

Heart *Speaks to* HEART

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Students Offering Support

Students Offering Support (formerly known as **Stephen Ministry**) is now recognized as a partner of the University of Rochester CARE Network and is able to assist with the mental and emotional health of our University Community in a peer-to-peer accompaniment format.

We also have a dedicated support line for all your emotional and mental health needs. SOS members, who have 50 hours of training in the guiding principles of the psychology of ministerial accompaniment, can be reached by leaving a message at (585) 730-3019.

A/V System Upgrade

We are proud to announce that a major upgrade to Newman's audiovisual streaming system has been completed thanks to the generous support of alumnus and retired senior vice president for Administration and Finance at Rochester, Ron Paprocki '69, '86S (MBA) and his wife, Cathy. The new streaming link, www.urnewman.org/streaming, which utilizes improved visuals from a high-resolution camera system, was officially launched for live broadcasting of Masses starting on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent. We would also like to thank the University Information Technology Department for their tireless work over the spring, summer, and fall months, turning this vision into a reality!

Newman Giveaways

As is the tradition every year at Orientation, Newman distributes a thematic t-shirt, and we have some left over! To celebrate the first full year of our patron's (St. John Henry Cardinal Newman) canonization, we would love to gift them to you. We have a limited supply of SM, M, and XL, so please do let us know if you would like one by contacting us at catholicnewmancommunity@rochester.edu. And as another treat, we will throw in one of our Newman Charms and Stickers!

Events

Sunday Mass

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for live and streaming Mass by visiting <http://www.urnewman.org/streaming>.

**7 p.m. Mass resumes on 01/31/21. There will be no Mass on 12/27/20.*

Newman STEM Alumni Networking Panel

If you were unable to join us for our networking event that occurred on December 4, please view the video on our website at www.urnewman.org/networking. The event was a wonderful success and a chance for our current students to consult and converse with STEM alumni on their professional and career aspirations and outcomes and how their Catholic faith played a role.

Come Home to Newman Christmas Concert

Monday, December 21 at 8 p.m.

Still want to carol this Advent/Christmas Season? Join us the Monday before Christmas for a musician's delight, featuring traditional Christmas carols from our very own Eastman School of Music students. Bring a friend, invite your family, and sing along virtually via **Zoom (277-122-8739)**.

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24 at 5 p.m.

With all that is going on in our society and our world, the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem and its encompassing joy is exactly what we need. If you are on campus and affiliated with the University of Rochester, please join us in person for Christmas Eve Mass. If off campus, celebrate this most holy night with us by visiting www.urnewman.org/streaming.

Year-End Appeal

Consider supporting us before the close of the calendar year. Your gift will help students during the difficult semester that lies ahead, allowing our Staff and Students Offering Support peer ministry group the resources to assist students as they navigate school, stress, and the ongoing pandemic. Thank you for your consideration—give at www.urnewman.org/giving/annualappeal.

Cool Thoughts



Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday at Mass on campus, I pray these words. They are said after the Our Father, and for the past nine months they have made a deep impact on my heart as they ask us specifically for “. . . peace in our days . . .”! Wow, powerful and beautiful! These words are deeply impactful, especially as we think and consider everything that has happened and continues to happen in our world today—from the pandemic to racial injustice to political division to violence in our cities, to stress from classes and exams and being away from family, along with everything else in our lives. PEACE in our days is for what we all truly LONG. It is our DEEPEST desire. As St. Augustine tells us, “. . . our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee.”

It is in the Eucharist that all of us should seek this inner peace for ourselves and our world most intentionally, all through the person of Jesus Christ. The more we build our deep desire with him in relationship do we create a community of peace within the Church, among our families, and upon our world. And while social distancing and mask wearing are uncomfortable and seemingly even against our most natural and human tendencies, they do not keep us from finding Christ personally in the Blessed Sacrament and through prayer and community. I so

admire the work of our students to keep one another and our campus safe. As I tell them, they are making history and they are building resiliency like few other generations. In this, they are able to see Christ in one another more clearly than ever before.

The heart of Newman ministry is the heart of Christ, and, when we seek him, we find him, and we find his peace within our hearts and upon our world. Look for him. Wait for him. Trust in him and let his peace enter your heart and our world. We need him, and he is ever faithful.

Rev. Brian C. Cool '06W (MS)

J. Nelson Hoffman '55 and Joan Dutcher Hoffman '55
Director of Catholic Newman Community Pastoral Care

P.S. Join us virtually via Zoom (277-122-8739) on December 21 at 8 p.m. for the Sounds of Christmas music special, featuring Eastman School of Music students. You are also invited to join us for our Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. by visiting www.urnewman.org/streaming.

The New Newman Center



Learn more about the Newman Center project, including naming opportunities, at urnewman.org/building.

