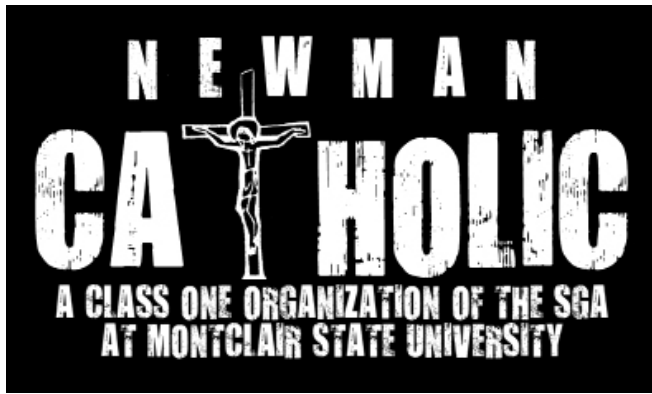


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number of titles that could have served as an inspiration. One of the most beloved images for Christians since the Early Church remains “Christ, the Good Shepherd.” In fact, the statue behind the Newman Center at the bottom of the 99 stairs to campus is modeled after this title. For a long time, I had thought how cool it

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would be to have a chapel named “Christ the King” - so we could say “Christ the King at Montclair State.” But that could’ve been interpreted as aggressive and turn something that should be meaningful and special into something unnecessarily controversial.

A few years ago, I had stumbled upon an icon from

“  
Hear me declare with boldness, I am a Christian. - St. Polycarp  
”

## Christ the true Friend

By Fr. Jim Chern  
Newman Chaplain

In last week’s bulletin, I gave a bit of the history of how the chapel in the Newman Center was created. Because it came about in stages, there was never a clear identity for our sacred space. Of course, every Catholic chapel is a place to worship God in the tabernacle, where the Blessed Sacrament (Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Eucharist) is a perpetual presence and focus for us. But most chapels and churches also emphasize the effect Jesus has had in the lives of his followers (so a Church will be named after a “Patron Saint”) or other aspects of Christ’s life and mission.

There’s a tremendous

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MEET

### Tuesday Newman Night

**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: Vocation: A Response to Love

## GROW

### Small Groups Mondays & Thursdays

This semester, our Campus Minister, Sean Grealy is leading two small groups. On **MONDAYS at 4 PM** is our **"RAISING HEARTS SMALL GROUP"** that explores different forms of prayer. On **THURSDAYS at 7 PM** is our **"BQ SMALL GROUP"**- Discussing some of the "Big Questions" everyone asks about life.

## DAILY CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 24, 7th Sunday of 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** - CATHOLIC SUNDAY MASS - Student Center Café B & C

### Monday, February 25

**2:00 PM** - Eboard Meeting - Newman II

**4:00 PM** - Raising Hearts Small Group - Newman Center

**5:30 PM** - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

**8:00 PM** - Men's Bible Study - Newman Center (email Darin if you plan to attend)

### Tuesday, February 26

**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: Vocation: A Response to Love

### Wednesday, February 27

**5:30 PM** - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

### Thursday, February 28

**5:00 PM** - Men's Bible Study - Newman Center (email Dan if you plan to attend)

**7:00 PM** - BQ Small Group - Newman Center

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

**9:00 PM** - Holy Hour - Come pray before the Eucharist for an hour of adoration with praise and worship music - Newman Center Chapel

### Friday, March 1

**12:00 PM** - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

### Sunday, March 3, 8th Sunday of 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

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## MARDI GRAS

Tuesday, March 5th

**Feast before the fast!**

Mark your calendars... Next week's Newman Night will be an opportunity to gather for food, games, and music as we prepare to enter the 40 days of prayer and penance of Lent- Newman Center



*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).*

Every believer is called to make disciples of all nations. But what does it mean to be a disciple?

In this retreat, participants deeply encounter the Person of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and learn to respond to His call to "come, follow me." The talks of the retreat explore the meaning of discipleship and challenge participants to invite others to become disciples of Jesus."

