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SATURDAY MASS TIME

5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

8:30 a.m.

11 a.m. (livestreamed)

5 p.m.

8 p.m. (Student Mass)

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Noon (livestreamed)

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

- Lk 9:34-35

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - FEEDBACK FROM PARISH TOWN HALLS

Greetings, Newman family! I pray your Lent is well; it's a great time to get back to basics and simplify. I can certainly do with that! In this article, I want to follow up on the town hall conversations and other communications I've had with many of you regarding kneelers at Newman. My intention is to try and summarize the conversations, to offer some responses, and to invite further reflection and feedback. We had five in-person meetings and one zoom meeting, and I've received about a dozen emails. Here's the best I can offer in terms of a summary of what's been said (I apologize if I miss something another deems important).

Some see standing as more joyful, more participative, more indicative of being a people of the resurrection

Some see kneeling as penitential, negative, less participative

Some believe kneeling can be just as participative; it can add a sense of reverence and help to focus one's attention; it's penitential in the sense of humbling oneself before a greater reality, but it's also about adoration, which is joyful

Some are unable to kneel due to health reasons

Some simply don't want to kneel and don't like change

Some like Newman because it's different, for example, that we don't kneel

Some see adding kneelers as "going backwards" in the sense that they understand kneeling as a pre Vatican II era posture, but not a post Vatican II posture

Some wonder if we're becoming rule obsessed, causing distress in the community by examining where we do or don't follow the rules

Some feel that now is not a good time to make a change

Some feel we've had the "custom" of standing for 28 years and that should have legislative force

Some believe this discussion is dividing the community

Some believe the community is already divided

Some feel sorry for those who are already kneeling on the floor and are interested to provide something for them

Some believe that if kneeling helps the students, then we should not stand in the way

Some testify that not having kneelers has been a source of (negative) surprise to new students and their families, and to some new resident parishioners

Some question whether it's a good thing for our OLLIS students who kneel at Lourdes and stand at Newman

Some cautioned that if we switch to pews, we need to be very mindful to have accessible seating

Some believe that getting pews would be a wasteful expense

Some feel that pews would be better than adding kneelers to chairs, in terms of stability for parishioners who have trouble getting up and down, and in the understanding that we would lose less seating capacity with pews than with kneelers added to chairs

Some believe that if the liturgical norms call for kneeling, then we should do that

Some said that since we now have a fixed sanctuary, adding pews makes more sense.

Why have I brought up this conversation at all? For several reasons. When I became Pastor here in July 2020, there were already parishioners kneeling. At the 8pm student Mass, almost the whole assembly kneels (this has been going on for about a decade now), and at the other Masses, there's a small minority who kneel (not just college students). I came into a parish with a divide over posture during the

Eucharist. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (which gives the liturgical norms for celebrating Mass, and which came from the Second Vatican Council), no. 43, prescribes kneeling for the faithful from after the Holy, Holy, Holy through the great Amen; and again after the Lamb of God, unless when prevented "for a reasonable cause." Two examples of a reasonable cause would be a crowded Mass with standing room only, or a stretch of time when the seating of the church is being renovated and temporary seating is needed (and, of course, if physically unable).

In the conversations thus far, I've experienced some strong emotions against change, but not a strong argument for our "reasonable cause" not to do what the Church asks us to do. I've also listened to parishioners express strong emotions in favor of this change.

It does seem good to state that our parish is unique in serving both resident families and resident students. Our campus ministry, and location on campus, gives us a unique and beautiful energy and character. It could be stated that our first apostolate (outreach), without in any way neglecting the resident parishioners, is to our student parishioners. If one follows the surveys taken by young people throughout the country, or simply engage in an open conversation with our own student parishioners, we can get a sense of what they feel is missing in their experience of Church. Bishop Barron has argued from those nationwide surveys for a course of action for parishes who want to re-engage with them. He says to lead with justice (service and justice opportunities); to reveal the way of beauty (through inspiring aesthetics); to avoid dumbing down the truth (by embracing the Catholic intellectual tradition); and to embrace the call to mission (by talking about our faith and inviting others in). Many of our Newman students embrace an organic connection between justice and devotion. They love going, for example, from a holy hour to a service and justice opportunity. Perhaps there's wisdom in these things for every one of us.

I've enjoyed all the conversations, which help me get to know more of you, so thanks to all who have shared thoughts! Whether we add kneelers or not, I hope and pray that bigger conversations are stirred by these dialogues. Maybe due to the separation caused by the pandemic or the general turmoil in our country and world, some of us may be feeling a loss of control, disconnected, alone, or grieving a loss; perhaps these conversations on kneelers have even stirred deeper questions regarding trust in the Church. There's truth in the old saying, we're only as sick as the secrets we keep. In that regard, if these conversations about kneelers open other important doors leading to healing, reconciliation and peace, then the Lord is truly part of them! Unity is certainly more important than uniformity, but it's also good to have a reasonable discussion about unity. I don't think our identity should be wrapped up in any posture, whether standing or kneeling. Rather, our identity is rooted in the fact that God created each of us with unique gifts and talents, and it's good to consider how that diversity can come together in such beautiful liturgical unity!

