

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 Ofonagoro | 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 - Mariyah Kahwah | 10 - Kelechi Ejirofor | 16 - Pilar Guido | 23 - Gabrielle Mejalli | |

Cool Thoughts

I would like to take this time to invite all seniors to consider participating in an important Newman tradition as they enter the last semester of their college career! I am certain you are in a state of disbelief at how fast 3 1/2 years can go by. The time is at hand to leave a lasting mark of your life here at Rochester and Newman.

As you prepare for the last semester at Rochester, I invite you to participate in our annual award-winning program (some 24 years now) of offering Senior Reflections. It is a program from which I hear so many good things. As I meet alum, they often speak about how impactful Senior Reflections have been upon them and often recite parts they heard as undergraduates.

For those unfamiliar with Senior Reflections, it is a program where we invite members of the senior class to reflect on the scriptures at Sunday mass, Lent and one's spiritual journey during college or before. It is not something we do to 'highlight Newman' or provide accolades of those most active at Newman. Rather it is an opportunity to share, especially with those coming behind, how God has been active/present/guiding your life, even if they are still trying to understand it.

The idea for Senior Reflections was born when I was driving with a student (sorry, I don't even recall his name) during my first semester on campus. We were coming back from lunch and he began to share with me the important aspects of his faith journey at college. I was taken aback at his humbleness, honesty, and the depth with which he was speaking about God - active in his life. I thought to myself, he should give a witness to others! Later, I was also thinking about how my role is to help form leaders for the Church. Part of this means we must train these leaders to be able speak about their faith and the way scriptures move within their hearts.

From this was born our Newman tradition of Senior Reflections. To date, over 120 students have given a Senior Reflection. Each one remains on file and more ones have been videotaped. Soon, once again, our seniors will grace us with their words reflecting upon how the life of Christ is moving within them.

The preparation for Senior Reflections is intentional but not daunting. Some four weeks before Ash Wednesday, all seniors are invited in an email to volunteer by identifying a particular Sunday during the Lenten season where they would present at both masses. They are given the scripture readings for that day and other materials for preparation. Additionally, they are asked to participate on Holy Thursday as witness to their service of Christ on campus and to participate in the foot washing service as part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Seniors review and pray over the readings for their weekend. They agree to meet with me briefly (or longer if they desire) about their reflection and I offer feedback, trying to change as little as possible (mostly for logical flow and theological errors). By Saturday, before they present, they submit a final draft to me of a reflection of about 4-5 pages, which translates to some 8-9 minutes.

As you know, Senior Reflections are unique, personal, and always leave us with new insights. I look forward to them every year! I am certain you do too! If you are a senior or a graduating student, please let me know when you want to give one. If you are not, plan now to give one when you are!

Peace, Fr. Cool

PS- Please sign up now for Kairos and ASB. See the bulletin for QR codes.

Black History Month - Celebrating the Story of Black Catholics

FOUR SQUARE @NEWMAN

NEWMAN

First Black Catholic Congress

St Sebastian Meeting Today @ 2pm Faith on Ice!

Sign up for Kairos Retreat and ASB

Need for Spring '25 tutors - see Jack for details

Bible Study Groups 1st timers welcome!



Daniel Rudd, a journalist from Ohio and founder of the American Catholic Tribune, becomes a leader of Black laity. Fiercely proud of the Catholic Church, Rudd claims the Church is the one place of hope for Black people. Rudd recruits delegates for the first Black Catholic Congress, the first Black Catholic lay congress in U.S. history. In January 1889, almost 100 Black Catholic men meet with President Grover Cleveland on the last day of the congress.

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

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
Catholic Community at Rochester

TUTORING SESSIONS
at The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester

INTERESTED?
CONTACT JACK

jrupper2@ur.rochester.edu

SAIC PRESENTS

RELIGION & LOVE

JOIN SAIC IN EXAMINING RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON LOVE AND CRAFTING VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS FOR FRIENDS!

TUESDAY
02/11/25
6:30 PM

BRENNAN RM.
INTERFAITH CHAPEL
FREE FOOD PROVIDED

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Pray for Our 7 UR Candidates



Rev. Brian Cool
Chaplain & Director
bcool@admin.rochester.edu

Jack Ruppert
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Darlene Giardina
Bookkeeper
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The Real Reason Jesus Needed to be Alone to Pray



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

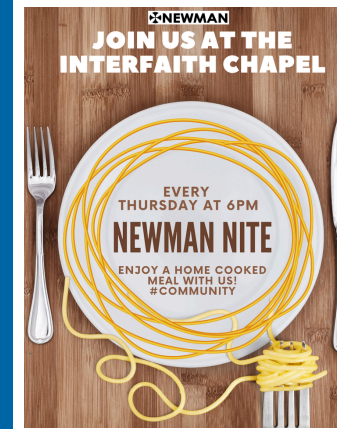
Collection Report		
02/02/25		
Weekly Actual	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$481.00	\$378.00	\$103.00
Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Goal	Variance
\$12,709.93	\$12,940.00	-\$230.07
Y-T-D is Financial Year July 1-June 30		



Mass Intention: Fr. John Crowley, Phil Logan

GET INVOLVED
NEWMAN

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



THE HUMAN HEART PLANS THE WAY,
BUT THE LORD DIRECTS THE STEPS
PROVERBS 16:9

God's Timing, Our Trust



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE ON
CANANDAIGUA LAKE
\$40 FOR LODGING/MEALS
(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

NEWMAN
Catholic Community of Rochester

Insta Mass
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9 PM,
FOLLOWED BY PIZZA

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Send an email to bc00l@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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Alternative Spring Break

Want to do something more?
Service to others - Learn about
Catholic Social Teaching at ...

MARCH 9-14, 2025
CAMDEN, NJ

REGISTER HERE

Let's get started

St. Sebastian Society
Varsity and Club Athletes
NROTC Members
2025 Organizational Meeting

All Varsity and Club Athletes, and members of the NROTC unit are invited to our opening luncheon event!

Event Details

- **Date:** February 9th
- **Time:** 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Interfaith Chapel

Join us for an engaging time to meet fellow athletes and members of the NROTC unit. This event will feature:

FAITH ON ICE

with
Rochester American Hockey Player
Riley Fiddler-Schultz

- **Lunch Provided:** Enjoy a complimentary lunch while networking with peers.
- **Special Talk by Riley Fiddler-Schultz:** Gain insights into balancing faith and sports, and hear firsthand experiences from a professional athlete. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, network and be inspired.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us! - New Wednesday times for Rosary and Adoration

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

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ROSARY GROUP

Wednesdays
7:30PM

Interfaith Chapel
Sanctuary

Contact: alaws10@u.rochester.edu



The University of Rochester
and the
Catholic Newman Community
request the honor of your presence
at the official groundbreaking ceremony for
The Joseph P. Mack Catholic Center
Monday, February 24, 2025 • 9:00AM

University of Rochester
1 Faculty Road, Rochester, NY 14627

This outdoor ceremony marks the beginning of construction of the Catholic Center, a historic milestone for the Newman Community. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony