



Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

1 - Dominic Musumeci
1 - Mia Perkell
1 - Sydney Rosenthal
2 - Alessandra Fiorino
2 - Sherlyn Frausto
3 - Ryan Cozzone
3 - Nathaniel Mills
3 - Joseph Siciliano
5 - Elissa Letterio
6 - Dania Flores Lopez
7 - Madalyn Minnick
7 - Natalia Rivera Carrasquillo

7 - Marlena Vieira
8 - Hannah Gentile
8 - Phyllis Ong Shao Ying
9 - Michael Henry
9 - Yuliahna Mendiola
11 - Gianni Notaro
12 - Janelly Andrade-Gonzales
12 - Sean Hendricks
16 - Gabriela Pena
17 - Miriana Kelly
18 - George Daher
18 - Jeffrey Shu

19 - Eric Monsebroten
23 - Johanna Cupp
23 - Emma Vignogna
24 - Alberto Ramos III
25 - Brianna Jones
28 - Angel Aquino
29 - Neha Biju
30 - Gabriel Lora
30 - Domenic Rini
30 - Annabelle Shanks
31 - Megan Del Regno

Cool Thoughts

Dear All,

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the Christian calendar and sets the stage for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The term "Advent" originates from the Latin word 'adventus', meaning "coming" or "arrival," and encompasses a period of expectant waiting and preparation for both the Nativity of Christ and his second coming. The First Sunday of Advent, which falls four Sundays before Christmas, is more than a mere countdown; it is a time of reflection, anticipation, and spiritual readiness.

The observance of Advent can be traced back to the 4th century when it was a time of fasting and prayer for new Christians preparing for baptism. By the 6th century, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. However, the focus was not only on Christ's first coming as a baby in Bethlehem but also his second coming as judge at the end of time. The dual focus of Advent is still maintained in contemporary Christian practice, which sees this season as a time of heart preparation through prayer, repentance, and renewal.

One of the most recognizable symbols of Advent is the Advent wreath, a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternal life. Embedded in the wreath are four candles: three purple and one rose, each corresponding to one of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Each candle holds a distinct meaning in the Advent journey:

The Candle of Hope (or Prophecy): The purple candle lit on the First Sunday of Advent symbolizes hope and is reminiscent of the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle reflects the anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The Candle of Faith (or Bethlehem): The second purple candle, lit on the second Sunday, symbolizes faith and is a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The Candle of Joy (or Shepherds): The rose candle, lit on the third Sunday known as Gaudete Sunday, symbolizes joy. The shepherds who received the angels' message of the birth of Jesus reflect this joy.

The Candle of Peace (or Angels): The final purple candle, lit on the fourth Sunday, symbolizes peace and marks the final week of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

The readings on the First Sunday of Advent serve to prepare the faithful spiritually for the coming of Jesus. They typically reflect themes of vigilance, readiness, and hope. For example, a common reading from the Gospel of Matthew (24:37-44) admonishes believers to stay alert and be ready for the coming of the Son of Man at an unexpected hour, emphasizing the Advent call to vigilance.

Isaiah's prophecies often feature prominently in the Old Testament readings, offering images of peace and righteousness that the coming Messiah is expected to bring. These readings not only recount the prophecies concerning Christ's birth but also reflect on the qualities of the Messianic age, such as peace, justice, and the healing of nations.

The First Sunday of Advent ignites the flame of hopeful anticipation in the hearts of the faithful. It is a reminder of the profound spiritual journey that Advent represents—not just a countdown to Christmas, but a time to prepare our hearts and lives for the influence and inspiration of Christ. Through the lighting of the Advent candles, believers find a visual and symbolic representation of the deepening journey toward the Light of the World, who arrives in Bethlehem's humble setting but whose influence transcends time and place, inviting all to a renewed sense of purpose and anticipation.

Peace,
Fr. Cool

P.S. 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 - Come Celebrate End of Semester @ Newman

Tis' the season @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

Thursday
Special
Newman Nite
Advent Prayer
Walk before



The First Sunday of Advent HOPE



I ALREADY ATE ALL OF THE
CHOCOLATE FROM MY
ADVENT CALENDAR



I'M A MONSTER

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 | | |
|--|-------------|----------|
| 11/24/24 | | |
| Weekly Actual | Weekly Goal | Variance |
| \$344.00 | \$378.00 | -\$34.00 |
| Y-T-D Actual | Y-T-D Goal | Variance |
| \$9,557.34 | \$8,760.00 | \$797.34 |
| Y-T-D is Financial Year July 1-June 30 | | |



Mass Intention: Fr. John Crowley, Robert A Scala, Kevin Jacobs

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



ADVENT DAY OF PENANCE

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

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

RECONCILIATION

Monday

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

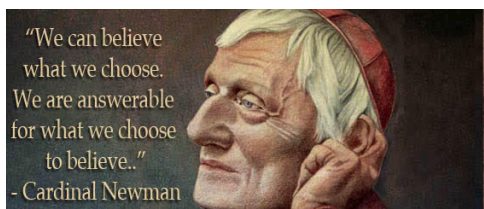


JOIN US FOR Daily Mass

IN THE SANCTUARY

MONDAY,
TUESDAY &
THURSDAY

Sign up to receive text
messages with our schedule



ROSARY GROUP

Mondays
8:15PM
Interfaith Chapel
Sanctuary

Contact: alaws10@u.rochester.edu



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

BRENNAN ROOM
11:45am-12:30pm

AFTER
SUNDAY 10:30AM
MASS

Enter the classroom of silence with our Lord!

SECOND SEMESTER SET THE DATES ASIDE FOR KAIRO'S 44 RETREAT and ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP

Kairos 44 Retreat

February 21-23, 2024
Registration begins in January



"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of
mind and heart."

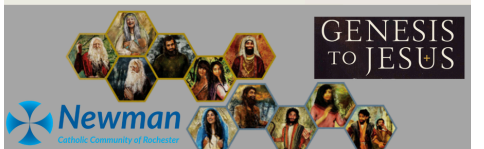
John 14:27

Notre Dame Retreat House On Lake Canandaigua
\$40 for lodging meals (Scholarships available)

ADVENT

Special Event
December 5
6:00 p.m.
River Level
@ Newman Nite

PRAYER WALK



GENESIS
TO JESUS



Week of December 2nd

This Week: Daily Mass M/Tu/Th
12:30pm Sanctuary

Monday December 2

Advent Penance Service 7-9pm Sanctuary
Men's Bible Study 1 7pm Conference Room
Women's Bible Study 7pm Brennan Room
Rosary Group 8:15pm Brennan Room
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Tuesday December 3

Men's Bible Study II 6pm Conference Room

Wednesday December 4

OCIA Session 7:45pm
InstaMass 9pm

Thursday December 5

Advent Prayer Walk / Newman Nite 6pm

Sunday December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass 10:30am River Level
First Sunday Brunch Following Mass
Eucharistic Adoration (Brennan Room) @ 11:45am
Mass 7pm @ Wilco (May Room)

Christmas on Campus Party 8-9:30pm @ Wilco (Hirsch Lounge)



Alternative Spring Break

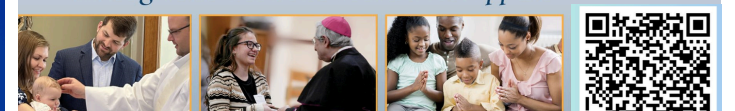
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Service to others - Learn about
Catholic Social Teaching at ...

MARCH 9-14, 2025
CAMDEN, NJ



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!

