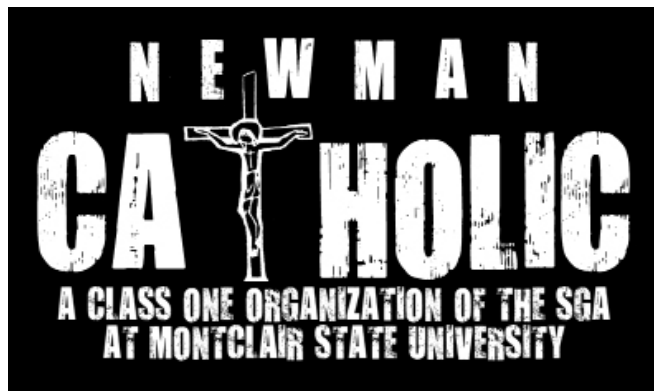


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“ Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything. - Our Lady to St. Juan Diego at Guadalupe, 12/9/1531 ”



## A call to greatness

**By Lauren Ward**  
Newman Secretary

My whole life, I've always been a little different. Different than my peers, and different than some of my family members. I've been called an old soul and "wise beyond my years" countless times, and up until my college years, I didn't really know what to make of that. Now, I understand; I've always just been a little ahead, and it has everything to do with my faith.

I did a questionnaire for Newman a while ago, and one of the questions I answered was "Why Catholicism?" And I answered simply by saying because it has all the right answers, even when there are none. I said that because I truly base my faith in God, and

my trust in Him, in everything I do in life. I trust Him when life is simple, or great, or fun...but I also trust Him when life is hard, heartbreaking, and grief-ridden. I understand that this world is not where I'm from, and that it was never meant for me. I understand that I'm called to Heaven, that I'm trying to live my life true to that call because the One who is calling me is God. I'm still human, I still fail and I absolutely get caught up in the chaos and wreck of this world every single day, some more than others.

However, there is a moment each day, amidst the chaos and the hurt and the stress, that I remember Who is really in control. And no matter how OCD

Life is hard  
and messy.  
God knows that,  
and He's here  
for you.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MEET

### Friday Midnight Run

**7:00 PM** – Help Newman Catholic distribute clothing and toiletries this coming Friday on our December Midnight Run! - Newman Center

## PRAY

### Thursday Eucharistic Holy Hour

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

## DAILY CALENDAR

### Sunday, Dec. 9 - 2nd 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

### Monday, Dec. 10

**5:30 PM** - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

**8:15 PM** - Eboard Meeting - Newman II

### Tuesday, Dec. 11

**5:30 PM** - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

### Wednesday, Dec. 12

**5:30 PM** - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

**6:30 PM** - Midnight Run Prep - Help Newman Catholic prepare clothing and toiletries to be distributed this coming Friday on our December Midnight Run! - Newman Center

### Thursday, December 13

**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, December 14

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

**6:00 PM** - Midnight Run - Newman Center

### Sunday, December 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** - CATHOLIC SUNDAY MASS - Student Center Café B & C

## 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](http://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

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## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Today's Mass:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:4-6; Luke 3:1-6;

**Monday:** Isa 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14; [no bibl. ref.]; Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Isa 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3+10ac, 11-12, 13; [no bibl. ref.]; Matt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Isa 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10; [no bibl. ref.]; Matt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Isa 41:13-20; Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab; See Isa 45:8; Matt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Isa 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6; [no bibl. ref.]; Matt 11:16-19;

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac+3b, 15-16, 18-19; Luke 3:4+6; Matt 17:9a, 10-13

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# Donate to the Midnight Run



Donate to the Midnight Run! We're accepting donations until December 12th - items most in need are Large-XXXL Men's winter clothing, new socks/underwear, and general toiletries.

## Ward, from front

and organized I am, I'm never in control- God is. And once that moment hits me, I get called back into reality-- the reality that is that this world is just a passing world, and the true world is with God.

"In my Father's house there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you will be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14: 2-4).

I read this Gospel in John and breathe out a big deep breath and I trust that God is with me. I also remember that at the end of the day, I want to be closer to Him so that at the end of this world, I will live in eternal happiness with Him.

I realized that at a young age, and I'm in the process of living it out right now to the best of my ability. God is calling me to greatness; He's calling each and every one of us, all we have to do is answer. It's not easy, and it's not without hurt, but it is worth it. I've lost some friends, I've lost love and boyfriends... I've even intimidated and angered people from my decisions and morals, but it's still worth it. With God and His plans for me, I know I will be more happy than I could have ever imagined for myself. I may not have the answers right now, but God will deliver. It took me a long time to realize, but no one- not your best friend, sister, or boyfriend who you swear you love, is worth missing that call from God. Chances are that if they're holding you back from God- they're not meant to be in

your life.

I've let the call go to voicemail from time to time, and I've even declined it many times! Right now, I've answered and put it on speaker, hooked it up to my car's bluetooth and started a long drive on the journey ahead of me with God right there next to me during my drive.

The time I've spent at the Newman center here at MSU, and the people I've grown close to have supported me immensely in this call. Here, I have so many people that love and care about me, and challenge me to this call for greatness from God. You do too. In college, and at this confusing and tender age, life is hard and messy. God knows that, and He's here for you. He'll never stop calling (believe me! I had a lot of missed calls from God). It's up to you to answer.