



St. Agatha – St. James Parish

Caritas Christi Urget Nos

Feb 17, 2019
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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9:00AM: Beiler's Doughnuts + Coffee
11:30AM: Free Jimmy Johns luncheon
5:30 PM: Nachos
9:00 PM: Sunday Sundaes

Mon, Feb 17: 12:05pm Mass
Tues, Feb 19: 12:05pm Mass
Wednesday, Feb 20 12:05pm Mass, 6:30pm Mass
Thursday, Feb 21 12:05pm Mass, 5:30pm Mass
Friday, Feb 22 12:05pm Mass
Saturday, Feb 23: 8:30am Mass

Confession available a half hour before Sunday Mass.

To see Mass offerings, please look at saintsaj.org/offer-a-mass.

Adoration is Mon-Fri, 3-6pm. | Morning Prayer is Mon-Fri, 7:30am-8:30am.

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We have all heard the beatitudes multiple times, but they never cease to intrigue and maybe even confuse us. Growing up, it always seemed to me like Jesus is telling us that the only way we can be blessed is to be unhappy. But as I grew older I thought that fulfill the end towards which our human nature tends, i.e., to live as God created us to live (this is why, classily speaking, the science of seeking how to live a happy life is called “ethics”). Well, we know that God wants us to be happy and blessed, so how do we explain this passage?

It seems to me that this is one of those times that Jesus really wants us to think hard about what he is saying. How can we be poor, but also have the whole Kingdom of God? How can we be satisfied through our hunger? How can mourning lead us to joy?

I want to tell you a quick story that a student once told me: His father owned his own business. It was going very well until the market was hit in 2008. The business was losing money so his mom had to search for a job which ended up not paying much while his dad struggled. They started rationing food and their meals basically consisted in peanut butter sandwiches. Sometimes it was so bad that they had to ask the Church for financial help to cover their basic needs. It was a very difficult time for the family, but eventually they recovered and life went back to normal.

Reflecting on that experience, the student told me that he never felt closer to his family and to the Church (and ultimately to God) than in that time when they were poor, hungry, and mourning their financial situation.

In the beatitudes, Jesus is reminding us of a deep truth that we all instinctively know—a truth worth pondering deeply about.

God Bless You,
Michael Gokie, SCV



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Collection	Feb 3	Feb. 10
Total Collection	\$2,865	\$2,192
Envelopes	\$330	\$535
Cash/Cks Not in Envelopes	\$942	\$1,073
Online Giving Venmo	\$1305 \$288	\$360 \$224
# of Online Donations	23	15
# of Venmo Donations	18	14

Electronic Giving: eTapestry/Venmo: Visit the website for eTapestry/Venmo info or write Missy - melwell@saintsaj.org

I was with so many people last Sunday that I didn't have the chance to thank all of you that helped make the St. Agatha Brunch so beautiful!!!

I can't say enough how special these events are!! We gather as a family and share as one! All the remarks I heard were really good and encouraging!! I know all of you do personal sacrifices for that! I know Leo had a BIG exam the next day and would have needed to study but was there serving! I am sure that each one of you have also given A LOT!! And so much of it happens behind the scenes!! Just like our Blessed Mother! GOD BLESS YOU!

Fr. Carlos

Please note: Parking will no longer be available during the week days.

Christ in the City is now EVERY Friday: Students are welcome to join us **every Friday at 5:30PM** to do ministry to the homeless. For more information, please contact Michael at michaelgokie@gmail.com.

Young Adults/Graduate Students: 7:30PM Wednesday evening Marian small-group program features discussion on

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how faith impacts our lives, prayer and social opportunities. For more info, write to Leo at lnegrini@saintsaj.org

Serving Christ by helping the poor: Our parish's St Vincent de Paul Society members seek to help the needy spiritually and concretely. We meet weekly for spiritual sharing and to discuss cases (Sundays at 2pm in the rectory dining room). You are welcome to visit a meeting to find out more. If you know of someone in need, ask them to call (267-416-0653) or email (svdp.stsaj@gmail.com). Donations to the poor boxes at the back of our church go to our local chapter to help the local poor.

