

St. Agatha – St. James Parish Welcomes You

July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish and Ministries Office

3720 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

267-787-5000 / Fax: 267-353-8335

Carole Tokarczyk, Sacramental Coordinator

office@saintsaj.org; www.saintsaj.org

Sodalitium Christianae Vitae

Rev. Carlos Keen, Parochial Administrator

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Community House

Michael Gokie, Director, Drexel Newman

Alan Teran, Director, Penn Newman

Patrick Travers

Javier de la Flor

Operational and Parish Ministries

Scott Bucko, Director of Development & Operations

Director of The Newman Center

sbucko@thenewmancenter.org

Caitlyn Usher, Ass't. Director of Operations

cusher@saintsaj.org

Greg Tokarczyk, Facilities & Maintenance Ass't.

gtokarczyk@saintsaj.org

Matthew Smith, Business Manager

msmithchurch@gmail.com

Sergio Arrangoiz, Ass't. Director of Development

Marissa March, Liturgical Coordinator

liturgy@saintsaj.org

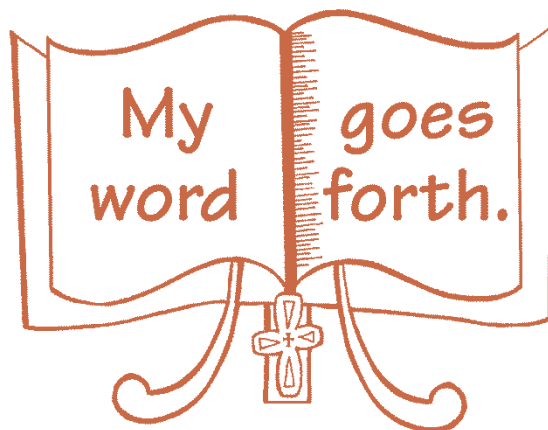
Sean Wood, Music Coordinator

swood@saintsaj.org

Hospital Priest Chaplains: 267-648-4173

Rev. George Strausser, gstrausser6@gmail.com

Rev. Benjamin Nwanonenyi, OLC201980@yahoo.com



Drexel Newman Ministry

Paul Peck PSR Bldg, 101 N. 33rd Street, Rm 211

215-901-3420 / Fax: 267-353-8335

www.Drexel.edu/NewmanCenter

Michael Gokie, Director, Drexel Newman

michaelgokie.newman@drexel.edu

Nataleigh Waters-Lang, Assistant Director

nataleigh@drexel.edu

Penn Newman Ministry

www.newman.upenn.edu

Alan Teran, Director, Penn Newman

terana@newman.upenn.edu

Carolyn Shields, Assistant Director

cshields@newman.upenn.edu

Rev. Matthew Guckin, Director, Catholic Mission and Identity, Secondary and Collegiate Education

fr.mguckin@archphila.org

JOIN US FOR MASS YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses in Church, 38th & Chestnut Sts: 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:30 PM (9:00PM Resumes in September)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: In Church: 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Spanish Mass in Newman Chapel: 5:30PM, Second and Fourth Saturdays (Resumes in September)

Weekday Mass Schedule

St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut Street. Mass: Monday - Friday: 12:05PM; Saturday: 8:30AM

Caritas Christi Urget Nos

The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"A sower went out to sow..."

This famous parable is an excellent opportunity to ask ourselves: *What kind of soil is my heart made of? And what can I do to improve it?* The best soil is the 4th one, the one that bears plenty of fruit! That is our aspiration! What is so special about this kind of heart? These hearts are the ones **"who hear the word and understand it."** Listen and understand our Lord. This means to really allow the Word of God into your life. It is not only rational understanding but also in the 'heart,' to the extent that sometimes you don't fully understand rationally but accept it in your heart because you recognize it comes from God. Let the Lord be Your Master and follow Him.

The ones to avoid are:

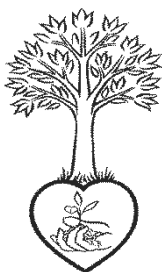
1. Those **"who hear the word of the kingdom without understanding it."** These are the ones who have done 50%. Listening is a big deal. But not enough. They don't agree. They think differently than our Lord.
2. Those **"who hear the word and receive it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time."** These went 75% of the way. They listened; they also rejoiced with the Word of God, but they did not allow it to go deep into their life, and when things get difficult they surrender. These are comfort-zone Christians. Christians who did not really understand that part of the deal was the **Cross**.
3. Those **"who hear the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word."** These also went 75%. They listened but their career, or money, or status, or the desires of the world became an obstacle that they were not willing to sacrifice.

