

# St. Agatha – St. James Parish

November 19, 2017

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Caritas Christi Urget Nos



This Week at St. Agatha – St. James

### Saturday, November 18

8:30AM Mass in Chapel

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9:00AM Mass Intentions of Members of the Candeloro and Zagrosky Families

**10:15am-11:15am Understanding Jesus: Newman Center**

11:30AM Mass In Memory of Hiran Po Yii

**3:30pm-5:15pm Catholicism 101: Newman Center**

5:30PM Mass

9:00PM Mass Intentions of Faith Community of SS AJ

### Monday, November 20

7:30AM Morning Prayer / Silent Adoration in Church

12:05PM Mass in Chapel

5:45PM Rosary and Evening Prayer / Chapel

### Tuesday, November 21

7:30AM Morning Prayer / Silent Adoration in Church

12:05PM Mass/Chapel In Memory of Jennifer Quinn-White

5:45PM Rosary and Evening Prayer / Chapel

8:00PM Mass Drexel Chapel

### Wednesday, November 22

7:30AM Morning Prayer / Silent Adoration in Church

12:05PM Mass in Chapel

5:45PM NO Rosary and Evening Prayer / Chapel

6:30PM NO Mass Church; NO Adoration 7:00 – 9:00PM

### Thurs., Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Newman Center CLOSED

7:30AM NO Morning Prayer in Church

12:05PM NO Mass in Chapel

5:30PM NO Mass in Chapel

### Friday, November 24 Newman Center CLOSED

7:30AM NO Morning Prayer in Church

12:05PM NO Mass in Chapel

5:45PM NO Rosary and Evening Prayer / Chapel

### Saturday, November 18 Newman Center CLOSED

8:30AM NO Mass in Chapel

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nov. 26

4 Masses in Church: 9:00AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM; 9PM

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## JOIN US FOR MASS

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses in Church, 38<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets

9:00AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM (All Year) and 9:00PM (September to May)

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

Ongghee Korean Community 5:30PM Vigil Mass First Saturday of Month (September to May) in Newman Chapel

### Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Thursday: 5:30PM (September to May) **No Thursday Mass on November 23 or 30.**

Candlelit Mass in Church: Wednesday: 6:30PM / Adoration: 7:00 – 9:00PM (September to May) **NOT on Nov. 22.**

### THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Please note that the **Newman Center will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 23, 24 and 25.**

Sunday, November 26: regular Sunday schedule of 4 Masses with Confession 30 minutes before each Mass.

## The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities.  
Come, share your master's joy.*

This Sunday we are invited to meditate on the famous parable of the talents. As you may know, it's an allegory of God's immense trust in each one of us and the corresponding responsibility we have before Him and all humanity.

First of all, we must understand that all that God has entrusted to us is not a heavy burden, which we are unable to fulfill. He knows us perfectly, what each one of us is capable of, and what we have been designed for. Yes, my friend, it's true that you will be asked about the gifts you have received, but this should never be a reason to fear. Don't ever get paralyzed by the fear of settling accounts with God someday. It's true that our talents are a yoke and a burden, but the yoke is easy and the burden light. While a bird would weigh less without its wings, it wouldn't be able to soar through the skies without that beautiful "weight."

Your gifts and the corresponding responsibility are a beautiful "weight," a blessing that rises up to heaven, with all your heart, soul and strength. All we are and have is fruit of God's perfect fatherly love and plan. In this sense, they are a light burden, and your personal way into our Master's joy.

One final reflection: this parable also teaches us about the healthy and appropriate relationships among each other. We are all different by God's design, and we all have different talents, skills and strengths. And that's perfect. No matter the number or type of talents, it's OK that we are the way we are. This wise understanding of the specific qualities of each human being saves us from the terrible tendency to compare each other and feel envy, sadness, or pride and vanity.

**Let's embrace the Joy of accepting God's trust in us, and accept the responsibilities entrusted to us.** There is nothing to fear but fear itself. Let's love ourselves and our neighbors as they are, accepting everyone as a gift to grow in the same Joy of Jesus our Master and best friend.

God bless you.

