

# Summer



**CATHOLIC FORUM** meets today and every Sunday this Summer after the 10 AM Sunday Mass, in the Penn Newman Center, with coffee and treats. We are a small but enthusiastic group of parishioners who gather to reflect on the day's Liturgy of the Word and how to make it real in our lives. We are not Bible scholars but just earnest Catholics engaging the Word of God. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

## So...Who Wants to Be Catholic...?

More people than you realize may actually be thinking about becoming Catholic. Among those might be your friends, classmates and colleagues who are currently unchurched or disassociated with their former religious denominations, and may be wondering about the possibility of becoming Catholic. The Church is inviting such people, seekers who are yearning to fulfill Jesus' invitation to "Come and See" what it would be like to learn more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps convert. The RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] is our way of informing, and hopefully transforming those who desire Catholicism. Every year in September we begin a new RCIA journey that will lead candidates to Easter and full incorporation with us at the Lord's Eucharistic Table.

**THE PROBLEM:** Those who want and desire this opportunity are obviously NOT AT MASS to hear this information about the RCIA. So the responsibility and the privilege of informing them and inviting them are YOURS. You may know someone who is a candidate for learning more about the Catholic Faith. We are definitely not asking you to proselytize others. But we are asking you to inform those people you may know who are actively searching to know more about Catholicism. Perhaps such people have even talked with you or questioned you about your faith. While Faith is very personal, it is not private. Can you imagine yourself initiating a conversation as simple as the following...?

"Mary, I don't know much about your religious affiliation, but at times, I get the sense that faith and God and worship are important to you. It may not apply to you but I just wanted to let you know that our Church, St. Agatha-St. James Catholic Church is reaching out to those who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. The program begins in late September with a Period of Inquiry, a time for people with interest and questions to gather and see whether they might have interest. If you think you might be interested, let me know and I can get you more info."

## Summer Schedule 2010

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass** - discontinued for Summer.

**10 PM Sunday Mass** - discontinued for Summer.

**Saturday Confessions** at 4:00 pm - discontinued for Summer; confessions available by request or appointment.

***If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.***

*All Summer Sunday Masses will be held in the St. Bede Chapel of the Penn Newman Center.*

## Newman Center Notes

**Penn Newman Center** 3720 Chestnut Street  
[www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu)

**Drexel Newman Center** 30 South 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
[www.drexelnewman.org](http://www.drexelnewman.org)

### Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 12:05pm Penn Newman St. Bede Chapel – Upper Level

Drexel Newman has resumed celebrating the 1:00 pm Mass Monday through Thursday this Summer.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stand Up for Life

Every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am a pro-life group will celebrate Mass at the Penn Newman Center. Following Mass, they will pray the Rosary in procession to the Women's Medical Society clinic at 38th and Lancaster.

## PENN NEWMAN: ALL STUDENTS

### Service Opportunity: Tutoring

Participate in a tutoring program for children from K-4<sup>th</sup> grades at Annunciation BVM Church in South Philly on **Mondays, 3:00-5:15 pm**. The children are primarily Mexican immigrants who are just learning English, and consequently placed below grade level in local schools. Contact Jeff Klein at [jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu](mailto:jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu).

### Penn Newman: Spiritual Mentoring/Direction

Spiritual mentoring/direction is 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 NEWMAN: GRAD STUDENTS

### Small Faith-Sharing Groups

We would like to start some faith-sharing/discussion groups of Penn grad students to begin meeting in Fall 2010. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Klein at [jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu](mailto:jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu).

