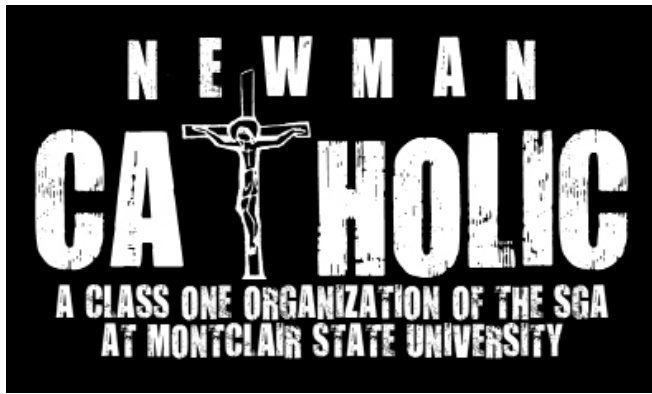


The Newman Center is located at 894 Valley Road, Montclair, NJ 07043. You can reach the center by walking down the 82 steps right behind Moorehead Hall on the South-East end of Campus.



Hard to believe how beautiful our chapel Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at Montclair State has come together. The entire chapel was painted over the summer and the altar area with Gold leaf was completed over Christmas break... Then last week, The painting on the right, "Christ the True Friend" was specially commissioned to commemorate the 50th anniversary celebration of the Opening of the Newman Catholic Center. More on the painting and the blessing of it by Cardinal Tobin in Next Week's bulletin.

“After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all...” - St. Paul Miki, Martyred in Japan, 1597

A season of growing

by **Amanda Ferlaino**
Newman Vice President

One of Satan's greatest jobs is making God's children dwell on the past. He is so good at manipulating our minds to focus on our insecurities, our past regrets, and on the moments where we have completely failed God. If you are human and anything like me, then most likely, you have sinned before. You have failed God and have chosen against Him. Maybe once, maybe twice, but in reality, probably numerous times. As I started my relationship with Jesus Christ, I started to think that I was perfect because I followed His rules, loved Him, and wasn't

sinning THAT badly. I thought that by being a good person and not engaging in worldly pleasures, that I rightfully earned God's love and that I was on the right path. Before I continue, I want to first stress that you never have to earn God's love... He loves you regardless of what you have done or what you will do in the future... His love is not something that we earn, His love is something that we are given even when we do not deserve it.

It took me a while to understand this, and to be honest, somedays it is still hard for me to understand this because that "perfect" girl that I used to be, turned out to be not so perfect.

One of the hardest things that we can ever do in life is to fully forgive ourselves.

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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 Four Loves w/ Stephanie Sonnick from Seton Hall Campus Ministry

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 10, 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 PM - EARLY SUNDAY MASS (due to the Super Bowl) - Newman Catholic Center - Join us at the Newman Center for a special early Mass, followed by our annual Super Bowl party!

6:30 PM - SUPER BOWL PARTY - Newman Center - Watch the Rams play the Patriots in the Super Bowl at the Newman Catholic Center. Food and drinks provided.

Monday, February 11

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 12

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 Four Loves w/ Stephanie Sonnick from Seton Hall Campus Ministry

Wednesday, February 13

2:00 PM - "You Are Loved" Table - SC 2nd Floor Lobby - Come get a card with a quote about love to celebrate Val-

entine's Day, whether you're celebrating with a significant other or not.

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Thursday, February 14

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 15

12:00 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

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

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

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Today's Mass: Isa 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Matt 4:19; Luke 5:1-11

Monday: Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10+12, 24+35c; See Matt 4:23; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gen 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 119:36, 29b; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,

