

February

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Jacqueline Behaeghel | 6 - Marla Radikas | 10 - Catherine Emerick | 16 - Rachel Knebel | 23 - Octavious Soriano |
| 1 - Ethan Brott | 7 - Kristel Borbon | 10 - Luke Marino | 17 - Gabriel Foster | 23 - Anqi Zhao |
| 1 - Mateo Santalucia | 7 - Weronika Kierzenka | 10 - Samuel Zeltman | 17 - Matthew Mandelaro | 24 - Alexander Gonzalo |
| 2 - James Glenchur | 8 - Isabel Barsanti | 12 - Alice Murphy | 17 - Ashton McCann | 25 - Samuel Evans |
| 2 - Rosemary Vazquez | 8 - Aidan Donahue | 12 - Jiaqi Wu | 17 - Aidan Papantonis | 25 - Gabriella Felix |
| 3 - Jenna Kwak | 8 - Michael Jareo | 13 - Eugene Anku | 19 - Samantha Cherrez | 26 - Benjamin Dashe |
| 3 - Camila Molina Garcia | 8 - Hironimus Wada Medi | 13 - Daniel Greene | 19 - Jack Diggins | 26 - Jack Garside |
| 3 - Christopher Monchek | 8 - Gabriella Stimpson | 14 - Anthony James Bicksler | 19 - Alexa Danielle Mondelo | 26 - Jacob Gerber |
| 4 - Harrison Candelario | 9 - Nicole Burgos | 14 - Erin Fleming | 20 - Jazmyn Adan | 26 - Jennasea Licata |
| 4 - Michael Garenani | 9 - Chloe Humphrey | 14 - Nhien Nguyen | 21 - Onyinye Ofornagoro | 26 - Khanh Linh Ngo |
| 4 - Rongren Zhou | 9 - Xiomara Ortiz Lopez | 14 - Lucas Villanueva | 23 - Ulizes Atlixqueno | 27 - Carina Ciampi |
| 5 - Jeffrey Bartley | 10 - Michael Christof | 15 - Gizelle Villanueva | 23 - Albenys Diaz Hernandez | 28 - Marlyn Torres |
| 5 - Yixiang Huang | 10 - Grace Corelli | 16 - Samantha Escobar | 23 - Abigail Hebler | 29 - Hyoyeol Song |
| 5 - Mariah Kahwaji | 10 - Kelechi Ejiofor | 16 - Pilar Guido | 23 - Gabrielle Mejalli | |

Cool Thoughts

This Lent, I invite you to explore Fr. Robert Barron’s insightful videos on YouTube by searching “Fr. Robert Barron Lent.” These videos offer a profound perspective on Lent as a time of renewal and transformation. As we journey through this season, let us reflect on its core pillars—fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—and seek to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Fasting

Consider taking your fasting practice to a new level. Could you challenge yourself by fasting for an entire day, eating just one meal a day, or giving up meat three days a week? Lent invites us to make meaningful sacrifices that draw us closer to God and strengthen our spiritual discipline.

Prayer

Thomas Merton wisely said, “Give it time.” In the busyness of life, make prayer a priority. Even if you falter, recommit yourself to this sacred practice. At Newman, we offer several opportunities to deepen your prayer life:

- Join the Rosary on Wednesdays at 7:30 in the Sanctuary.
- Attend daily Mass (12:30 p.m. on Mon-Tue-Thu, or 9 p.m. on Wed).
- Spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration before Instamass or after the 10:30 mass on Sunday

I also ask for your prayers for our catechumens and candidates preparing to be fully initiated into our faith this Easter. Their journey of weekly learning and reflection is a powerful testament to the grace of Lent.

Almsgiving

Lent calls us to share the material blessings in our lives. Even as students with limited resources, there are creative ways to give. I encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, a program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which will soon be distributed at Mass.

CRS, founded in 1943, is the international arm of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, reaching over 100 million of the world’s poorest people in nearly 100 countries. Focused on poverty, hunger, emergencies, and disease, CRS works closely with the Catholic Church to provide life-saving aid. Remarkably, 94% of their funds go directly to programs for those in need. In addition to international work, CRS engages 8.5 million Catholics in the U.S. through parish and school programs like CRS Rice Bowl, advocacy, and fair trade initiatives.

Participating in Operation Rice Bowl is a simple but impactful way to support CRS’s vital mission. Your contributions provide tangible help to those most in need while connecting you to the global Church’s mission of mercy.

As we embrace these Lenten practices, may this holy season be a time of profound reflection, growth, and renewal. Together, let us walk the path toward Easter, hearts open to the grace of Christ.

Peace,
Fr. Cool

FOUR SQUARE @ NEWMAN

Catholic Center Ground Breaking Ceremony 9am 2/24 Be There!	Graduating? Sign up to give a senior reflection this spring!
Come to Newman Nite this Thursday!	Bible Study Groups 1st timers welcome!

