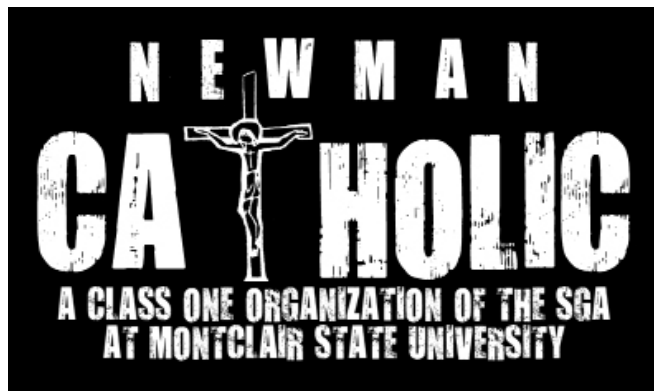
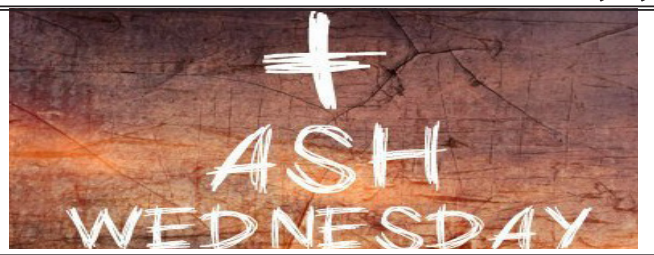


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**THIS WEEK MARCH 6, 2019:**  
**MASSES: 12:15; 3:00;**  
**5:30 & 8:30 PM**  
**CONFESSIONS available**  
**11:30 AM - 8:15 PM**  
**Student Center Ballroom A**



“  
 If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them...  
 Press forward and fear nothing.  
 - St. Katharine Drexel  
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## The Holiness of Work

**By Sean Greely**  
 Campus Minister

The word “work” elicits a negative reaction from most of us, I think. Immediately, it brings to mind a list of tasks and jobs that we have to do, but most of the time, we really don’t want to. We would much rather take a break and relax: catch up on a favorite show, play a video game, or maybe just sleep.

Yet, we recognize that work is an essential part of our human existence, and that none of us will be able to get very much out of life without working. Is it possible, then, to understand work as something that’s not only necessary, but actually beneficial for us? In a word, absolutely. The value of work goes

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far beyond our initial reaction; it is good for us to work because it allows us to share in the divine life.

First of all, if we understand work as action, then every time we engage in work, we are sharing in the existence of God Himself. Philosophically, God can be described as pure action, since He is never passive.

He is activity itself, and as Catholics, we understand that the world was created by God and is constantly sustained in creation by Him. Therefore, if work is action,

then our work is actually sharing in that godly creation, allowing His loving work to flow through us. When we work, we are, in a way, mimicking God’s action from the beginning of

# 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: Mardi Gras party!

## PRAY

### Thursday Eucharistic Holy Hour

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

## DAILY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 1, 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

**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, March 2

**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, March 3

**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: Mardi Gras party

### Ash Wednesday, March 4

See our following Mass schedule for the day to receive your ashes and celebrate the Eucharist

**12:15 PM** - SC Ballrooms

**3:00 PM** - SC Ballrooms

**5:30 PM** - SC Ballrooms

**8:30 PM** - SC Ballrooms

\*Confession is also available in the Ballrooms throughout the day between Masses\*

### Thursday, March 5

**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 6

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

\*Newman Catholic E-Board nominations are due today

### Sunday, March 7, 1st Sunday of Lent

No Mass on campus today. Enjoy your spring break!

## HEALING

### Monday - Friday

### Catholic Psychologists Available for Students at Newman

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## emmaus group

"...THE ONLY SOLUTION IS LOVE  
AND THAT LOVE COMES WITH  
COMMUNITY."

- DOROTHY DAY



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 New-  
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### 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 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; 2 Cor 8:9; Mark 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14+23; See Matt 11:25; Mark 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Joel 2:12-18; and 2 Cor 5:20—

6:2; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17; See Ps 95:8; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6; Matt 4:17; Luke 9:22-25

**Friday:** ; Isa 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; See Amos 5:14; Matt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Isa 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Ezek 33:11; Luke 5:27-32

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## Greely, from front

time.

