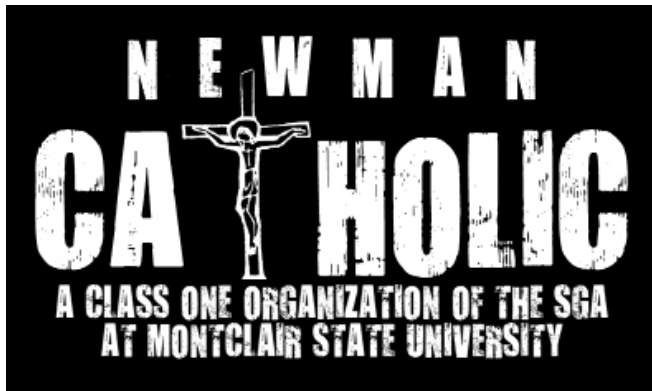


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“ We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven. Saint John Vianney ”



Good Light Makes All the Difference

By Fr. Jim Chern
Newman Chaplain

True story:

In New York City, there is a building on fifth avenue that houses the cultural services of the French Embassy. In the center of the lobby stood a three foot marble statue of a young boy on top a marble altar.

For decades, thousands of visitors to the building:

- walked right by the figure
- spectacular parties were thrown in it's shadow, without much interest shown to the sculpture.

It was understandable if you weren't overly impressed with the piece of art. For one thing, its arms and the lower portion of the legs were missing. In fact, if you passed by it without giving it a second thought - you would

be one of the many who had no idea that here in your midst was Manhattan's only sculpture done by the legendary 16th Century renaissance artist- Michelangelo.

In 1995 those in charge of the building began preparations for a special art exhibit which was going to be displayed there. Those preparations included installing an entire new lighting design. One evening after the work was completed, Dr. Kathleen Brandt who was a teacher at New York University's Institute of Fine Arts walked past the building, just like she had done for close to 30 years. But that evening she saw the statue in this new light, and it struck her - this could be an original, authentic Michelangelo right on display and no one even realizes it.

To make such a claim could be professional suicide.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEET

Tuesday Newman Night

7:00 PM – NEWMAN NIGHT -Our weekly meeting of Newman Catholic. All are welcome for a free dinner and to join us for a different weekly topic.

PRAY

Thursday Eucharistic Holy Hour

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confessions - Newman Center Chapel

DAILY CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Do you want to experience Jesus' forgiveness of your sins - Fr. Jim is available to hear confessions till **8:15 PM** - Student Center Café B & C

7:30 PM - SING? PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? Join our musicians with Mr. Bruce Mauro, our Music Director as they rehearse for this evening's Mass. - Student Center Café B & C

8:30 PM - SUNDAY MASS - Student Center Café B & C

Monday, Nov. 5

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

6:15 PM - Eboard Meeting - Newman II

7:30 PM - FOCUS Men's Bible Study - Contact Darin for information

8:00 PM - FOCUS Women's Bible Study - Contact Megan for information

Tuesday, Nov. 6

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

7:00 PM - NEWMAN NIGHT - Our weekly Meeting of Newman Catholic - All are welcome to join us for free dinner; and a different topic every week at Newman II. This week's topic: All Souls Day

Wednesday, Nov. 7

3:30 PM - FOCUS Women's Bible Study - Contact Sophie for information

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Thursday, Nov. 8

7:00 PM - Mere Christianity Book Study - Book 4: Chapter 5-8. This is the second-to-last meeting of the semester.

8:30 PM - LATE NIGHT MASS - Newman Center Chapel

9:00 PM - Eucharistic Holy Hour - Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confessions - Newman Center Chapel

Friday, Nov. 9

12:00 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

6:00 PM - FOCUS Men's Bible Study - Contact Dan for information

Sunday, Nov. 11

7:30 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Do you want to experience Jesus' forgiveness of your sins - Fr. Jim is available to hear confessions till **8:15 PM** - Student Center Café B & C

7:30 PM - SING? PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? Join our musicians with Mr. Bruce Mauro, our Music Director as they rehearse for this evening's Mass. - Student Center Café B & C

8:30 PM - CATHOLIC SUNDAY MASS - Student Center Café B & C

Upcoming

On November 13th at 7 PM, we will have a man who used to be homeless come to the Newman Center to give a talk about what it's like to live on the streets and where he found help and hope throughout his recovery process.

Join us for dinner and an amazing testimony!
Co-sponsored by the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing



Recurring

Each Thursday from 12PM-8PM at the Newman Center, Sean Faulkner, a certified therapist, will be available for professional counseling services for all MSU students. Sean is employed by the CatholicPsych Institute and offers psychological services from a Catholic perspective. Students are welcomed to meet him at the Newman Center. Walk-in or book a time to meet on our website at www.MSUnewman.com/catholicpsych.

ABOUT US

WHO IS NEWMAN?



We are named after BLESSED JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN. Over the last century on many secular colleges and universities around the world, centers have been founded to meet the spiritual needs of the Catholic people as well as to be a voice in the dialogue between the Church and the secular world on these campuses.

These centers are named after Blessed John Henry

Cardinal Newman. Newman lived in the 19th Century, was a professor, became a convert to the Catholic faith and is still remembered among many things as a holy priest. Among the many theological writings he did was "The Idea of the University" a series of essays where he observed that the University and the Church are driven by the same goal - the search for the universal truth.