No decision has yet been made regarding kneelers. This article is another step in the conversation. I now invite and welcome further feedback and discussion following this article. Thank you for reading this. And I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Pastor.



Fr. Daniel J. May



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NEW LIFETEEN SERIES ON SPIRITUALITY

Join us tonight (3/13) for another great Life Night filled with food, faith and friends! We meet at the Activity Building at Sacred Heart most Sundays from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Masks are encouraged, and we start with dinner. All high school students are welcome!

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have two sign-ups open for our high school students for various retreat opportunities! First of all, our high school registration for Luke 18 (an in-town retreat for 8th graders led by our high schoolers, April 8-10) is open, so please register now! Secondly, sign-ups for our summer conference opportunity, BCYC Encounter (June 17-19), are also available. To find out more information on these and/or to register, see the links on our Facebook page, in our weekly email, or in our GroupMe!

The sign-up for 8th graders for Luke 18 is also open! Sign your 8th grader up for a weekend of faith and fun! More info and registration on the Our Lady of Lourdes website.



Contact - Renee Molner
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COLLEGE MINISTRY

EPHESIANS 3 WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP!

Join us for E3, a weekly gathering for college students to enjoy fellowship with each other, encounter Christ through prayer, worship and hearing a talk. Wednesdays at 8:33pm in the Church.

ADULT CONFIRMATION STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Sundays at 6:30 p.m. there will be Adult Confirmation classes. If you are interested in Adult Confirmation or becoming Catholic, contact Lisa Rose at lisa.rose@comonewman.org



Contact - Angelle Hall
angelle.hall@comonewman.org

CEP & EDGE

SERVICE NIGHT SUNDAY AT EDGE

Open to all middle school students, we'll be working on freezer meals for Ronald McDonald House, project to benefit Newman kids ministries and some light clean-up in our building.

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

Sunday CEP, EDGE & Children's Liturgy will be off on March 27th for Spring Break. Wednesday CEP will be off March 30th.

CONFIRMATION TODAY MARCH 13

Our session is from 2:30-4:30 and students should have already signed up for or completed a retreat and have information on remaining plans to finish up their service requirements.



Contact - Emily Shull
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KIDS CORNER

For Kids: God tells us to listen to Jesus but that means we must be quiet. Take some quiet time this week.

For Parents: Peter, James and John are told to listen to Jesus, but life holds so much noise. Make sure your Lent includes some time together to slow down and ask for God's help to listen to Jesus and to each other.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel
Kids: Catholic Heroes: The Story of St. Perpetua

See the parish website to get your account set up or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

SISTER PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

It is time for Newman's annual Lenten Project where we help our sister parish in Salvador. In the past, donations have been used to create family gardens, training and supplies for families, and funding resources that prevent violence against women. As part of our relationship to our sister parish, we commit to support and nurture spiritual companionship and advocacy for solutions to social injustice and to empower women and young people into leadership roles in their community. Newman is accepting donations online or in the box for the display in the gathering space.

Thank you all so much for your continued support.

3 CUPS OF COFFEE THIS LENT

During Lent all are encouraged to share a cup of coffee and conversation with 3 different people: 1) Someone that you know is active in the church; 2) Someone who was active that you know is not currently participating; 3) Someone who either has never been active or has been away for a long time. You are encouraged to include in the conversation: What fills your heart and what breaks your heart about the Catholic Church (Newman and beyond)? This is about listening to the experience of your conversation partner, to learn from their experience. It's not about debate. During the Easter Season, the Newman staff will ask for your reflections (no names) as we strive to be a more active and inclusive community of faith. If coffee is not your thing, you could share ice cream or beer or... This conversation can also occur with couples or small groups and is certainly not limited to 3!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Join us Thursday, March 17 for a Lenten Penance Service starting at 7 pm.



CSA PARISH UPDATE

For the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, our Parish Goal is \$70,380. As of this past Sunday we have received \$57,521.11 Thank you for your continued generosity as we make progress towards our parish goal. If you have any questions about CSA, contact Fr. Dan!

LENTEN FISH FRYS

Your Columbia Knights of Columbus councils are planning to host Fish Frys this year. All fish frys will be DRIVE THRU ONLY. (The event at Newman will have a walk-up table for students living on campus). Meals are \$15 (Student Discount at Newman) and will be served 4:30-7:30 PM. Tickets are available online at MizzouKnights.org. Contact MizzouKnights@gmail.com for more information.

- Mar 18 - Newman Parish (602 Turner - use 5th Street lot entrance)
- Mar 25 - CKC Hall (2525 N Stadium Blvd)
- Apr 01 - No Fish Fry (Spring Break)
- Aor 08 - Fr. Tolton HS (3351 E Gans Rd)

FOR COLUMBIA 2022

For Columbia 2022 will take place on April 30, 2022. This is a day where members of this community do service for those in need. Last year, they had over one thousand volunteers! They do incredible work and are asking for our help.