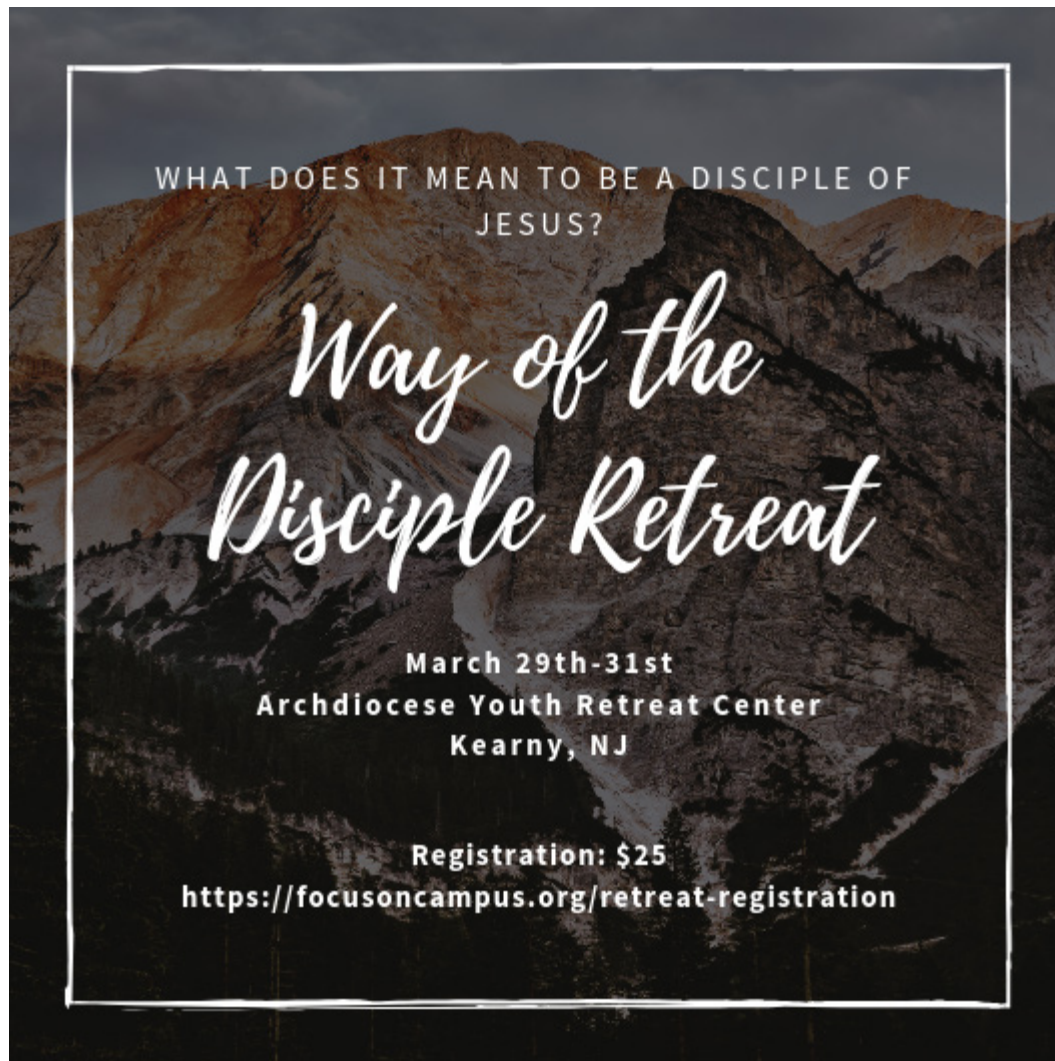
27-28, 29bc-30; See John 17:17b, 17a; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; James 1:21bc; Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; See Acts 16:14b; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Matt 4:4b; Mark 8:1-10

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.



“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.”

Ferlaino, from front • • • • •

Following God’s rules turned into me manipulating them and tweaking them a little bit, telling myself that what I am doing is okay. Loving Him turned into loving worldly pleasures more, and not sinning badly turned into sinning so badly that Jesus seemed so far away, and that I was too far gone to “earn” His love again. I have gone to confession time and time again, and I truly felt that the Lord forgave me for failing Him.

But have I forgiven myself for failing Him? Have I forgiven myself for hurting me, spiritually and mentally? Some days, yes. Other days, no, not at all. I understand that Jesus Christ died for me and for these sins. He died knowing that I would fail Him and choose against Him over

and over again, but His love surpasses all sin, all ugliness, and all evil.

Even though I know this, some days I dwell on the moments that I have sinned badly and I see the ugliness, the guilt, and the shame of those sins, even though they are well in the past. Brothers and sisters... if this happens to you and your days become consumed with these thoughts, please understand that this is the Devil.

Do NOT let him win or continue to take over your thoughts. Satan wants us to see the ugliness of our sins, and he wants us to feel the weight of them. But Jesus wants to take the ugliness of those past sins and regrets and He wants to change them... He wants to make them beautiful. We do not need

to feel the weight of our sins... Jesus already felt the weight of them when He was crucified for us. Friends... no matter what you have done, Jesus forgives you.

Allow Him to love you and to take those broken pieces of your heart that were shattered by sin and guilt, and allow Him to turn those pieces into love and virtue. One of the hardest things that we can ever do in life is to fully forgive ourselves. I can promise you that this will not happen overnight, but what I can promise you is that Love always wins, and Jesus will win this battle for you.

Be patient with yourself and love yourself, because in loving ourselves, we truly get to love God, who dwells always within us.