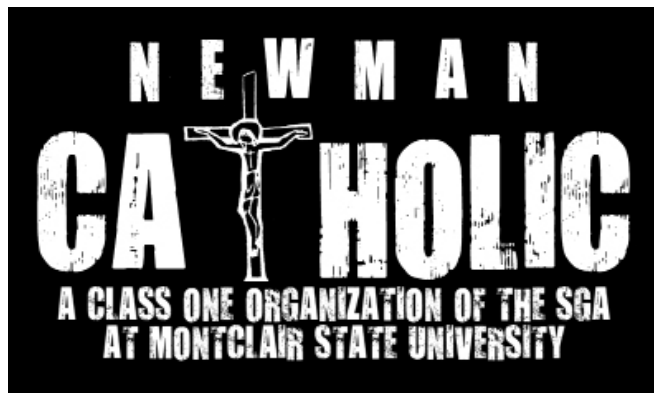


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Confirmed in Faith

By MacKenzie Garrity
Campus Minister

Going into my sophomore year of college, I started going through my journey of getting confirmed in the Catholic church, something that I should have been finishing during my sophomore year of high school. It was just something my family and I never got back to once we moved towns and switched parishes. When I was with Hopi (then service chair and now president) at RecFest during leadership training in 2017, she introduced me to our campus minister, Sean, and the snowball started rolling of me becoming in touch with my faith again.

From October to April, during my whole process of getting confirmed, I became more in touch with my faith than I ever had been before. I had weekly meetings with Sean about a ton

Eventually, over time, I was inviting people to come to Mass with me, and just became more open about practicing my faith

of different topics. This ranged from angels and saints, to conversation with God, to Jesus, Mary, and Incarnation. Honestly, I found myself having better days and had a more positive outlook on life. Being able to learn more about Catholicism, and secure my love for all things in the world, it made me look at the world differently and appreciate it more. I also was opened up to the worlds of Bishop Barron and Father Mike Schmitz, two men of God who have YouTube channels about a ton of different topics (I highly advise watching them, they're quite educational yet great to pass time). By going through with getting confirmed at Newman, I rekindled my religious life that had stood dormant in me for so long. On the social spectrum of Newman, I also made so many new friends in the close campus

“
The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.
Pope St. John Paul II
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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, Oct. 21 - 28th 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, Oct. 22

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

8:15 PM - Eboard Meeting - Newman II

Tuesday, Oct. 23

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: Respect Life - The Gift We've All Received

Wednesday, Oct. 24

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Thursday, Oct. 25

7:00 PM - Mere Christianity Book Study - Book 3: Chapters 9-12. Talk to Sean about joining the book study for the Fall Semester. - Newman Center

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, Oct. 26

12:00 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

5:15 PM - FALL RETREAT - Newman Center - Meet at the Newman Center at 5:15 PM to leave for the Fall Retreat if you've signed up! Bring everything you need, as we'll be taking a bus together from the Newman Center.

Sunday, Oct. 28

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

Get to Know **DARRIN HOWELL**

Q: What made you choose MSU?

Jesus chose MSU for me! But I'm very excited to bring Him to New Jersey.



HOWELL,
FOCUS
MISSIONARY

Q: What do you think you could improve on when it comes to practicing your faith life?

I need to live as I pray and pray as I live.

Q: What did you want to be when you were a kid?

I wanted to be a deep thinking philosopher. So smart.

Q: What is the best thing about

Catholicism?

Being in God's Church means I have a family I can physically hear and have confidence in. Like a ship at sea the waves will come but Christ said it won't sink.

Q: What is something unexpected that happened to you over the summer?

God provided for my every need and I've gotten closer with my family.

Q: What is your favorite sports team? Your least favorite?

I'll light too many fires answering this question.

Q: What is your favorite Halloween candy?

Reese's peanut butter cups

Q: What inspired you to choose major/minor/career?

I felt that God wanted me to progress the world with science so I chose Engineering.

Q: Was there a time when you felt like God let you down? How did you get through it?

I felt that God was letting me enter into the unknown multiple times when I became a missionary. He spoke to me in this scripture verse- Mark 4:35-41.

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

CONTACT US

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Today's Mass: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Isa 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20+22; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:45; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Matt 5:3; Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 21:36; Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Matt 24:42a, 44; Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Phil 3:8-9; Luke 12:49-53

Friday: : Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; See Matt 11:25; Luke 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Ezek 33:11; Luke 13:1-9

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.

Garrity, from front


community, and started to become more open about being a practicing Catholic on a college campus. I feel that practicing faith in college is kind of taboo, it's not really talked about at all or seen as "the norm". When the average non-religious person thinks of someone who goes to church on Sundays, usually an older relative, perhaps a grandparent or aunt/uncle, pops into their head...not a 20 year old college student! When going through last school year, I at first was a little hesitant to tell people I was starting to go to church again. Eventually, over time, I was inviting people to come to Mass with me, and just became more open about practicing my faith. Even now, months after I've been confirmed, I still feel like it's a normal part of my life to say "Oh yeah, guys, I need to leave early I have Mass" or "Hey, if you're not doing anything, I'm heading to the Newman Night if you want to come." It's definitely an eye-opener to see how many people who aren't open about their faith say yes to coming because of the open invite, or how many people will inquire for more information regarding future things even though they're not publicly religious. It showed me how to be comfortable with how I live my life, because after all it made me happy to express what I was doing, and God wants all of us to have happiness in our lives.

In all, over the past year, I can honestly say that Newman has helped me grow into the person I am becoming. Within less than a year, I went from not being confirmed and not being openly Catholic to holding a chair position for outreach within this wonderful organization. I have found that if you take a smallest bit of time

GO. SERVE. LOVE.

ADVENTURE AWAITS

Apply for a mission trip with Newman Catholic



Visit www.MSUnewman.com/mission-trips to apply for our Spring Break trips to either Kentucky or Mexico!

out of the day to say hey to God and just talk with Him, He will return to you with blessings and happiness. I am a strong believer in everything happens for a reason, and that God has a whole plan set for each of His children. It is now apparent to me that I was never

meant to get confirmed at 15 with everyone else in my town. I was meant to become a part of this wonderful family we call Newman Catholic here at Montclair State, which I will forever be grateful thanks to Him.

RCIA: Why be Catholic? Or any religion for that matter?

We believe that God made us out of love and for love... And in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) we talk about who God is, His presence in the world and in our lives. We share our faith, pray, study scripture and see what God is saying to us today... what it means to be Catholic and to live a Christian life. So if you're interested in joining the Catholic Church or are already Catholic but haven't received your First Communion or Holy Spirit, why not check the RCIA out. Just email or speak to Sean Grealy our Campus Minister or Fr. Jim our Chaplain for more information.