I pray that we may all receive the Word of God into our hearts so that each of us and our Parish may bear plenty of fruit.

Have a blessed Sunday.

Fr. Carlos

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."
Matthew 13:16-17



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Psalm 65

**Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church on Sunday
30 Minutes before each Sunday Mass**

This Week at St. Agatha – St. James



Saturday, July 15

8:30AM Mass

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16

9:30AM Mass Intentions of the Faith Community of SS AJ

11:30AM Mass In Memory of Lucia Maria Tuoi

5:30PM Mass In Memory of Rev. Kevin Kelly

Monday, July 17

12:05PM Mass

Tuesday, July 18

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Marie Magras

8:00PM Mass in Drexel Chapel

Wednesday, July 19

12:05PM Mass

Thursday, July 20

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Thomas Magras

Friday, July 21

12:05PM Mass

Saturday, July 22

8:30AM Mass

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. James

July 23

3 Masses in Church: 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM; NO 9PM

Confessions - **30 minutes** before each Sunday Mass



Please Join Us on Sunday, July 23!

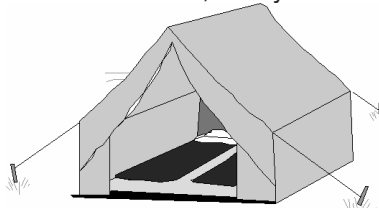
Next Sunday July 23: Feast of St. James – Luncheon after the 11:30AM Mass, Newman Center. All are welcome!

Hospitality Summer Schedule

July 16 – NO refreshments after the 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses. Lobby of the Newman Center, upper level.

July 23 - Join us in the Newman Center after the 11:30AM Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. James, our Patron Saint.

August 6 and 27 – refreshments after the 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses, Lobby of the Newman Center, upper level



The Sodality Community Would Like To Go Camping! If anyone has any camping equipment that you are no longer using, PLEASE would you donate it to SCV? Help the Community to go camping! Call 267-969-5014. Thank you.

For Information on PreCana, Weddings, Pre-Jordan, Baptisms, or Mass Schedules, call 267-969-5014.

WINE (Women In the New Evangelization): National Catholic Women's Conference: Saturday, October 21, 8:30AM-4:00PM. National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. www.wineconference.org or Annemarie@CatholicVineyard.com if you have questions.

The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

Theology of the Body: "What does it mean to be human? What is the ache in our hearts that the things of the world can't satisfy?" Join the **Theology of the Body Institute and Anthem** in a mini-immersion retreat encounter, Friday, August 11 (5 pm) - Sunday, August 13, 2017 (1 pm) at St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center in Elverson, PA. To register, contact Samantha at 215-302-8200 ext. 104. Come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human!



Come out for an evening of Summer entertainment!

Coriolanus

Shakespeare in Clark Park

Performances are July 26 - 30, 2017 at 7PM

All are welcome to these free performances! Invite your friends and neighbors! Bring your favorite appetizer to share and a blanket for the park. Clark Park is located at 43rd Street and Baltimore Avenue.

**Rain Location: Harold Prince Theater
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
University of Pennsylvania, 3680 Walnut Street**



UNIVERSITY CITY DINING DAYS CONTINUE TO JULY 23

Choose from 30 Restaurants in University City.
Visit www.ucdiningdays.com for more information.

CONSTANT CONTACT: Subscribe to our mailing list!

Website: Sign-up button

By text: Text STAJ to 22828 and follow directions

By link: <https://goo.gl/nqT5oy>

Column 1 - Sunday, June 25 / Column 2 - Sunday, July 2

Total Collection	\$1583	\$1882
Envelopes	\$453	\$488
Cash/Cks Not in Envelopes	\$722	\$739
Electronic – eTapestry	\$385	\$620
Venmo	\$23	\$35
# of eTapestry Donations	12	15
# of Venmo Donations	4	4

Electronic Giving: eTapestry/Venmo: Visit the website for info about eTapestry or write to Cait: cusher@saintsaj.org. In giving to your Parish, you grow closer to God; you help your Parish fulfill its mission; and you express your love for others.

Sapientia Cordis Book Club – All are welcome on Saturdays at 7:00PM, Room One, lower level, Newman Center. Info at misssween354@gmail.com Shannon 267-774-6560.

July 29th *Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World.* Archbishop Charles Chaput
August 26th *The Four Loves.* C.S. Lewis
September 23rd *God of Nothing: A Conversation on Faith* Robert Cardinal Sarah
October 28th *The World's First Love: Mary the Mother of God.* Bishop Fulton Sheen
November 18th *Tattoos on the Heart.* Gregory Boyle

NEWMAN MINISTRY

The following activities are **continuing** in the Summer:

Christ in the City: Students are welcome to join us **every 2nd & 4th Friday at 5:30PM** in Newman Center; leave for Center City at 6PM. Bring 2 tokens! For more information, please contact John at john.m.vargo@gmail.com.

