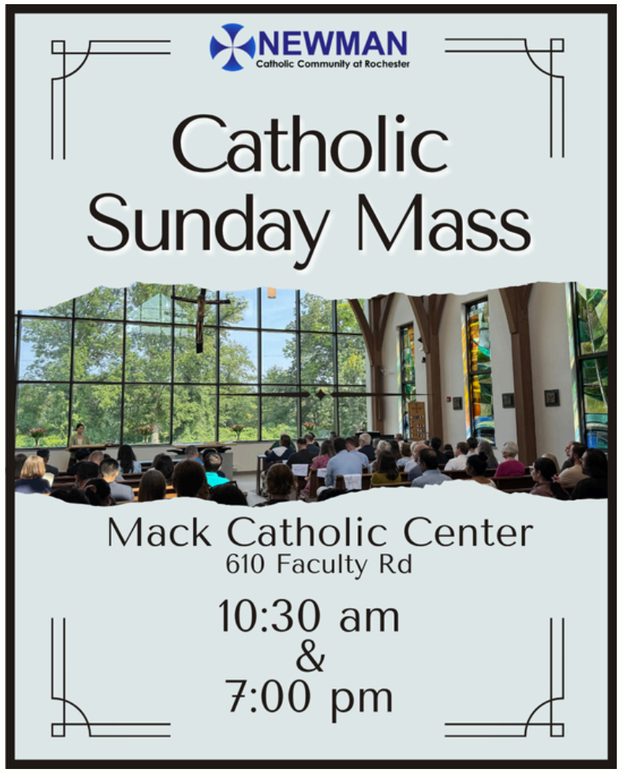
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Catholic Community at Rochester

August 30, 2026 - Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Newman Notes

Hello Newman Community!

Welcome to our URochester first years, and welcome back to all our returning students! I am so excited you are here! If you are a returning student and have not caught up on your Newman emails over the summer, there has been a little bit of a change. At the end of July, Fr. Cool was asked by Bishop Bonnici to take on a new ministry assignment, which he accepted. At that time, I was appointed Interim Director of the Catholic Newman Community at URochester and RIT.

For those of you who were here last year, you know how much Fr. Cool has meant to Newman and the amount of work he put into his 26 years as director. I am very grateful for the time I had to work and learn from him. There is a lot that he built here that we will carry with us. At the same time, this is a new year, and we have the opportunity to continue to grow and strengthen our Catholic community using the gifts and talents you all are bringing to Newman. And for those of you who are new to URochester and Newman, welcome! We are excited that you are beginning your own Newman story, and I hope you will jump right in. Please join us for anything and everything: come to Mass, grab dinner at Newman Night, hang out at the Mack Center, pray in the Carpenter Chapel, join a Bible study, go on a retreat, serve the community, or check out one of the many other events we have planned.

This year, I am joined by Darlene Giardina, our Business Manager, and we are beginning the process of hiring someone to join us in a Campus Minister role. We are also very grateful to have Fr. Peter Clifford with us as our sacramental minister. Fr. Peter will be here for Masses, Reconciliation, and other pastoral needs throughout the year. And, of course, Newman is not just the people who work here. Our student Executive Board has already been busy this summer dreaming up fellowship activities, prayer opportunities, and service projects for the year ahead. This year's leadership team has stepped up with brainstorming how Newman can continue to support all students grow in their faith and have fun along the way.

Every year on a college campus brings new people, new ideas, and new opportunities. Whether Newman is already a big part of your life at URochester, or you are still learning where the Mack Catholic Center is (between Gilbert hall & Fauver Stadium), I hope you will be a part of our community this year as we keep the traditions and experiences that make Newman special while also creating new ways to be Christ in the world.

I am excited to have everyone back on campus, and I hope to get the chance to catch up. If you see me around, please introduce yourself and say hello! I am always up for a conversation, a question, an idea, a book recommendation, or just a wave as you walk past the office on your way to the Chapel.

Blessings,
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Newman Laughs

When their bumper sticker says "I Love Jesus" and their driving says "I wanna meet Jesus"



Give to our Collection via Venmo

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!

Collection Report
08/23/26

Weekly Actual	Weekly Goal	Variance
$99	$378	-$279
Y-T-D Actual	**Y-T-D Goal**	**Variance**
$8,979	$2,890	$6,089

Y-T-D is Financial Year July 1-June 30

Stay Connected with Newman!
Register today!





Notice this banner at the bottom of these posters?
This is how you will know an event is hosted by the Catholic Newman Community! Other groups and communities can hold events at the Mack Catholic Center, but all Newman sponsored events will have this banner on the bottom of the poster when advertising around campus

GET INVOLVED
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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUN
10:30AM MASS - EVERY SUN
7:00PM MASS - During the semester

MON
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
starting 9/7, 6pm Multipurpose room

TUE
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
TBD - Interested in leading? Contact Jen!
We can change the date and time if needed

WED
OCIA SESSIONS TBD
INSTAMASS - 9PM STARTING 9/9

THU
DAILY MASS - 5:30pm starting 9/24
NEWMAN NIGHT DINNER 6pm starting 9/3
ROSARY GROUP TBD - Want to lead? See Jen!

FRI
ADORATION
TBD - Interested in leading? Contact Jen!
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Did you know the Carpenter Chapel at the Mack Catholic Center is open for prayer?

Stop by anytime between 9am to 10pm to pray!
Make sure you bring your student ID to be able to badge in.