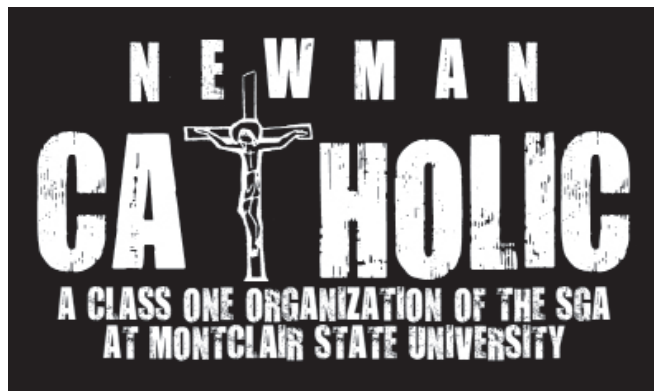


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“
In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction.” - St. John of the Cross
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A season of hope

By Amanda Ferlaino
Newman Vice President

When you think of the season of Advent, you may think of the season that begins the new liturgical year in our Church, or you may think of the season that prepares us for Christmas and Jesus’ birth. Growing up, when thinking of the season of Advent, I would think of Christmas trees, sparkling lights, and presents that I know Santa will give me because he always promised to in letters that I received from him as a child. As I’ve gotten older and started to understand the true meaning of Advent and Christmas day, I started to see it more as a celebration. Not a celebration for the presents I will receive, but a celebration for the coming of God in the

flesh, Jesus Christ. During this period as we wait for the birth of our savior, we discover the goodness that He has in store and we hold on to God’s promises of hope.

Last year, to me, Advent wasn’t about the twinkling lights or holiday festivities. Rather, it became a season of confusion, uncertainty, and doubt. At the beginning of Advent, my dear friend, Zechariah, from my parish’s youth group, suffered a traumatic experience that resulted in his death on Christmas day.

Like Mary in Luke 1:34, when the angel Gabriel brings forth the news that she will conceive the Son of God and she questions him with uncertainty saying, “how can this be?” I also found myself questioning God

I ponder the beauty of Christmas day and Jesus’ coming into this world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DAILY CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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.

Last Sunday Mass of the semester.

Monday, Dec. 17

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Tuesday, Dec. 18

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel. Last daily Mass of the semester.

Normal calendar resumes in the spring semester.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -SPRING 2019

Friday, January 18, 2019

March for Life - Washington D.C. Look for details in our Newman Email Newsletter or on our social media if you're interested in participating in this annual peaceful demonstration to testify to the sanctity of all Human life from conception till natural death

Sunday, January 20, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 PM - FIRST SUNDAY MASS OF SPRING 2019 Semester - check online to confirm whether Mass is on campus or at Newman.

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:00 PM - A VERY SPECIAL "NEWMAN NIGHT" - with **CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK** joining us for dinner and an opportunity to have a Question and Answer period with all students.

Friday March 29 - Sunday March 31, 2019 The Annual Archdiocese of Newark Intercollegiate Retreat:

"COME FOLLOW ME"

facilitated by FOCUS - the Fellowship of Catholic University Students - to be held at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ. This will be open to all students attending Essex County College; Farleigh Dickenson, Teaneck; Kean University; Montclair State University; New Jersey City University; NJIT; Ramapo College; Rutgers University (Newark); Stevens Institute; Union County College

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.



Recurring

Each Thursday from 12PM-8PM at the Newman Center, Sean Faulkner, a certified therapist, will be available for professional counseling services for all MSU students. Sean is employed by the CatholicPsych Institute and offers psychological services from a Catholic perspective. Students are welcomed to meet him at the Newman Center. Walk-in or book a time to meet on our website at www.MSUnewman.com/catholicpsych.

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: Zeph 3:14-18a; Isa 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Isa 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18); Luke 3:10-18

