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“...now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, ‘you are not one of his disciples, are you?’ He denied it and said, ‘I am not.’”

Dear Parents and Friends of the Newman Center,

A happy and peace filled Lent. I find the clip above to be very disturbing. How could Peter so blatantly deny someone whom he loved and followed? “With friends like Peter who needs enemies?” I find it very easy to point the finger at Peter; after all, he was the chosen head. How could he do such a thing?

Then I realize that Peter is a mirror being held up to me, and what do I see? You’re right, it is not the face of Peter but my own. Then I begin to realize how often in many circumstances I deny the Lord because I am not acting as a follower or a friend let alone a brother. And so, I journey this Lent realizing that it is Wayne and not Peter nor anyone else I should be pointing the finger towards.

When I realize how I have failed the Lord I begin to appreciate what He means for my life and the quality of living that is necessary to make it “sane.” I am powerless without His assistance and presence. My sin teaches me how very much in need I am of His grace and Spirit. “The truth will set you free...” the Lord teaches us and maybe that should be our Lenten journey to liberation and freedom. Only when I am able to embrace my cross(es) am i assured that the Lord is near and I am empowered to assist my sister or brother in recognizing their glory as children of God and brothers and sisters of the Lord.

Again, have a great Lent but an even greater Resurrection! Alleluia!

God’s blessings

Rev. Wayne E. Killian
Director of the Newman Center/Lehigh University
& Moravian College

P.S. The door is always open!



**“MY FAITH
AT LEHIGH”**

**“Faith is being sure of what we hope
for and certain of what we do not see”**

Hebrews 11:1

Hi, my name is Mark Marzen and I am currently a sophomore at Lehigh University, but most importantly a Catholic student at Lehigh. It is quite easy to be distracted by all the things we are surrounded by at college. Between social pressures, independence, and a tough academic curriculum, being in college can mean a life of devotion to materialistic ideals. While the mind is clustered by the onslaught of new experiences and all the new things we see around campus, it can sometimes be easy to forget about the unseen purpose of why we are here. Strengthening one’s Catholic beliefs in this new atmosphere cannot always be easy. At Lehigh, luckily we have the Newman Center which provides a sound environment for personal growth of one’s faith and relationship with God. While only being at Lehigh for three semesters, the Newman Center has already played one of the most pivotal roles in the development of my maturing faith towards God.

I was first introduced to the Newman Center at a much younger age than most. My older brother, Paul, matriculated at Lehigh three years earlier than I and has since graduated and entered the St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. While visiting my brother at college, I was introduced to Father Killian and Ron Koach, and from the very start they have provided an open, friendly environment. Instantly I could see that the Newman Center was a very inviting place for young Catholics to enter into the Catholic community on the Lehigh campus. Their welcoming personalities and sense of humor makes anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic, feel at home at the Newman Center. *continued...*



Newman Foundation Award Winners Joseph McGrath '05 (fourth from left) & Michael Zurat '05 (second from left) Pictured with From Left Newman Foundation President Robert A. Kearns, Rev. Wayne E. Killian Catholic Chaplain (center) and Director of the Newman Center and Ronald J. Koach Assistant to the Director of the Newman Center

Special Masses & Events 2005-06

Lent 2006

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1 - 12:10pm and 5:10pm

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

-Packer Memorial Church

9:10pm Ecumenical Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

Packer Memorial Church

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays - 7:00pm - Newman Center Chapel

Wednesdays 12 noon

Packer Memorial Church

with Adoration 12noon-1pm



Holy Week 2006

Palm Sunday - April 9 - Liturgy

12:10pm and 9:10pm - Packer Church

Holy Thursday - April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:10pm - Packer Church

Good Friday - April 14 - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion - 7:10pm - Packer Church

Holy Saturday - April 15 - Solemn

Easter Vigil - 9:30pm - Packer Church

Easter Sunday - April 16 - 12:10pm

Packer Memorial Church

Ascension Thursday 2006

Thursday, May 25 - 12:10pm

Packer Memorial Church

Graduates' Mass 2006

Sunday, May 21 - 12:10pm

Packer Memorial Church

All are Welcome!!

"My Faith at Lehigh"

Mark Marzen

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Coming into college, like many teenage Christians, the extent of my relationship with God was not very active. I would go to mass on Sundays, pray and talk to God here and there, and many times felt as if I was just going through the motions. Once at Lehigh and on my own though, I felt a yearning for a deeper purpose and direction in life. This was when my faith started to rapidly grow. One vital role in the growth of my relationship with the Lord was, and still is, the Newman Center. I started coming to the bible studies held by the seminaries that visit every Thursday and joined the Newman Center Council. The opportunities at the Newman Center to strengthen one's Christian beliefs are endless. From the bible studies and Newman Center Council to Eucharistic Adorations and daily Masses, there are many personal advantages of having a catholic student center, as ours, on campus. After committing myself to learning more about Christ and bettering my relationship with him, taking advantages of these opportunities has helped me make a huge step down the path towards the salvation of Christ.

Besides the Newman Center Council, I still continue being an altar server every Sunday at mass, and participate in other activities outside the Church, such as House Council and club soccer. My deepening faith with God has also spurred me to become a tutor with children through the South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center, and I am now in the application process to become a Big Brother through the Big Brother/Big Sister Organization. I'm now at the Newman Center almost daily, whether it be for another bible study, work study, or just doing some homework in the computer lab in the basement. It has become a home away from home for me, and without it here I'm not sure what point I would be at with my faith. All I know is that I thank God regularly that students and I have a center such as this on campus.