Young Adults/Graduate Students: 7:00PM Wednesday evening Marian small-group program features discussion on how faith impacts our lives, prayer and social opportunities. For more info, write to Sergio: sergioar@sas.upenn.edu.

The following activities are on **Summer Hiatus:**

Daily Rosary: To resume in September! Weekdays at 5:30PM except Thursday, Newman Center Chapel.

Candlelit Mass/Adoration: 8:30PM/9:15PM Wednesday night Mass will resume in September.

Thursday 5:30PM Mass in the Chapel followed by Newman Dinner, lower level, will resume in September!

DREXEL NEWMAN MINISTRY



Drexel Mass on Tuesday, July 18: All members of the Drexel Newman Family are welcome at the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel, Rm. 212, 33rd/Arch Sts, Paul Peck PSR Bldg. Newman Night follows Mass: 8:30PM-9:30PM. Join us for Mass on Tuesday, July 18.

Be part of Drexel Newman! Visit www.drexelnewman.com.

PENN NEWMAN MINISTRY



ENDOW: Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women - a women's small group for Penn undergrad women – on Summer hiatus. More info: www.newman.upenn.edu/endow.

Newman Latino Leaders: Check out our latest program! For Info: <http://newman.upenn.edu/newman-latino-leaders/>.

Get Connected: Text PennNewman to 84576 to join the Penn Newman listserv! See what's coming up!

Small Groups: www.newman.upenn.edu/small-groups Weekly discussion on how faith impacts our lives and prayer.

APARTMENTS@PENN, INC.
 Telephone: (215) 222-0222 • Fax: (215) 222-6666
 416 South 41st St. (Unit 1) Phila., PA 19104

The University City Specialists Have:
 • Apartments and Houses for Rent • Friendly, Personal Service
 • Small Number of Tenants • Services Available 24 Hours a Day

Tiffany Tran
 215-330-2674
 We speak Vietnamese.

 **Allstate**
 You're in good hands.

© 2017 Allstate Insurance Co. 214180

GOPABANANA

Wednesdays

1/2 Price Burgers

11:30am - 5pm
 [in store only]

40th & Spruce Streets, University City
 215-382-1330
 copabanana.com



**Experience Peace of Mind:
 Pre-Arrange Your Burial at an
 Archdiocese of Philadelphia Cemetery.**

CALL 215-352-4001 TODAY

- Save today through pre-planning
- Convenient terms for **all** of your burial needs
- Traditional in ground, mausoleum & cremation options available at most cemeteries

catholicmatch®
 Pennsylvania



CatholicMatch.com/
 datePA

*Wedding Invitations
 & Holiday Cards*

Log Onto www.jpcc.net
 conveniently from your home or office.
 ONLINE CATALOG • ONLINE ORDERING • ONLINE PROOFING
 All Major Credit Cards Accepted • FREE UPS GROUND SHIPPING!

*This is the day
 the Lord
 has made!*

BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY!



*Patronize the Advertisers who
 make this bulletin possible!*



Commercial Rates are at an **All Time Low**. Contact us today to get a free analysis to see if we can help **Save you money** with your monthly payments on your commercial property. Multi-Family, Retail, Office Building, Apartment and Condos. Can close in as little as 45 days! Four season customer service is our top priority.

Call us today **215-586-1575** or **267-251-0341**
www.duqfunding.com
 3900 City Avenue, Suite 107
 Philadelphia, PA 19131

Thanks...

Please take the time to read the ads which make your bulletin possible. Help support them as they support the parish. Mention the church bulletin when you patronize their establishments.

Let them know they are appreciated.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

DOES YOUR ADVERTISING

- Establish a relationship?
- Build a friendship?
- Earn referrals?
- Generate a testimony?
- Capture repeat business?

Community support worthy of patronizing!

This happens for thousands every day with church bulletin advertising!
 The constant visual presence your business needs to succeed.

 **JOHN PATRICK**
 publishing company, inc.

FAMILIAR • TRUSTED • PROVEN EFFECTIVE... NOW THAT'S ADVERTISING!
 1.800.333.3166 ext.161 | www.JPPC.net

 **American Red Cross**

Make a Difference in Your Community

VOLUNTEER
 with the American Red Cross

Join today at redcross.org/Volunteer

MAKE YOUR AD STAND OUT IN THE CROWD!
 Convert your ad to full color!
 Call today! 1.800.333.3166