Deacon Remi, SCV

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS  
POPE FRANCIS

**FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*19 November 2017*

***Let us love, not with words but with deeds***

**WEEKDAYS: PRAYER, ADORATION, ROSARY**

- Morning Prayer followed by Silent Adoration Monday – Friday at **7.30AM** in **Church**
- Rosary & Evening Prayer on Monday-Friday at 5.45PM in **Newman Center Chapel** (except Thursday when there is 5:30PM Mass)
- **Tuesday Evening Prayer Group** / 6:00PM–7:00PM Meets in Rectory. Info: [rmotales@saintsaj.org](mailto:rmotales@saintsaj.org)

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church on Sunday 30 Minutes Before Each Sunday Mass

**Understanding Jesus: Romano Guardini's *The Lord*.**

Join us to study the whole person of Jesus Christ so that we have a more authentic relationship with Him. **Open to all!**

**Location:** Newman Center Upper Level 3720 Chestnut St.

**When: Today**, Sunday, November 19: **10:15AM-11:15AM**

**Info:** Email Remigio Morales at [rmorales@saintsaj.org](mailto:rmorales@saintsaj.org)

**Luncheon After 11:30AM Mass – TODAY November 19!**

**Location:** Newman Center Upper Level 3720 Chestnut St.

**Catholicism 101: The Mystery of Faith. Open to all!**

Learn more about what we believe and why.

**Location:** Newman Center Upper Level 3720 Chestnut St.

**When: Today**, Sunday, November 19: **3.30PM-5:15PM**

**Info:** Email Marissa at [mmarch@saintsaj.org](mailto:mmarch@saintsaj.org)



The Sapientia Cordis Book Club will meet on **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM** in the Newman Center. We will discuss *God or Nothing: A Conversation on Faith with Robert Cardinal Sarah*.



## The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

**NO Wednesday Candlelit Mass and Adoration in Church** this week on Wednesday evening, November 22. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and please **join us next Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30PM for Mass and Adoration 7PM – 9PM.** Everyone is welcome!

**New Monsignors:** Rev. George Strausser and eight other priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have been named Monsignors by Pope Francis with the title Chaplain of His Holiness. The honors will be conferred during a Vespers Service with the new Monsignors, other Priests, Bishops and guests on **Sunday, December 3 at 4PM in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. All are welcome!**



**GO Home Holiday Meals** will be preparing meals in the Newman Center, lower level, November 18 -20. They will deliver the meals to local families. If you would like to help with the project by preparing food or delivering meals, please contact Alaina at [hallala@nursing.upenn.edu](mailto:hallala@nursing.upenn.edu) or 612-867-4955. Help bring Thanksgiving happiness to local families!



**Vigil Mass 5:30PM Ongghee Korean Community:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month, September to May



**Music Ministry:** Write Sean at [swood@saintsaj.org](mailto:swood@saintsaj.org). Add your voice or your instrument!

**Column 1-Sunday October 29/Column 2-Sunday Nov. 5 Includes All Saints and All Souls Offerings**

<b>Total Collection</b>	\$2843	\$3175
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### NEWMAN MINISTRY

Join us on Thursday, December 7, for 5:30PM Mass in Chapel with Fr. Matt. **No Mass on November 23 or 30.** Happy Thanksgiving!

**NO Thursday Newman Dinner November 23.** Happy Thanksgiving! Join us November 30, 6PM, lower level, Newman Center. \$5.00. All students are welcome!



**Christ in the City:** Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 5:30PM in Newman Center; leave for Center City at 6PM. Bring 2 tokens! For info, write to: [michaelgokie@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgokie@gmail.com)

**Young Adults/Graduate Students:** 7:30PM Wednesday evening Marian small-group program features discussion on how faith impacts our lives, prayer and social opportunities. For info write to Sergio: [sarrangoiz@thenewmancenter.org](mailto:sarrangoiz@thenewmancenter.org).



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**Drexel Mass, Tuesday, November 21:** St. Katharine Drexel Chapel, 8:00PM, Rm. 212, 33<sup>rd</sup>/Arch Sts, Paul Peck PSR Bldg. Newman Night follows Mass, 8:30PM-9:30PM. Join us!

Join one of **Drexel Newman Small Groups** Fall term! For info, email [danski712@gmail.com](mailto:danski712@gmail.com) / [agorman320@gmail.com](mailto:agorman320@gmail.com)



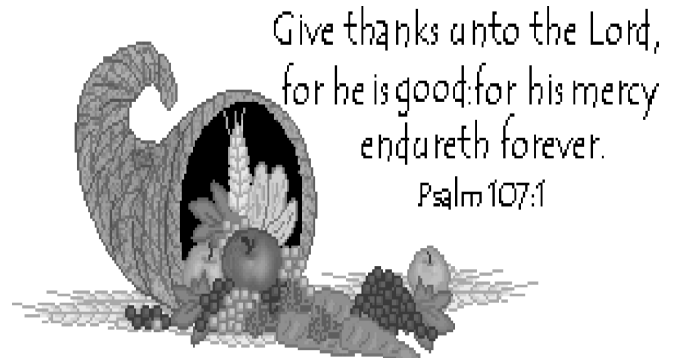
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