Join students from Newman Catholic here at MSU and the other schools from the Archdiocese of Newark for this special opportunity. For more info, speak with any of the staff or FOCUS Missionaries

## 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

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## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Today's Mass:** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; John 13:34; Luke 6:27-38

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; See 2 Tim 1:10; Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Gal 6:14; Mark 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171,

172, 174, 175; John 14:6; Mark 9:38-40;

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6; See 1 Thess 2:13; Mark 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; See John 17:17b, 17a; Mark 10:1-12

**Saturday:** ; Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18a; See Matt 11:25; Mark 10:13-16;

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## Chern, from front



The artist, Michael Corsini explaining the symbolism and artistic choices he made in creating the new painting

the 7th century of "Christ, the True Friend" that depicted the rarely known Saint Mirna from the 3rd Century. St. Mirna was a martyr from the Coptic Church (based out of Egypt), and the image had Jesus with his arm on Mirna's shoulder, a book of the Gospels in his hand. I must admit I had never seen an image of Christ depicted like this. And the image stayed with me.

The more I prayed with the image, prayed for you, our students, and thought about what Newman Catholic is, the more that image reemerged. Eventually, I stumbled on Christ's true friendship within the Gospel itself, found in the passage from John 15:15: "I no longer call you servants...I've called you friends." It

seemed to finally make sense.

For most of you, at this stage of your lives, you're at a time and age where you're making many decisions about your life, your direction, and your relationships. Studies tell us that many choices made between ages 15-25 will be solidified for the rest of a person's life. At the same time, we're living at a unique time in human history, where people have almost immediate and direct connection to virtually anyone around the world through the power of modern innovations and devices. Yet, reports show people are lonelier than ever, isolated and disconnected in an unprecedented way. Many young people have varied expectations and different ideas of even the very idea and notion of friendship.

When I met the artist who crafted our new painting, Michael Corsini, I shared a lot of these prayers and thoughts with him, and asked him to work on something that would move viewers into contemplating the idea of Christ being our true friend. As with any work of art, there are numerous details to focus on that will speak to people differently. These details help bring the painting to life, and will hopefully bring depth and meaning to our own relationships to Christ as we try to see ourselves in the artwork. But here are a few specific details to highlight and help in your own personal reflections:

The true friend who has laid down his life for us, recalled in that this image of Christ is Him in His resurrected glory, still with the nail

mark in his left hand visible. The true friend who walks with us in a loving, supportive way - as we see Jesus' feet are leading the disciple, and Jesus has His arm around the disciple and is gazing at him in a loving way.

This is a true friendship, not servitude or manipulation. The disciple has made the decision to follow Jesus. We see that the chain which had the disciple attached to sin and death (depicted with an image of the demon in the tomb) has been dropped as the disciple looks into Christ's eyes and begins to walk with him through the "narrow gate" on a way that is hard, that leads to life (Matthew 7). The image depicts this rocky ground approaching streams of water, which comes through a broken rock (Exodus 17). Those waters are reminiscent of the waters of Baptism, which is the start of our relationship with Jesus. Christ is depicted wearing a "stole," a long cloth that goes around the neck and over the shoulders, which is a symbol of Christ's priesthood.

As Jesus walks with the man on this hard path and knows the wounds from his attachment to sin (the disciple's hand is wounded from the chain), He places his other hand on the man's heart. This hand placement is inspired by the passage from Luke 24, on the road to Emmaus, where the disciples meet the risen Christ. At first they don't recognize Him, but once they do, He physically disappears and they remark "Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke to us?"

The place of authentic encounter with Christ for every disciple is in the heart. As each of us walks the difficult, hard path of life, Jesus meets us, heals us, and reveals indeed that He is Christ, the true friend.



**MARCH 6, 2019:**  
**MASSSES: 12:15; 3:00;**  
**5:30 & 8:30 PM**  
**CONFESSIONS available**  
**11:30 AM - 8:15 PM**  
**All in Student Center**  
**Ballroom A**