

# St. Agatha – St. James Parish

September 24, 2017

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## Sodalitium Christianae Vitae

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The last  
will be first,  
and the  
first will  
be last.

Mt 20:16



### SUNDAY MASSES:

- First Morning Mass is 9:00AM
- 9:00PM Mass has resumed
- Announcements are made before Mass
- 10 minutes of instrumental music for Spiritual Recollection before each Mass
- 11:30AM Mass will be a Solemn Mass, with incense

### 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)

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### This Week at St. Agatha – St. James

#### Saturday, September 23

8:30AM NO Mass

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24

9:00AM Mass In Memory of Jennifer Quinn-White

11:30AM Mass In Memory of Edmund Skarbek

5:30PM Mass In Memory of Rev. James McVeigh

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

#### Monday, September 25

12:05PM Mass Intentions of Buddy and Sally Phillips

#### Tuesday, September 26

12:05PM Mass

8:00PM Mass Drexel Chapel

#### Wednesday, September 27

12:05PM Mass In Memory of Peter Sam Tran

6:30PM Candlelit Mass; Adoration 7:00 – 9:00PM

#### Thursday, September 28

12:05PM Mass

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

#### Friday, September 29

12:05PM Mass

#### Saturday, September 30

8:30AM NO Mass

1:30PM Wedding Mass Jamie Ann Acero and Eric Webb

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

October 1

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

## YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR MASS

### Weekend Mass Schedule

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

9:00AM, 11:30AM, 5:30PM, 9:00PM

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 (Not Sept. 30)

Candlelit Mass in Church: Wednesday: 6:30PM / Adoration: 7:00 – 9:00PM

## Caritas Christi Urget Nos

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

No matter how many times we have rejected God, no matter what we have done in the past, God is always ready to forgive us. The justice of God is not like human justice. The ways of God are above our ways, and His thoughts above our thoughts. He is "slow to anger, and of great kindness." The mercy of God is simply infinite.

Today's Gospel reveals the mercy of God with an interesting parable. A landowner hires workers for his vineyard at various times of the day: some start working early in the morning, while others only work the last hour. Yet the landowner chooses to pay his workers equally. To us, this sounds terribly unjust. How could someone who worked a full day receive the same pay as the one who worked only one hour?

The crucial point is to see that, in this parable, "work" represents everything we do out of love for God. It represents our acts of kindness and humility, our prayers, and our sacrifices. Thus, the parable tells us that no matter how long we have been away from God, it is never too late to go back to Him. God does not love us any less for having rejected Him in the past. His mercy is so great, that He loves us as much as He loves anyone else.

How do we begin to get closer to God? Where can we find Him? The Psalm says, "the Lord is near to all who call upon Him." We find God when we call upon Him in prayer from the sincerity of our hearts.

We might be tempted to think that, if it is never too late to go back to God, then there is no reason to do it just now. If the last worker of the vineyard gets paid just the same, why start working now? St. Paul gives a great answer to this question. In his letter to the Philippians, he says it is **necessary** that he remains working for the sake of God **for the benefit of the people he serves**. St. Paul recognizes that, as much as he would like to die and be in Heaven, it is necessary that he continues to serve and do good works because through them many others are able to get closer to God. It is out of love for God and for our neighbor that we serve today.

May we dare to open our hearts to receive the mercy of God, and rejoice for this great gift.

God bless you!  
Fr. Carlos, SCV

**Catholicism 101: The Mystery of Faith.** Learn more about what we believe and why. This Course is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All are welcome!

**Topic:** September 24 **How can we know God?** Who has spoken through the prophets (Nicene Creed)

**When:** Sundays 3.30PM-5:15PM. **Where:** Newman Center.  
For info: Marisa [215-275-4026](tel:215-275-4026) or [mmarch@saintsaj.org](mailto:mmarch@saintsaj.org)



**Bible Study: The Gospel According to St. Matthew.** Grow in your relationship with Jesus! Join us as we follow Jeff Cavin's Bible Study of St. Matthew's Gospel.  
**Beginns:** September 25. **When:** Mondays 6.30PM-8PM.  
**Where:** Newman Center. All are welcome! For info, contact Marisa [mmarch@saintsaj.org](mailto:mmarch@saintsaj.org) or [215-275-4026](tel:215-275-4026).

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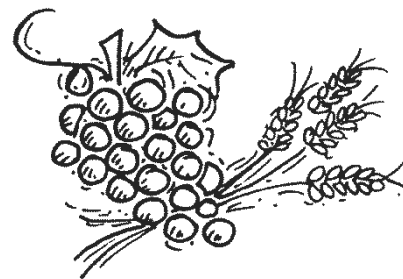
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### Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church on Sunday 30 Minutes Before Each Sunday Mass



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in a manner  
worthy of the  
gospel of  
Christ.