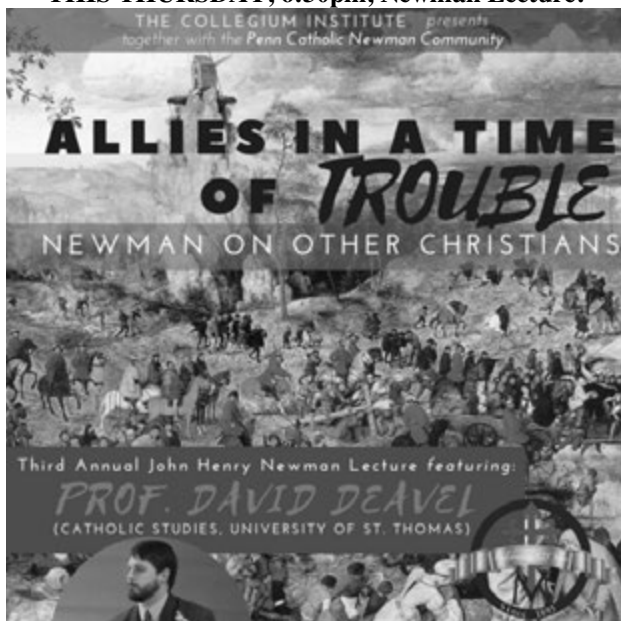
Getting Married? Go to our parish website to find out about and register for our upcoming Pre-Cana program.

Weekly Rosary: Join us Tuesdays at 6pm in the Rectory to pray the rosary and for a scripture reflection.

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.

Man Up Philly: The Catholic Men's Conference will be held March 9, 2019, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM and seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Location: Neumann University Mirenda Center 1 Neumann Way, Aston PA 19014 For more information or to register visit our website - www.manupphilly.com

THIS THURSDAY, 6:30pm, Newman Lecture:



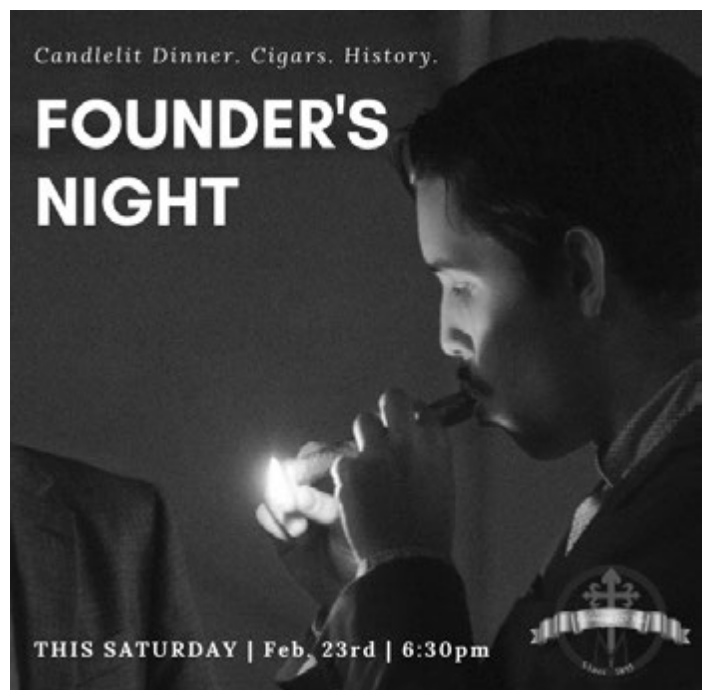
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Join The Societies!

The St. Augustine of Hippo Men's Society and St. Catherine of Siena Women's Society are societies for undergraduate and graduate men and women looking to join a sisterhood/brotherhood founded upon Christ and His teachings. This is a great way to build friendships through our events like Monthly Communion Luncheons at Abner's, Football Men's Nights, "Galentine's" Dinners, and many more to come in the future. To join please reach out to Vince (vdd26@drexel.edu) for the Men's Society and Andrea (au62@drexel.edu) for the Women's Society.



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