

St. Agatha – St. James Parish

January 14, 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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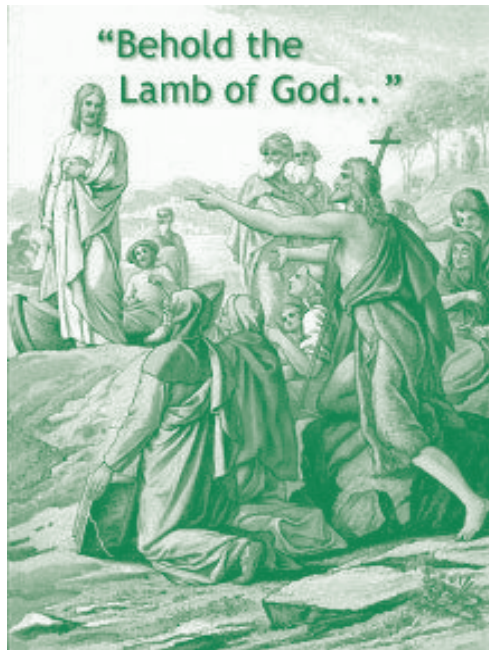
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This Week at St. Agatha – St. James

Saturday, January 13, 2018

NO 8:30AM Mass/Chapel



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9:00AM Mass In Memory of Rose, Ed, Joseph and John Candeloro and Maryann DeMarco

10:15-11:15am Understanding Jesus: Meets Jan.14

11:30AM Mass Intentions of Martha Cole

3:30pm-5:15pm Catholicism 101: Meets January 14

5:30PM Mass In Memory of Msgr. John J. Miller

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

Monday, January 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

12:05PM Mass in Chapel (open 11:45am – 1pm for Mass)

The Newman Center is Closed in Honor of MLK Day

Tuesday, January 16

7:30AM Morning Prayer this week – Please see website

12:05PM Mass in Chapel In Memory of Lucia Maria Tuoi

5:45PM Rosary this week – Please see website

8:00PM Mass Drexel Chapel

Wednesday, January 17

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Anna Marie Burgio

6:30PM Mass in Church; Adoration 7:00–9:00PM

Thursday, January 18

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Joseph Dong

5:30PM Mass in Chapel with Fr. Matt Guckin

Friday, January 19

12:05PM Mass

Saturday, January 20

8:30AM Mass/Chapel

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21

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

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses in Church, 38th & Chestnut Streets

9:00AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM (All Year with Exceptions) and 9:00PM (Sept. to May with Exceptions)

9PM Mass resumes January 14, 2018

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

5:30PM Mass Thursday, January 18 and 25; Saturday 8:30AM Mass on January 13, 20 and 27

Wednesday Candlelit Mass (Sept.–May) 6:30PM/Adoration 7:00PM–9:00PM **Resumes on January 17**

Thursday 5:30PM (September to May) **Please see website for changes in Thursday 5:30PM Schedule**

The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here am I, Lord; here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Psalm 40

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."
John 1:35

"What are you looking for?"

This is a very deep and important question that Jesus puts to John and Andrew. And to all of us as we receive the Word of God. What are you looking for? What are the desires in your heart? What are you hoping for? Some of you might think of a job offer or a better financial situation or health for family and friends or simply food, rest and vacations. Take a moment to think: **What are you looking for?**

The Apostles answer maybe in a clumsy way: "*where are you staying?*" I say clumsy because St. John the Baptist had already pointed out: "**Behold, the Lamb of God**" and that was what moved them to follow Jesus. They might have asked: *are you the Lamb of God, the Savior?* Or simply answer the question with: *We are looking for you.* The interesting thing is that sometimes it's not that easy to find out what our heart really wants, but Jesus is willing to work with us and answers: "**Come, and you will see.**"

In the same way, we must go into our hearts and try to answer in the deepest and most sincere way, what do I long for? It doesn't matter that our answer is not the perfect one. It has to be the real one. The one we experience at that moment. And Jesus will work with us to guide that desire towards His heart; to the personal encounter with Him. I hope that you might conclude like the apostles: "**We have found the Messiah.**"

Have a blessed day of the LORD!
Fr. Carlos



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

MLK Holiday, Monday, January 15: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born in 1929, was a minister, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and a leader in America's civil rights movement. He gave his most famous speech in 1963 in which he called for an end to racial discrimination. This speech became known as the "I Have a Dream" speech. He was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis, TN. The national holiday was set in 1983 as the third Monday of January. We honor MLK as a promoter of nonviolent action. Let us all pray to promote nonviolence.

