind the Center – enter from 3700 Sansom St.; or little parking lot, off 38th St.

Weekday (Mon – Fri) Parking: As there is limited availability, please consult Joe Lamb for weekday parking permission.

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DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY

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Connections: Gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend some time in prayer. All are welcome to Connections which meets Wednesdays at 4:00PM in the Newman Office, 2nd floor of the Intercultural Center, 30 S. 33rd Street. For more information, contact Drexelnewman@gmail.com.

Get connected! Join our email list by emailing Mike Chovanes at Drexelnewman@gmail.com to find out about upcoming events.

Join Drexel Newman Facebook Page: Join the Drexel Newman Facebook page to hear about upcoming events, as well as connect with the community! Search Drexel Newman on Facebook.

Newman Dinner: On Thursdays at 6:00pm at the University City Catholic Center (3720 Chestnut, right next to Saints AJ) gather with us for our weekly dinner! All Drexel Students are

welcome – only \$3! No reservation necessary!

PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY

Jeff Klein, Assistant Director, Penn Newman
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ALL PENN STUDENTS

Get Connected! To join one of Penn Newman's email listservs (one for undergrads; one for grad students), see www.newman.upenn.edu and click on REGISTER NOW!

Newman Dinner: On Thursdays at 6:00PM at Penn Newman, gather with us for our weekly dinner! Enjoy a good meal for only \$3! All Penn students welcome and no reservation necessary!

Newman Center Open Late! The Center will be open Mon.-Thur., 9AM-9PM and Fri., 9AM-5PM. Wi-fi enabled and we just added a Wii and an Xbox 360!

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 GRADUATE STUDENTS

Connections: A weekly small-group program featuring social opportunities, discussion on how faith impacts our personal and professional lives and prayer. Let Jeff Klein know you're interested at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

PENN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Newman Nights: Our weekly series is back! Newman Nights feature an opportunity for community-building, prayer and discussion on current topics. All Penn undergrads welcome! Sundays, 7:30PM-8:45PM at Penn Newman. For September 25, anyone who would like to help with planning and organizing events should join us for our General Body Meeting.

Cor Retreat: All Penn sophomores, juniors or are welcome to join us for this retreat, Oct. 7-9 (Fall Break)! It will consist of witness talks, small and large group discussions, and ample time for prayer and reflection. Contact Jeff Klein (jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu) to sign up or for more info!

U SCIENCES NEWMAN MINISTRY

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Connections: This is a great opportunity to gather with others, reflect on Scripture, and spend some time in prayer. All are welcome to Connections which meets Tuesday evenings at 8:00PM in Woodland Hall, Room 13. For more information, contact uscience.newman@gmail.com

Newman Dinner: On Thursdays at 6:00pm at the University City Catholic Center (3720 Chestnut, right next to Saints AJ) gather with us for our weekly dinner! All USci Students are welcome and no reservation necessary! A \$3 donation is requested.

Cor Retreat: Penn Newman has invited USci Newman to Cor October 7-9th. There will be time to build community, pray, and learn about the spirituality of John Henry Cardinal Newman on this retreat!