

St. Agatha – St. James Parish

July 15, 2018

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**AND JESUS CALLED TO HIM THE TWELVE,
AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY
TWO, AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER
THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS. (MARK 6:7)**

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Saturday, July 14 and 21 - 8:30AM Mass/Chapel

Saturday, July 14, 2018

8:30AM Mass / Chapel



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

11:30AM Mass In Memory of June Griffith

5:30PM Mass In Memory of Rev. Nicholas Waseline

Monday, July 16

7:30AM Morning Prayer/Silent Adoration/Church Mon–Fri

12:05PM Mass/Chapel In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother

Tuesday, July 17

12:05PM Mass/Chapel In Memory of Nancy DeLutiis

6:00PM–7:00PM in Rectory / **Prayer Group** for Everyone

8:00PM Mass in Drexel Chapel

Wednesday, July 18

12:05PM Mass Intentions of Jais Emmanuel

6:30PM Mass/Church; Adoration 7 - 7:30PM

Thursday, July 19

12:05PM Mass/Chapel

Friday, July 20

12:05PM Mass/Chapel

Saturday, July 21

8:30AM Mass/Chapel

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 22

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

9PM Sunday Mass resumes on September 9

CONFESSIONS – 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses in Church, 38th & Chestnut Streets (See website for changes please)
9:00AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM (All Year with Exceptions). 9:00PM on Summer Hiatus – Resumes September 9
Sacrament of Reconciliation: In Church: 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule

St. Bede Chapel, Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut St. Mass: Monday - Friday 12:05PM; Saturday 8:30AM
Wednesday Candlelit Mass in Church (See website for changes) 6:30PM / Summer Adoration 7:00PM–7:30PM
Saturday 8:30AM Mass in Chapel: July 14, 21 and 28 (See website for changes)

The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel offers a **very challenging message** to us, especially to the newer generations of our community.

Reflect on the challenge Jesus gave to His Apostles and which he later gives to a larger group of His Disciples: Go out, two by two and evangelize without anything for your journey except for a walking stick—no food, no sack, *no money*, and only the clothes on your back.

I want to reflect on two important ideas here. First, **how much do we actually believe in Christ?** This is a question that continues to both fascinate and haunt me, and I'll share the question with you. Do you really think that God became man and died for our sins? Do you really believe that He is the answer to our deepest longings and to our greatest sufferings? Do you think that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life? Because if so, why aren't we talking about Jesus with everyone we meet? Why is He most often not the directing factor of our thoughts and actions? If He really is who we profess Him to be, then why do we get more excited to talk about almost everything else? They are hard questions that don't have easy answers. But I always come back to the obvious fact that, if all of this stuff is true, then **it changes everything**.

There is a Catholic community in Philadelphia (the Neocatechumenal Way) that takes this Gospel to heart. They buy a round trip ticket to an unknown town and with the clothes on their backs, they go two by two to spread the Gospel of Christ. This leads me to the second idea I want to briefly reflect on. In the consumeristic culture that we live in, where comfort is of the highest priority, this community is a beacon that not only shows us that we don't need things to make us happy or to be successful, but, even more importantly, they teach us that God will take care of us if we trust Him. **How much do we trust God?** Could it be that we have a difficult time letting God lead our lives because we don't really trust that He will make us happy?

This Gospel is a beautiful reminder of what it means to be an Apostle or Disciple of Christ. All of us—each member of the Church is a Disciple. Each member of the Church has a mission. **Jesus is counting on you.** The Catholic Church needs you. Saint Agatha – St. James Parish needs you. And the mission is so much greater than "going to Church on Sundays." **The mission is helping Christ bring about the salvation of the world. And what a beautiful mission it is!**

God bless you!
Michael Gokie, SCV

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

Rev. Matthew Guckin, Director, Catholic Mission and Identity, Secondary and Collegiate Education.
Fr. Matt will celebrate his last Sunday Mass with us today at 11:30AM. Thank you for everything, Fr. Matt!

Fr. Alberto Hadad, SCV: Please say Hello to Fr. Alberto who is with us for the month of July. He will celebrate two Sunday Masses today - at 9:00AM and 5:30PM.

July 29: Feast of St. James – Lunch after the 11:30AM Mass, Lower Level Newman Center.



Mark your calendar! Plan to join us to celebrate the Feast of St. James, our Patron Saint. It will be a very special celebration! **All are welcome!**

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Want to help Newman in the coming move? Contact Greg at gtokarczyk@saintsaj.org.



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Thank you for your donations last Sunday to this Appeal which supports self-reliance, self-sufficiency and self-determination with anti-poverty projects across the US and in the neighborhoods of our own Archdiocese.

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Lord, let us see Your kindness and grant us Your salvation. Psalm 85

Col. 1 Sunday, June 24 / Col. 2 Sunday, July 1

Total Collection	\$1456	\$1454
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Christ in the City continues in Summer: 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 Michael at michaelgokie@gmail.com.

Candlelit Mass/Adoration: 6:30PM/7-7:30PM Wednesday.



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 more info, write to Marisa: mmarch@saintsaj.org.

Thursday Newman Dinners Resume in September!



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Drexel Mass, Tuesday 8PM, July 17, St. Katharine Drexel Chapel, Rm. 212, 33rd/Arch Sts, Academic Bldg. Newman Nights after Mass, 8:30PM-9:30PM. **Please join us!**

Big Questions/Small Group: We discuss the big questions of Life, Sundays, 4PM, Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut St. Check the schedule with Bill Reil wer32@drexel.edu.



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 Psalm 94:19

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