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A Place to **Pray**



A Place to **Gather**



A Place to **Grow**



**Until we meet in person again,
join our vibrant online community!**

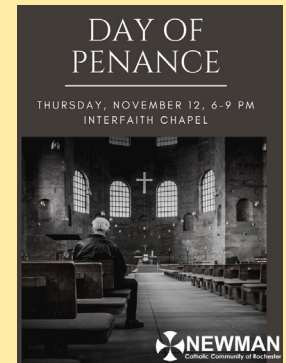
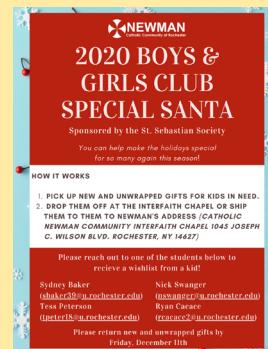
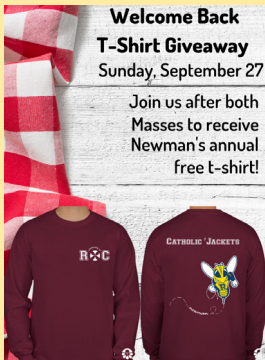
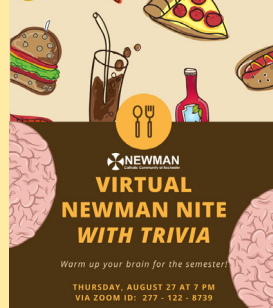
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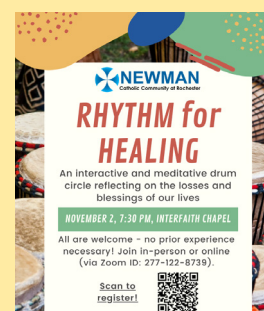
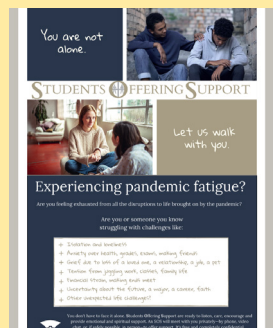
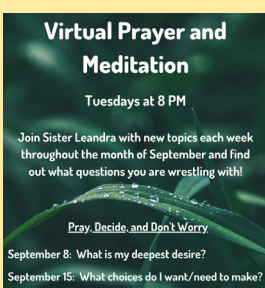
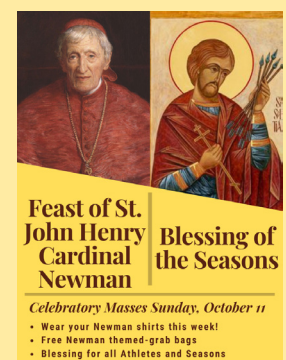
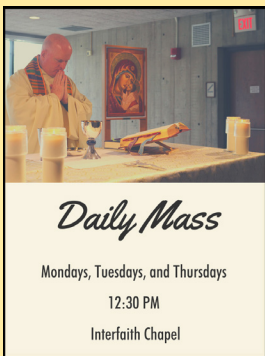


A Fall to Remember

While our Fall 2020 Semester may have been a bit eccentric due to the safety measures surrounding COVID-19, it has certainly not been boring!

With more than 50 events this semester alone, Newman was not only the first reactivated group/club on campus since March, but we were also one of the most present and dynamic organizations at Rochester, seeking to connect with all sorts of students and provide them with a quality faith and fellowship experience.

Here are a few of the many flyers, posters, and advertisements that were created for Newman-affiliated events throughout these past 15 weeks!



A Word from the Back Office



Wow, can you believe that fall has already graced us with its presence? With the semester in its final stages of completion, and stress on the rise due to the uncertain nature of COVID-19, not to mention the usual strain of assignments, papers, and exams, the general attitude throughout the campus inhabitancy has been one of pure anxiety and pressure! Nevertheless, with this reality comes the awareness that the finish line is drawing ever nearer, a sense of resilience and certainty that we have survived a semester of classes through the combined community-wide effort to promote safety and to be accountable to our dear friends, classmates, instructors, and colleagues. What an amazing effort, one in which I commend the entire University community on its policies, procedures, and prudent endeavors to keep us all safe and sound!

As you might already know and suspect, this semester has been a rather strange one! From an Orientation that was unlike any other in history (with virtual student expositions, fairs, giveaways, and retreats), to the continued virtual liturgies and worship celebrations (Sunday Mass, Daily Mass, Rosary, Guided Meditation, and Adoration), to the personal and pastoral response that Fr. Cool, Sr. Leandra, and I have taken to ensure each and every student's health and safety, the fall of 2020 is beyond comparison. However, we persevere and prevail—we move on and hold on to the message that the apostle Paul imparts to each and every one of us when we face a particularly difficult challenge, “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Rom 12:12).

Yes, we have seen a great affliction come down upon our world, our nations, our communities, and sometimes even into our very own homes! Yes, we have walked with friends, coworkers, and strangers

who have lost a loved one (physically, emotionally, spiritually) to the pandemic, to the brutality of racism, to the scourge of violence in our streets. Yes, we have worked with community leaders, with lawmakers, with police to uphold our common values of decency and dignity to make our world and our lives *ever better*. And so, we much heed Paul's words to celebrate our faith—a faith that allows us to persist in our trying existence—to push on when all seems to be for naught. Jürgen Moltmann, a wise and celebrated German theologian in the Reformed Christian tradition, once stated it is our hope as Christians that “. . . makes the Church the source of continual new impulses towards the realization of righteousness, freedom, and humanity here in the light of the promised future that is to come.”

Thus, if we are not actively involved in the fight of our age, the challenges that affect our daily lives, we are not doing our Christian duty of making sure that righteousness (God's very will) is attained. We, therefore, must be bold as Jesus was—audacious enough to take a stand for our fellow sisters and brothers, to care for those on the fringes of society, to accompany those who have experienced loss, to live up to the task of accountability to ourselves and others in the public health crisis we find ourselves—a trait we attempt to emulate here at Newman each and every day! All of these things are not easy; in fact, they are quite trying. It is our job, and that of our students, to lean on the words, the strength, the teachings of Christ to move forward in this age, to “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.”

Stay safe as always and with God's blessing,

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Year-End Appeal

Your support keeps our ministry vibrant, even in these daunting days.

If you are considering an end of the year donation, you can do so by visiting www.urnewman.org/giving/annualappeal. For gifting stock, use the following information and reference Dean's Fund for Newman Community:

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You may also contact Jared Longmore by phone at (585) 276-7249 or email him at jared.longmore@rochester.edu for additional gifting options, including company matching gifts. Thank you for your consideration of our Newman mission to share Christ at the University of Rochester.

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