



Cool Thoughts

Dear All,

As the semester draws to a close, the campus buzzes with the final push of deadlines, exams, and projects. These last days can feel like an unrelenting sprint. Yet, nestled within this whirlwind is a pause—a moment to reconnect and recharge: Thanksgiving. This holiday offers a chance to reflect on our blessings, set aside stress, and gather around the table with those we hold dear.

A few years ago, I received the following story from a friend. It's a heartwarming tale that feels especially fitting to reflect upon as Thanksgiving approaches.

Keep Your Fork

There was a young woman diagnosed with a terminal illness, given only three months to live. As she prepared for the inevitable, she invited her pastor to discuss her final wishes. She shared the hymns she wanted sung, the scripture readings she cherished, and even the outfit she wished to wear. Just as the pastor was preparing to leave, she remembered one final request.

Excitedly, she said, "Oh, there's one more thing. It's very important."

The pastor paused and asked, "What is it?"

"I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand," she replied.

The pastor was puzzled but listened as the young woman explained:

"My grandmother once told me a story I've carried with me all my life. At church socials or potluck dinners, after the main course, someone would always lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part. I knew it meant something wonderful was coming—like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something special, something substantial.

"So, when people see me in my casket holding a fork, I want them to ask, 'What's with the fork?' That's when I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork. The best is yet to come.'"

At the funeral, the fork in her hand stirred both curiosity and reflection. As the pastor shared the story, he reminded everyone that the fork symbolized hope, faith, and the assurance that something even greater awaited.

The next time you pick up a fork, remember the promise that the best is yet to come.

Thanksgiving reminds us not only to count our blessings but also to anticipate the joys that lie ahead. It's a holiday rich in history, rooted in gratitude. The first Thanksgiving, celebrated in 1621, was a moment of unity between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people, who came together to share a meal after a successful harvest. While its origins stem from a simple act of giving thanks, Thanksgiving has evolved into a day to pause, gather, and reconnect with the people and values that matter most.

As you enjoy the turkey, pie, and cherished time with loved ones, take a moment to treasure the friendships and blessings in your life. Let Thanksgiving be a reminder to slow down, recharge, and share the hope that "the best is yet to come."

Friends are indeed one of life's greatest gifts. They bring smiles, lend an ear, and enrich our lives in countless ways. This season, let us give thanks for one another and for the promise of all that is to come.

Peace,
Fr. Cool

P.S. Enjoy your turkey! But remember, Newman Christmas traditions are right around the corner:

- Dec 2 - Advent Penance Service
- Dec 8 - Christmas on Campus Party!
- Dec 9 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day
- Dec 9 - Midnight Mass and Feast (Dress Up!)
- Dec 10 - Bowling Night @ Newman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
NOVEMBER!

2 - Grace Brown
2 - Jessica Hinojosa
4 - Valeria Padilla-Choy
4 - Emilia Parrado-Nazal
4 - Christina Valenzuela
5 - Daniel Andaya
5 - Juan Pelaez Jr.
5 - Steve Stephen

6 - Kristen Briedis
6 - Juan Lucena Fois
7 - Abriana Arokiaraj
7 - Quinn Brady
8 - Jane Oliver
9 - Luis Ixcamparij
9 - Jonathan Pulido
9 - Eli Rios Ramirez
10 - Bryce Kneer
11 - Michael Bielak
12 - Jeffrey Shuffield
13 - Al-Sameer Cooke
14 - Michelle Ramirez
15 - Alexis Fielding
15 - Jack Garbatowicz

16 - Colin Hascup
18 - Jarett Jacquez
18 - Jack Kelly
18 - David Leder
23 - Aidan Craner
23 - Clara Schultz
24 - Finnian Smith
25 - Megan Clasby
25 - Coleman Goenner
25 - Parfaite Uwimbabzi
26 - Subin Hong
27 - Yejin Son
28 - Mackenzie Jutras
29 - Charlotte Hennessey
29 - Gregory Palma

MORE @  **NEWMAN**

**FOUR
SQUARE** @  **NEWMAN**

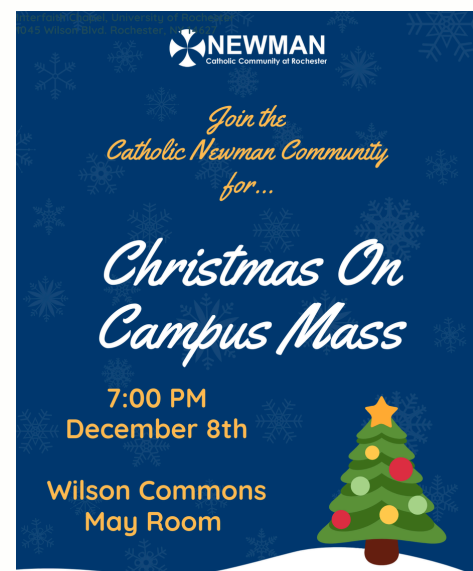
Christmas on
Campus is
coming
Sun December
8!!!