Additionally, before Jesus started the actual work of His ministry, we know that He participated in hard manual labor. He is described in the New Testament as a tekton, the ancient Greek word for “craftsman” or “builder,” which was the same profession as His earthly father, St. Joseph. Though we often translate the word as “carpenter,” the important point to take away is that Jesus worked. He spent the first thirty years of His life working in an intentionally brutal, physical way.

Jesus is God, and theoretically could have come to earth in any profession. He could have been the son of a tax collector and been trained in that role, and then later turned from the corrupt life it takes most people down. He could have been the son of a healer, and then amazed others as He miraculously healed maladies that seemed incurable. Or He could have been a prince of Israel, helping to legitimize His title as King of the Jews and His leadership on earth before His death and resurrection.

But He came as a builder, which only led to more difficulty in His ministerial life. In the Gospel, when He first preached in His hometown, people were confused upon hearing His teaching, wondering aloud to each other, “Where did this man get all of this? What kind of wisdom has been given him...is he not the carpenter?”

(Mk. 6:2-3). It didn’t seem possible that a lowly laborer would have the capacity to learn as much as Jesus had, or to be able to teach it so eloquently and forcefully. In that moment, the people realize that there is something the worker knew that they did not, and they reject Him for it. “He was amazed at their lack of faith” (Mk. 3:6).

There could be a lesson in that for all of us. After all, Jesus has a knack for turning our interpretations of the world up on themselves. We wouldn’t intuitively think there is anything blessed about being poor, persecuted, hated, etc., yet He teaches us that those are the people who will enter the Kingdom of God. If we are naturally inclined to look down on work, could there be something spiritually beneficial about it that we’re missing?

Spiritually, prayer is far and away the most important aspect of our lives. We must maintain a relationship with God through daily prayer. However, that prayer may not necessarily need to be in front of a tabernacle or at Mass; after all, St. Paul teaches us to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thes. 5:17). So yes, we must pray, but perhaps we can infuse prayer into our daily lives and routines as well. We can, if we choose, make every single activity throughout the day a prayer, offered to God in loving sacrifice of our own comfort.

In Genesis, God commands man to “fill the earth and subdue it,” giving Him dominion over Creation; in the Gospel,

the perfect, loving human response to this charge is given by Christ during His Passion: “Not mine, but Thy will be done” (Lk. 22:42). In our work that God has given us to do during our daily lives, we can respond similarly, offering a sacrifice of our own wills and desires so that the work that is necessary can be done prayerfully.

And if we’re able to offer work as a prayer, something changes about it. First, we become grateful for it, and thank God for the gift of being able to share in His creation. We even thank Him for the ability to do the work, which so often requires physical strength, mental capability, and the virtues to perform the work that others may not have themselves. Only by exercising all of these faculties through work can we truly come to appreciate them as gifts from a loving God.

Secondly, after expressing gratitude, we can see that work is a good, and every good from God naturally brings us joy! Think of a time you finished a project you were working on - for school, your job, around the house, or anywhere else. Upon completion, there is a sense of deep satisfaction that you likely experienced; you might describe that as a glimpse of Heaven, the place we can truly be satisfied by knowing the love of God. That’s really what joy is, after all: the moments where you catch glimpses of the Paradise that God is waiting for us to reach. In this light, not only can work let us participate in the divine creation, but it allows us to know God in a much more intimate way.

The Rule of St. Benedict, an instruction for how monks should live their lives, famously proclaims “Ora et labora,” or in English, “Pray and work.” While this can be read as a command to do the two separately, I think it can be viewed more properly as a dictate to integrate prayer and work throughout your life. The prayer can sanctify the work and turn it inwardly; the work can expand the horizons of our prayer lives. And while we can discuss it ad nauseum, no one can know the sacramentality of work by talking or thinking about it. Next time you are actively working, commit some energy to inviting God into your work. Allow His will, not yours, to be done; thank Him for the gifts that allow you to work, and offer the work as a sacrificial gift to Him in return; finally, know that in welcoming into this aspect of your life, you are allowing Him to draw you nearer to Himself in a loving embrace.

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