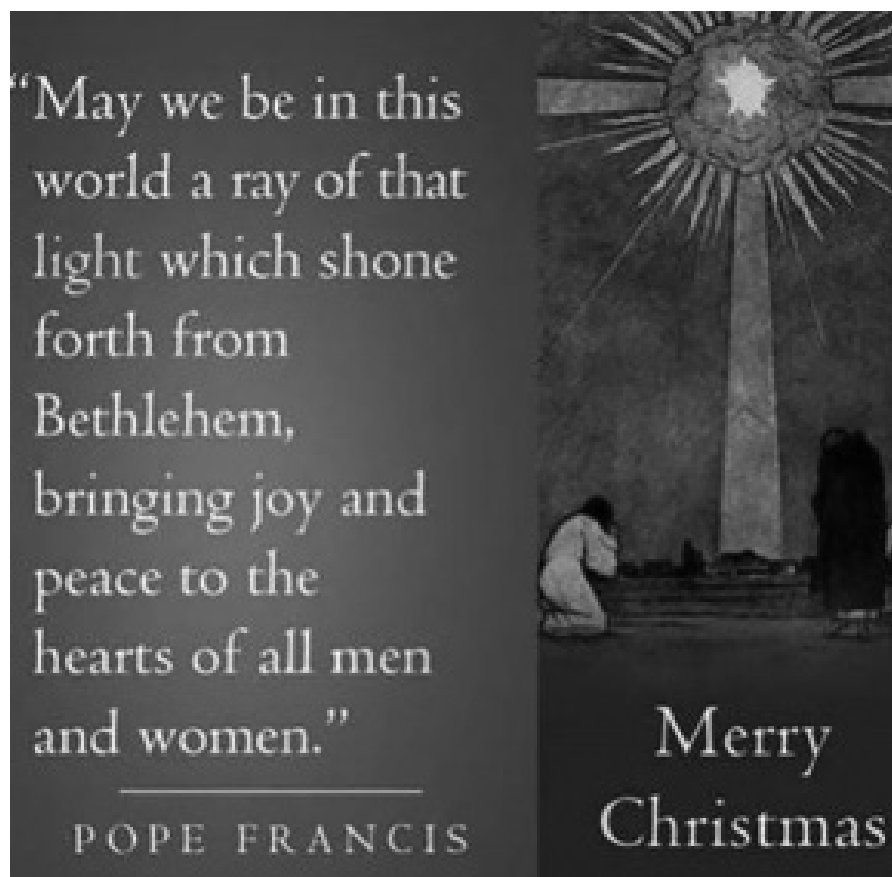
Monday: Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9; Ps 85:8; Matt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19+23; [no bibl. ref.]; Matt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isa 45:6-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14; See Isa 40:9-10; Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: ; Isa 54:1-10; Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b; Luke 3:4+6; Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Isa 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; [no bibl. ref.]; John 5:33-36



From all of us at Newman Catholic, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Take some time to thank God for the blessings in your life, rest, rejuvenate, and return invigorated for a successful Spring semester.

10 Ways to Pray during Advent

Take one of these suggestions, and write your own prayer to God with that person (or those people) as your intention!

1. An Advent Prayer for My Family
2. A Prayer for Those on My Christmas-Card List
3. A Prayer for Those Who Attend Mass Only on Christmas and Easter
4. A Prayer for Those Who Will Be Homeless This Christmas
5. A Prayer for Those Who Will Spend Christmas Alone
6. A Prayer for Those Who Will Be Celebrating Their Last Christmas on Earth
7. A Prayer for Those Who Can't Be Home for Christmas
8. A Prayer for Those on My Christmas Shopping List
9. An Advent Prayer for Those Who Are Grieving
10. A Prayer to — and for — My Loved Ones Who Have Died

Felaino, from front • • • • •

and His plan. "How can this be that my friend suffered so terribly and died?" A year later, I still question this awful reality by asking "how can it be that a year went by since his death, since it still seems so unreal to me?" At this moment, as I reflect on Zechariah's suffering and death, I ponder the beauty of Christmas day and Jesus' coming into this world. He came to die, so that you and I may join Him and His Father in Heaven for eternity. Jesus conquered death, and Zechariah dying on Jesus' birthday is an

evident sign of hope that there is life eternal... that the end of his earthly life is not the end of his life. Jesus' birth is a sign of God's everlasting love for us and a reminder that His promises will always be fulfilled.

As a child, I trusted Santa in hopes that he would fulfill his promises to me that he wrote in my letters, and gift me with many wrapped presents on Christmas morning. Likewise, in the Bible, God writes letters to us filled with many promises and Heavenly graces. It is up to us to trust His promises, hope

in periods of waiting and doubt, and receive the coming of our Lord not only on Christmas day, but every day in our hearts. As we continue this Advent season and await the birth of our Lord, what questions are stirring in your heart? What doubts and uncertainties lie in the midst of this period in your life? Call upon our Heavenly Mother and walk with her as we open up our hearts in accepting the coming of her Son into our lives.