LENTEN BUSY PERSON RETREAT

Are you busy? This is for you!

Signup by Sunday March 2

Join our small retreat groups to be paired with a Sister of Saint Joseph. Meet once per week for four weeks. In this way you get to have your own Sister of Saint Joseph and get to know others desiring to deepen their relationship with God!

QR FOR MORE INFO ON DETAILS OF THE RETREAT

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Brennan Room
Interfaith Chapel 2nd level

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

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

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

Open to all college men

Black History Month - Celebrating the Story of Black Catholics



2020:

Pope Francis names Wilton Gregory cardinal, elevating him as the first African American to serve in that capacity.

Photo from the Vatican Media

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings

MONDAY
6:00PM
INTERFAITH CHAPEL
BRENNAN ROOM

For questions & interest contact Alicia Lawson at alas10@u.rochester.edu
Open to all college women




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		
02/16/25		
Weekly Actual	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$258.00	\$378.00	-\$120.00
Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Goal	Variance
\$13,184.93	\$13,696.00	-\$511.07

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


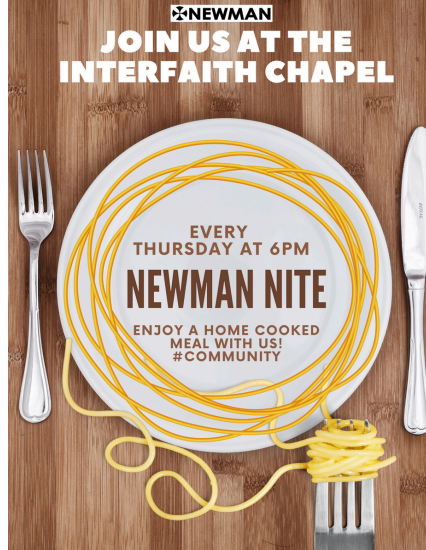


GET INVOLVED

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Pray for Our 7 UR Candidates


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



Insta Mass

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9 PM
FOLLOWED BY PIZZA



NEWMAN
Catholic Community at Rochester

CATHOLIC MASS

SUNDAY

10:30 AM & 7:00 PM
INTERFAITH CHAPEL

MONDAY-TUESDAY-THURSDAY
12:30PM

WEDNESDAY INSTAMASS
9PM INSTAMASS

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TEXT UPDATES



Mass Intentions: Fr. John Crowley, Charles Theile, Claude Aboukhaled Hatem
Special Reflection: Claude Aboukhaled Hatem

I was asked in elementary school to share a short passage about someone in our family. Writing about my grandmother Claude (we call her Coco), I said that she was not old because she drove fast and hosted many parties. There are many with the gift of being socially adept, but few have I seen to forge and nurture connections as my grandmother. She was the undisputed center, the sun of our geographically dispersed family. My memories of summers spent back in Lebanon are of lunches and dinners hosted by my grandmother. Three tables were set, one foldable, coffee tables repurposed to overflow dining space for grandkids. There were too many courses, guests arrived late, arguments on the balcony, tension in the kitchen, the slow destruction of furniture by children, and my grandmother gliding effortlessly through it all with laughter and grace. In these moments, my father referred to her affectionately as our military general, whom we were entirely content to follow. Several years ago, dementia began taking her memory, short term -- then long. It took her independence. It disconnected her from a world she strove to connect. The memory of her, however, will not be lost. Through the relationships she fostered among family, loved ones, and friends, we will always remember Coco.

Join us for the historic
JOSEPH P. MACK CATHOLIC CENTER
GROUNDBREAKING



FEB 24th 2025 9:00AM

COFFEE & DONUTS | FUN GIFTS | GOOD TIMES

1 Faculty Road (behind the GAC)



ARE YOU A
GRADUATING SENIOR?

GIVE A SENIOR REFLECTION

YOU IMPACT EVERYONE AT NEWMAN,
ENCOURAGING US IN OUR FAITH!

AVAILABLE DATES:

3/23 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	4/13 PALM SUNDAY
3/30 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	4/20 EASTER SUNDAY
4/6 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	4/27 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
	5/4 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WANT TO SIGN UP?? EMAIL FR. COOL
BCOOL@ADMIN.ROCHESTER.EDU

ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT? PRAYING FASTING ABSTINANCE

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

WHAT IS FASTING? WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST? DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED? WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age < 18 to > 59

The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

Mandatory for everyone

older than 14 years old

Enter the prayer of silence with our Lord!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

BRENNAN ROOM
Sunday 11:45am-12:30pm
After 10:30am Mass

SANCTUARY
Wednesday 8:10pm-8:45pm
Before Insta-Mass

ROSARY GROUP

Wednesdays
7:30PM

Interfaith Chapel
Sanctuary

Contact: alaws10@u.rochester.edu