Advent
Reconciliation
Service Mon
December 2

We are still
recruiting new
tutors - see
Jack for
details

Tonight!
3rd Sunday
Supper
Lasagna from
Polizzis

 **NEWMAN**





Newman Laughs

Newman relies on the generous support of Alumni, Parents, Local Residents, and Students for 90% of our budget. Your support of our Sunday collection is deeply appreciated!

Give to our Collection Via Venmo

Collection Report 11/17/24		
Weekly Actual \$224.00	Weekly Goal \$378.00	Variance \$155.00
Y-T-D Actual \$9,437.34	Y-T-D Goal \$8,382.00	Variance \$1,055.34
Y-T-D is Financial Year July 1-June 30		



Mass Intention: Fr. John Crowley, Ray McDermott

GET INVOLVED
NEWMAN

COME JOIN US!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings

MONDAY
7:00PM
INTERFAITH CHAPEL

For questions & interest contact Alicia Lawson
at alas10@u.rochester.edu or (607)542-5708



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Conference Room
Interfaith Chapel 2nd level

Monday Night
Group 1
7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday Night
Group 2
6:00-7:30pm

Interested?

Contact
Tim Cai (Group 1)
tcai9@u.rochester.edu
David Leder (Group 2)
dleder@u.rochester.edu



Open to all college men

SET THE DATES
ASIDE FOR THE
KAİROS 44
RETREAT
FEB 21-23
NOTRE DAME
RETREAT HOUSE

Insta Mass

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9 PM
FOLLOWED BY PIZZA

Sunday Mass

Join us every Sunday at
10:30AM & 7PM
@ The Interfaith Chapel



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Send an email to bcool@admin.rochester.edu to make a personal appointment or come 30 minutes before mass!
Sunday Mass - 10:30am
At the Interfaith Chapel

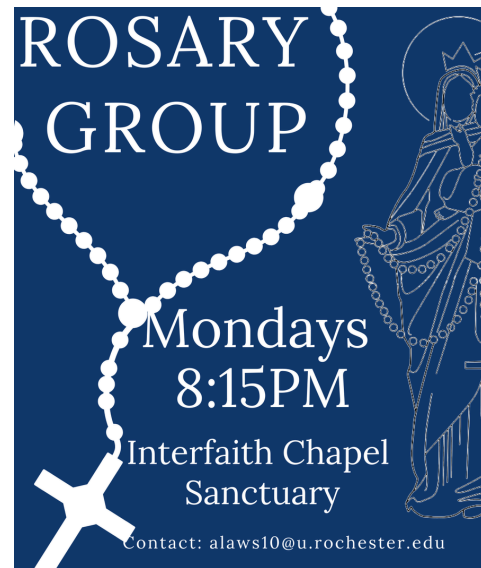
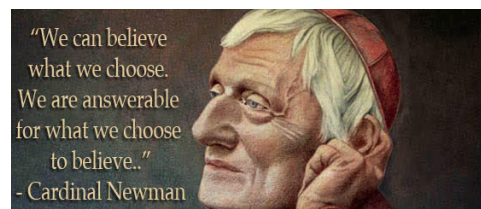


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Daily Mass

IN THE SANCTUARY

MONDAY,
TUESDAY &
THURSDAY

Sign up to receive text
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ADVENT DAY OF PENANCE

MONDAY DEC 2ND, 7-9 PM
walk-in confessions
visiting priests
Interfaith Chapel

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS
Reconciliation Monday

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

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NEWMAN
Join us for
3rd SUNDAY
SUPPER



We love Luci and Ray!
Polizzi's
November 24th
after 7pm Mass | Interfaith Chapel
River Level



Week of November 25th

This Week: Tuesday Daily Mass
12:30pm Sanctuary

Monday November 25

Men's Bible Study 1 7:00pm Conference Room
Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Brennan Room
Rosary Group 8:15pm Sanctuary
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Tuesday November 26

Men's Bible Study II 6pm Conference Room

Wednesday November 27

No events
Enjoy Thanksgiving break!

Thursday November 28

No events

Sunday December 1

First Sunday of Advent
Mass 10:30am River Level
Eucharistic Adoration (Brennan Room) @ 11:45am
Mass 7pm River Level



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



Help support the Diocese of
Rochester and Newman using parish
code 508!

Grad Student Survey -
IFC Religious Life



Fr. Cool asks all grad
students to complete!