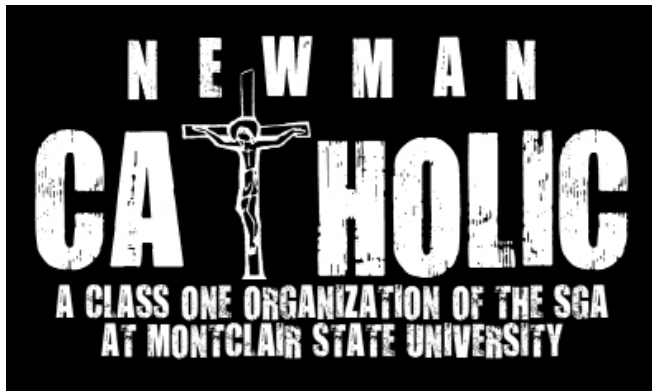


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“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” - C.S. Lewis



Our chapel in April 2008, with a "Special visitor."

A chapel through the years

By Fr. Jim Chern
Newman Chaplain

The Chapel at the Newman Center has gone through gradual evolution over the years. Twelve years ago when I first arrived, there wasn't a dedicated chapel space, primarily because there was a limited amount of space at Newman for gatherings, meetings, and offices. The basement was unusable and we didn't own the house next door, so the present chapel space was kind of an "all-purpose room." Upon arriving in 2007, I had asked for permission to begin creating a chapel - primarily so that Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, could be truly present in our house at all times with a tabernacle.

Looking back at pictures from that first year, we relied on the generosity and creativity of others to piece together a very basic, simple space. Seton

Hall University's Campus Ministry gifted us with a tabernacle, a makeshift altar was put together, and folding chairs and room dividers were placed so that just the front section of the present chapel was used.

In cases we had an overflow (which we often did), we could move the room dividers to allow for more seating.

Soon, we made that entire room a chapel, and went about renovating the basement and other spaces for other needs. Again, generous friends donated to purchase all the matching chapel furniture (altar, pulpit, chairs), the room was re-carpeted and painted, and it's been the heart of the Newman Center ever since. It was often described as a beautifully simple, peaceful, homey place to come and pray.

However, a few years ago, it hit me that our chapel needed some art work. Most likely it was a result of

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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: The Sacrament of Marriage

PRAY

Thursday Eucharistic Holy Hour

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

DAILY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 17, 6th 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 18

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 19

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: The Sacrament of Marriage

Wednesday, February 20

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Thursday, February 21

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, February 22

12:00 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

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

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SERVE

Have you ever thought about reading at Mass?

Helping distribute the Body and Blood of Christ as Mass?

Students who are interested in serving our community as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to contact Sean Grealley.

small groups & bible studies

build your faith

www.MSUnewman.com/smallgroups

Our small groups are meeting this week! Please join us for one of them:

- Raising Hearts Group - Mondays 4:00 PM @ the Newman Center
- BQ Group - Thursdays 7:00 PM @ the Newman Center

Recurring

We'll have new extended hours for Catholic therapy at the Newman Center through the Catholic-Psych Institute! Therapy will now be available on Monday through Friday, with two certified therapists available to talk with you. Visit our website at www.MSUnewman.com/catholicpsych to learn more and make an appointment.

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: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:23ab; Luke 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21; John 14:6; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10; John 14:23; Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13,

14-15, 18-19; See Eph 1:17-18; Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23; See John 6:63c, 68c; Mark 8:27-33

Friday: Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; John 15:15b; Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; See Mark 9:6; Mark 9:2-13



"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."

Chern, from front

a visit to Italy and seeing how there didn't seem to be any corner of the city without some fresco, mosaic, painting...especially in the churches. But in the churches, you sensed something in the art even more powerful and transcendent. They were as spectacular as anything you'd see in a gallery or museum. But beyond that, they were dedicated to the Glory of God. They were illustrative of an artist's prayer life. They were meant to lift one's mind and heart to contemplate God in a unique way.

Looking at our own sacred space, I had wanted to find something that would do the same. Something that would lift our minds and hearts; it would speak to those who find it and would find Newman Catholic their spiritual home during their time at Montclair State. For years I looked at catalogs of mass-produced icons, statues, murals, prints... and nothing felt right. People had suggested different Saints or "Blessed's" (those who, God willing, will one day be canonized Saints, including our name-sake, John Henry Newman). But the more I talked about that with students, the more I found the list growing: "How about St. John Paul II or St. Mother Teresa?" -



View of the Chapel, February 2019, with the painting "Christ the True Friend" on the right of the altar

and I quickly felt like I was dissing a saint if I didn't agree.

In 2016-17, as we prepared for our 50th Jubilee Celebration of the Opening of Newman Catholic, the anniversary committee wanted to acquire a unique piece of art to mark the historic event. Our office manager had introduced me to Michael Corsini, who has done commissioned works of art for a variety of churches. And over a year ago, we began the work of prayer and discussion on the painting which was installed and dedicated

by Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark at his visit here last week: Christ, the True Friend.

I'm so grateful to Michael for the prayer, thought and time he poured into this work - and look forward to explaining how we settled on that title and some of the symbolism in next week's bulletin. But the more I reflect on it, and recognize how so many friends of Newman who raised or donated thousands of dollars to pay for this commission - the more providential this all seems.