



"I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the Gospel..." Phillipians 1: 3-5

Dear Graduates and Friends of the Newman Center,

Quoting Saint Paul helps me to express to you what your prayerful and financial support has meant to many of us at the Newman Center. You have allowed us to maintain a family like and welcoming community at Lehigh.

This year I will not list our needs because I know that you are aware what an undertaking to maintain the Newman Center is all about. As you know what it takes to maintain your own homes, there is always something to do or improve. In this season of remembrance, thanks, and home-coming I simply wish to express my gratitude for all you do for us.

Please be assured that you and your loved ones are included in all our spiritual works, prayers and Masses. May the Lord and His ever blest Mother protect you now and always.

Sincerely,
(Rev.) Wayne Killian

P.S. The door is always open!



Vacation Night Dinner & Discussion with Religious, students and members of the Bethlehem Serra Club

Our Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, You are the giver of all gifts
Fill our hearts with thanks for Your loving
care

Often we are like ungrateful lepers
Who forgot to thank You for their cure

Today we give special thanks
For all your blessings; for our country, our
family

And all our friends. All those through whom
You show us Your kindness and love

Help us pray like Mary, Your Mother
In joy and sorrow, Mary's heart was
Always filled with gratitude.

We ask You, Lord to bless those
Who can't be with us today. Keep them
close to You.

Fill us with gratitude and help us pray daily

For all that has been: Thank You Lord
For all that will be: Yes, Lord
Amen

Happy Thanksgiving!!

The Newman Center "My Home Away From Home"

The Newman Center is a great support when you're away from home, even when you're a world away from home. Last semester I had the opportunity to study Classics in Rome. Even halfway across the world I had the support of the extended family of the Newman Center. Fr. Killian put me in contact with his predecessor Fr. Andrew Baker who now works at the Vatican. After arriving in Rome I had the privilege of attending Sunday Mass served by Fr. Baker for a small group from American, Notre Dame, Drexel, Villanova and Georgetown Universities. As a result, I discovered how fortunate I was being a Lehigh student. Many students take for granted that Lehigh is a secular school, however in this day and age I found that Lehigh through the Newman Center provides more support for Catholic students than many of the Catholic universities do. Through the work of the Newman Foundation and Center Staff the Newman Center has grown into a place that welcomes all and encourages students to follow the gospel by being generous with their time, talent and treasure. Having seen how ever present Catholicism is in Rome, I further appreciate the privilege of having a Catholic refuge on campus, an island in the middle of a sea of secularism.

Michael Zurat
Class of 2004

The Newman Home

Francis Piscal Jr.
MBA '04

The Newman Center is not a center. A center is a cold, aesthetic place for doctor appointments and civic meetings. The Newman Center is, in appearance and personality, a home. But appearances can only take you so far—people make the difference. That is true of our university, and it is also true of the Newman Home.

The Newman Home is what young men and women need more than anything when they are away from home—the place that, for the first eighteen years of our lives, became the place we could come to for the thing we need most: TLC. Often, I'll find myself at the doorstep of the Newman Home and ask 'why did I come here?' It seems that sometimes I make my way there because my spirit is telling me it's time for a respite from the stresses of life.

This may not be a conscious revelation to students and, if it were, it wouldn't be fashionable to admit it. But that is okay. The Newman House is a sanctuary among a busy, chaotic and, often stressful world. Now, many would scoff at this notion and say college is a place for "the time of your life" while stress is reserved for those with mortgages and mouths to feed. But it is important to keep in mind that Lehigh is a serious place, and we are living in serious times.

I arrived at Lehigh in the fall of 2000 after ten years on Wall Street. I had taken inventory of my life and decided that I did not want to spend the next forty years grinding it out in New York City. Soon after arriving on campus to pursue an MBA, I learned that a lingering health problem would render me disabled for nearly a year. Doctors informed me that my ability to walk was in jeopardy; both ankles required reconstructive surgery ASAP. At the time, I was employed as a graduate assistant in Athletics and received tremendous support and compassion from the AD, Dr. Joe Sterrett.

I encountered many challenges during the ten months of surgery and recovery. Surgery in January followed by 4 ½ months of rehabilitation; then, the same routine for the left foot. I experienced depression, helplessness, frustration, and fear. Father Wayne provided great clarity for me. I grew extremely

impatient by a situation—earning my degree while recovering from surgeries—that posed a monumental challenge, and I felt that things were not going my way. He explained that we each have a plan for ourselves, and God has a plan for each of us, too. Unfortunately, we have to come to grips with the fact that those two programs may not be one and the same. This was an enormous test of my faith. Letting go of the things that I thought were important to me, things I believed would make me happy; leaving things in God's hands.

And it worked. Once I let go, all the wasted energy of worry and attempting to fix things—things I could not control—were taken off my shoulders. I returned to work as a GA in athletics, my ankles are strong and free of pain, and I'll finish my degree in December. Faith is not an easy road, but renewed strength and understanding are the rewards of the journey. Father Wayne is a terrific listener who creates an environment of support, comfort, and friendship when it is needed most. The Newman Center truly is a home.



Members of the Newman Association gather to watch television in the main parlor



Diocesan Seminarians with members of the Newman Council share some pizza at the Open House

Special Masses & Events 2003-2004

Family Weekend 2003

November 2 - 12:30p.m. & 9:10p.m.
Masses, Packer Church

Newman Center Open House

November 1 - Saturday, 10a.m.-12noon
Lite lunch served - All are Welcome!

Christmas Eve

December 24 - 10:30pm Solemn Mass of
Christmas in Packer Memorial Church

Lent 2004

Ash Wednesday - February 25 - 12:10p.m.
& 5:10p.m. Liturgy in Packer Church
Scripture Service - 9:10p.m. in Packer
Church for the entire Lehigh community
Stations of the Cross - Tuesdays -7:00p.m.

Holy Week 2004

Palm Sunday - April 4 - Liturgy
12:10p.m. & 9:10p.m., Packer Church
Holy Thursday - April 8 Mas of the
Lord's Supper - 7:10p.m., Packer Church
Good Friday - April 9 - Liturgy of the
Lord's Passion with Holy Communion -
7:10p.m., Packer Church
Holy Saturday - April 10 - Solemn Easter
Vigil - 9:30p.m., Packer Church
Easter Sunday - April 11 - Solemn Liturgy
of Easter - 12:10p.m., Packer Church
(Please note this is our only Liturgy that day)

Ascension Thursday 2004

May 19, Wednesday, 5:10p.m., Newman Ctr.
May 20, Thursday, 12:10p.m., Packer Church

Graduates' Mass 2004

Winer, January 18 - 10:00a.m., Packer Church
Spring, May 24 - 12:10p.m. Packer Church

*"The focus of Newman activities is prayer,
fellowship, and in particular,
the Eucharist."*