Newman Center is closed Monday, January 15: In observance of the Federal Holiday to honor Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be Mass at 12:05PM in Chapel.

Spring Pre-Cana Retreat: Friday, February 23, Orientation: 6PM to 7:30PM, Newman Center. Saturday, April 7, Retreat Day 8:45AM – 4:45PM. Includes Lunch and Mass with special blessing for couples. Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut Street. Offering is \$250 @ couple. Email office@saintsaj.org /267.969.5014. Plan Spring Pre-Cana for a Fall wedding!

Sunday January 14 Come to the Newman Center after the morning Masses!
Join us for Hospitality after 9:00AM Mass
Come to Luncheon after 11:30AM Mass

WEEKDAYS: PRAYER, ADORATION, ROSARY Resume This Week

- 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 Rectory. rmorales@saintsaj.org. Resumes Jan. 16

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, January 14: **10:15AM-11:15AM**
Info: Email Remigio Morales at rmorales@saintsaj.org

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, January 14: **3.30PM-5:15PM**
Info: Email Marissa at mmarch@saintsaj.org

The Church of St. Agatha – St. James

March for Life, Friday, January 19, 2018: St Agatha-St. James is going to the March for Life! Are you interested in marching with us? We will be taking cars and leaving the Newman Center at various times. Please see our website to register. Archbishop Chaput will celebrate Mass at 10:00AM at The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19. Please join us!

Particular Day of Prayer and Penance: Monday, January 22 is a Particular Day of Prayer and Penance for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The intentions of our prayers are for an end to the destruction of innocent lives. Pray for success in building a Culture of Life.

Catholic Relief Services Collection, January 21: This Archdiocesan collection next weekend helps the poor at home and around the world. Please put your offerings in the Special Collection baskets in the rear of Church. Thank you.



Gratitude for Christmas Generosity: We want to sincerely thank the many parishioners and worshippers who made a special effort to be generous to the parish and to the Newman Ministries this year in their Christmas offerings. We are deeply grateful to you.

**Column 1–Sunday December 24/ Column 2–Sunday, Dec. 31*
*Christmas (\$1294)**

Total Collection	\$785	\$4532
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Electronic Giving: eTapestry/Venmo: Visit the website for info about eTapestry or write to Missy - melwell@saintsaj.org.



SNOW HELPERS NEEDED/WANTED!

Do you love Newman and Shoveling? Volunteer this winter with snow preparation/snow removal – salting before snowfall /shoveling after. Contact Greg at gtokarczyk@saintsaj.org.

Thursday, January 18, Mass at 5:30PM in Chapel with Fr. Matt. Join us for Mass before Newman Dinner!

Thursday Newman \$5.00 Dinner on January 18. Join us at 6PM, lower level, Newman Center. All students are welcome!



Christ in the City: Join us every 2nd & 4th Friday at 5:30PM in Newman Center; leave for Center City at 6PM. Check the schedule during the Semester break!! Bring 2 tokens! For info, write to: 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.



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Drexel Mass, Tuesday, January 16: Join us on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel for Mass at 8:00PM, Rm. 212, 33rd/Arch Sts, Paul Peck PSR Bldg. Newman Night follows Mass, 8:30PM-9:30PM. Join us!

Join one of **Drexel Newman Small Groups** See schedule of Small Groups for Winter term! Visit Drexel Newman website For info, danski712@gmail.com / agorman320@gmail.com.



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