WHAT IS NEWMAN CATHOLIC?

The NEWMAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY has been an active organization at Montclair State University

for over 50 years. Our mission is to help students grow in their faith through spiritual, social and community outreach programs. We do this through helping each other deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church which he founded. We are sponsored, funded and operated by the ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK. We are chartered as a CLASS I ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION and are a recognized active partners with the University on many committees and initiatives.

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Today's Mass: ; Deut 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47+51; Heb 7:23-28; John 14:23; Mark 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bode, 2, 3; John 8:31b-32; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Matt 11:28; Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1

Pet 4:14; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matt 11:28; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; 1 John 2:5; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a+9; 2 Cor 8:9; Luke 16:9-15

Chern, from front • • • • •

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Forgeries, fakes pop up all the time which some believe are the “real deal” only to be proven wrong later. In fact Dr. Brandt learned she wasn’t the first person to think this could be the work of the master artist. 10 years earlier, a curator from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Dr. John Draper had seen the statue from a passing bus and it left such an impression on him that he went to investigate it himself. As he explained to Dr Brandt, he couldn’t make a determination at that time whether it was really an original done by Michelangelo or not.

The two art experts decided to work together and study the marble piece once again. The statue had taken a beating over the years - in addition to the missing arms and broken legs, the figure had endured water erosion, stains, chips to it’s body. I guess if you don’t think the statue’s made by Michelangelo, you’re not too careful with it.

But the two art experts noted the curls of the hair, the forms and features of the face, the treatment of the body and the carving technique. All were indications that this was truly one of Michelangelo’s earliest works, sitting right there in the middle of a lobby in Manhattan.

What changed for Dr. Draper in those ten years? How was he now able to see the treasure that was before him, which not so long ago had been hidden? What made it possible for him to see past the imperfections and see the work of the creative genius?

It’s kind of a let down, because you might expect some dramatic, earth shattering discovery - like a hidden compartment in the base of the statue that has Michelangelo’s initials on it or something. But the museum curator is pretty matter of fact about it - he said that 10 years earlier the lighting in the lobby was too poor to make an opinion, but now he could be definitive in authenticating this as a true work of art by Michelangelo. Quite simply, Dr. Draper said “good light made all the difference.”

In the good light, the work of the master was clearly seen. The light was able to see past the faults and imperfections to see the handiwork, the skill, the beauty that was there all along, from the first day the creator completed his creation.

The Church just finished celebrating All Saints Day (Thursday, November 1st), a feast where we rejoice with all those who have died and are now in God’s presence in Heaven and then our thoughts quickly shift to All Souls Day. All Souls Day seems to be a bit of a downer as a follow up. Because here we remember all those who have died who haven’t quite made it to yesterday’s celebration. They haven’t made it fully into God’s presence in heaven. They are in purgatory. And because of different movies or jokes, we kind of imagine people being punished like being in prison as they work off the sins they didn’t deal with here on earth. With that mode of thinking, we can look at this feast day as a warning – get to work now or else!

Yet that really cheapens the real gift that we should be grateful for. Purgatory isn’t about punishing imperfect souls - it’s about perfecting imperfect souls.

You and I have been beautifully, wonderfully made by the loving hands of the Master artist. Our Loving Father created us as his own masterpieces in this vast creation of his. And yet, over time, our sins cause us to be chipped, cause us to be stained. Through our bad choices, we can obscure the creators workmanship. We can hide his signature from view.

But that doesn’t make us any less His. We are still His creation. We still have tremendous value to the artist. Listen to how God is telling us how much he Loves us – In the Old Testament Book of Wisdom, we read: The souls of the just are in the hand of God... chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed... As gold in the furnace he proved them... in the time of their visitation they shall shine.”(Wis 3: 1) God reveals to us that he is going to take those who are “just” to Himself

and that the imperfections, the dings, the chips, the damage we do to ourselves – yes they will have to be dealt with, have to be fixed so that the true beauty will be revealed . God’s plan is that our perfect selves will find their proper place in the place of ultimate perfection of His Heavenly Kingdom.

That’s why Jesus tells us that his mission, the reason he came is not to reject us but rather to gather all of the Father’s creation together to Himself. God’s light is calling all of his creation to himself. So while we struggle with the reality that we’re not the prefect creations he made us as or calls us to be, God’s light isn’t there to call attention to the flaws, the chips, the dings, the stains, the imperfections.

God’s light reaffirms the Master’s hand in our creation. Our value is still intact. Our beauty is still there - just perhaps a little less visible than it should be.

We continue to remember we remember all those who have died both today at our All Souls Remembrance and throughout the month of November: Relatives, friends, neighbors - all of our brother’s and sister’s who have passed away. You and I who know all too well how we struggle with sin and temptation... and how those imperfections obscure that we have been created by God in his perfect image. Well today we remember those who’ve died - knowing they too struggled - they too sinned, they too fell from reflecting the true artistic genius of our Heavenly Creator. This feast reminds us of the need to pray for all of them, knowing that they will one day join the Saints in praying for us. All with the ultimate, great hope that one day, to reveal the Master’s handiwork in all of creation, God’s loving, eternal light will make all the difference.