Susan Yarbrough has kindly offered to lead the group this year. If you are interested in joining the Newman team for this event, please email Emily at nvc@comonewman.org

Fish Fry Friday

March 18
Newman Parish
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4:30 - 7:30 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 14	Noon	John McEneaney
Tuesday, March 15	Noon	+ Patty Barnhill
Wednesday, March 16	Noon	Fr. Dan & Fr. Paul
Thursday, March 17	Noon	+ Timothea Boes
Friday, March 18	Noon	Marie Clark
Saturday, March 19	5 p.m.	+ Rose Von Gogh
Sunday, March 20	8:30 a.m.	Barb Baker
Sunday, March 20	11 a.m.	Fr. Alan Hunter
Sunday, March 20	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, March 20	8p.m.	+ John Hardy

Please call the Parish Office at (573) 449-5424 to request a Mass intention.

WE PRAY

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." 2 Maccabees 12:46

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

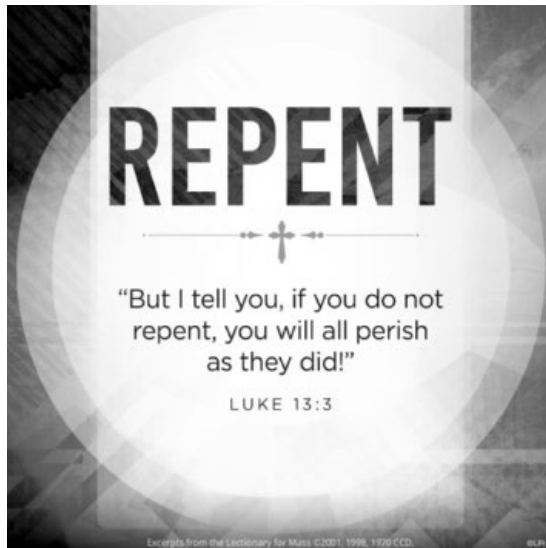
Bishop McKnight's March Prayer Intention: For the Universal Church; that her mission of salvation may be advanced in every place under the patronage of Saint Joseph.

Submit a prayer request by filling out a prayer card (found at the entrances to the church) and placing it in the offertory basket or going to our website and click the button under "Needing Prayers?" near the bottom of our home page.

We pray especially for Westley Ellis Grant, II who was born at 34 weeks on Feb. 9, 2022, is in the NICU with respiratory problems.

And for Jennifer Wilt who has been in a coma for over a week from having a stroke.

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY



HOSPITALIZED OR IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you or a loved one becomes hospitalized, please notify the Parish Office to inquire about possible services. Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals cannot provide information for patients. A Catholic hospital chaplain is also available by request at our local hospitals.

Prayer requests have the option of being listed in the bulletin for two weeks, or you may choose to be shared only with the prayer ministry group. You may also indicate if you want the request to be part of the prayers of the church at Mass.

If you desire to be part of the Newman Prayer Ministry Group, please email Sandy Dirks at sandydirks@gmail.com to be added to the group.



HELPFUL LINKS

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM MASS

Visit www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit www.comonewman.org/prayer-resources for links to daily Masses, readings, and other prayer opportunities.

Prayer for a Communion of Desire

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



PARISH FINANCES

March 5/6

Offertory*		\$47,469.01
Month-to-Date		\$47,469.01
Budget for month		\$118,000.00
Variance	-	\$70,530.99

**This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!*

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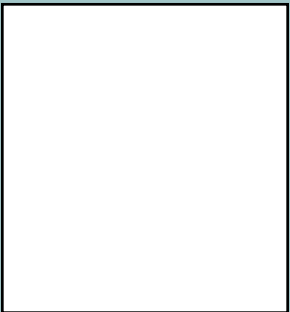
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Columbia resident Ellen suffered the painful side effects of peripheral neuropathy. "I couldn't walk. It was that broken glass feeling. Nothing touched it." Then she met Gina Butler at Acupuncture of Columbia

Before Ellen found relief at Acupuncture of Columbia, she suffered for many months from her diagnosis of peripheral neuropathy.

"I had neuropathy in my legs and feet. They were numb. I had shooting pains, and pins and needles. It felt like I was walking on broken glass all of the time. It was awful."

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"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating the regrowth of damaged nerves to prevent them from dying off completely," says Gina. "We take our treatments a step further by also integrating electro acupuncture, microcurrent therapy and custom herbal prescriptions for neuropathy."

Currently on a maintenance program, Ellen says she enjoys her treatments at Acupuncture of Columbia. "It's wonderful. The space is serene, healing and peaceful. And the staff are so friendly and helpful. But most of all I can walk and hike. And I can sleep!"

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