Phil 1:27

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**Do you know anyone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Tell them about RCIA!**

RCIA is a process of Adult Catechesis for those who are searching for faith tradition and formation in the Roman Catholic Church. It is also for adults who were baptized Catholic but who have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Write to [rcia@saintsaj.org](mailto:rcia@saintsaj.org).



### Sunday Bible & Liturgy Study

*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.* (St. Jerome)

This group studies the readings from the Sunday Mass and also studies the Mass itself, learning about the special rites, rituals and ceremonies of the Catholic liturgy. We study the Mass and the Word of God so that we may enter more deeply into the sacred mysteries of the Mass and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

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

**When:** Sundays 10AM **Start date:** October (TBA)

For info, email Remigio Morales [rmorales@saintsaj.org](mailto:rmorales@saintsaj.org).

**Luncheon after 11:30AM Mass** begins Sunday, October 8!  
Email Remi if you would like to help! [rmorales@saintsaj.org](mailto:rmorales@saintsaj.org).

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



**Marriage Preparation (PreCana):** Call 267-969-5014 for info regarding PreCana. If you have registered with us, mark your calendar for the Saturday Seminar, **October 21**, 8:30AM – 5PM (Mass at 4PM), Newman Center.

**Save the Date: Marian Procession, Sunday, October 22! Plan to attend this joyous event!**

**Column 1-Sunday, Sept. 3 / Column 2–Sunday, Sept. 10**

<b>Total Collection</b>	\$2170	\$1794
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$505	\$487
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### NEWMAN MINISTRY

**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: [nataleigh.newman@gmail.com](mailto:nataleigh.newman@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).

#### Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture:

**Title:** The Promises and Problems of Technology  
**Date:** Wednesdays, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18 at 5:30PM  
**Description:** Join Collegium as we explore the uses and abuses of technology and consider what human-centered use might look like. Dinner and texts provided free.  
**RSVP:** <https://goo.gl/forms/o5lcUhZmPUXLmkh43>

**Title:** Faith & Reason Reading Group

**Date:** Fridays, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27--2-3PM  
**Description:** Catholic and Protestant faculty will guide Christian students in an interfaith dialogue over the central texts of the Protestant Reformation on its 500th anniversary.  
**RSVP** to Elizabeth Feeney: [elife@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:elife@sas.upenn.edu). Coffee and texts provided.

**Thursday, 5:30PM Mass, Sept. 28 in Chapel with Fr. Matt.**

**Thursday Newman Dinner. 6PM, lower level, Newman Center.** All students are welcome!

**Rosary & Evening Prayer** on Monday-Friday at 5.45PM in **Newman Center Chapel** (except Thursday when there is 5:30PM Mass)



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**Welcome Back Brunch: Sunday, September 24:** After the 11:30AM Mass all Drexel students and their families are invited to Free Brunch in the Newman Center, upper lounge.

**Drexel Mass on Tuesday, September 26:** Drexel Mass Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 8:00PM at St. Katharine Drexel Chapel, 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 more info, email [danski712@gmail.com](mailto:danski712@gmail.com).

**Save the Date! Outcasts** screening: November 16<sup>th</sup>!



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**Small Groups:** [www.newman.upenn.edu/small-groups](http://www.newman.upenn.edu/small-groups)  
 Weekly discussion on how faith impacts our lives and prayer.

**Stay Connected!** Email Carolyn Shields to be added to the listserv for Penn!

### Penn Awakening IV: Nov. 10-12: "Thirsting for Love"

Our most popular undergraduate retreat is right around the corner! Penn Awakening IV will be held November 10-12 this year. If you find yourself thirsting for more as a college student, join us for a beautiful weekend of rediscovering and deepening our relationships with God, ourselves, and others. This retreat is open to all Penn undergraduate students. We also welcome undergraduates from Drexel, USciences, and the Restaurant School who may be interested.

Sign up at [newman.upenn.edu/awakening](http://newman.upenn.edu/awakening). For more info, email [pennawakeninginfo@gmail.com](mailto:pennawakeninginfo@gmail.com). Registration is open NOW until Oct. 21. Spots are limited, so sign up fast!

### A Penn student on his Awakening experience:

*As a freshman who missed NOVUS, Awakening was a great way to connect to other freshmen and upperclassmen within a personal setting. Although the retreat does take away most of a weekend, it was, for me, an essential part of my college experience last year. It offered a necessary break from my academic schedule and offered a space away from campus to realign my thoughts and to grow both in spirituality and in faith. It is such a powerful experience that is essential for nearly any college student who desires to grow closer in their relationship with God.*

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