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Christopher's, I taught secondary music in the Rochester City School District, and I continue to love and participate in music whenever I can find time.

I have a huge passion for the young people of our church. I find so much inspiration and joy in being a part of a young adult's faith journey. It is my constant mission to provide an atmosphere and platform for the young church to not only explore their faith, but also to live it out in ways that will change them and others. College is such a crucial time for ongoing faith development. We often lose youth and young adults because they feel like bystanders in some other generation's church. Campus ministry is the perfect platform to see that the young church is alive and thriving, with faithful and strong individuals who are eager to learn about their faith and live the Gospel out in extraordinary ways, while serving others who desperately need us to be the face and hands of Christ in their lives. With your prayer, encouragement, and support, these new endeavors will reach great heights!

Again, thank you for your warm welcome. Please come visit if you are on campus or drop me an email at kpwccl@rit.edu.

God Bless you all!

Kim Winden



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Mass times

- SUNDAY 10 AM (ASL INTERPRETED)
- SUNDAY 5 PM
- (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)
- ALLEN CHAPEL
- CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY
- MILKSHAKE MASS ONCE A MONTH
- ADORATION AS SCHEDULED



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New Beginnings!



There are many new and exciting things happening at RIT Newman! We have new programs this year on campus such as Alpha, ASL Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, and new service opportunities. We have new students taking the lead on service and events, new ideas, and new goals! It has been an exciting journey so far, much in thanks to Alice Miller Nation who left the program in a place where it was already thriving and growing. This al-

lowed me the chance to hit the ground running when I began here!

Allow me to introduce myself: My name is Kim Winden, and I am the new Associate Director of the RIT Newman Catholic Community as of August 2018. I have had the pleasure to work so far with Fr. Brian, Alice, Mike, Dave, the Newman EBoard, priests, and more wonderful leaders on this faith-filled team. First of all, I would like to say THANK YOU for your warm welcome. You have all been in my prayers, as I know that any transition can be tough for a community. In my first 3 months at RIT, I have felt an overwhelming amount of love and support from the community and team, and to me that speaks strongly about the community I feel blessed to be joining.

I would love to tell you a bit about myself! I live in West Irondequoit with my husband Dave, and our

three children; Riley (5), Jackson (5), and Gianna (5). My education background is a Bachelors in Music Education (Nazareth College '05), Masters in Inclusive Education ('11), and I am working on a PhD in Curriculum, Instruction, and the Science of Learning at UB with a focus on ministering to the young church. For the past 10 years I have served as the youth minister at St. Christopher's in North Chili, NY. I spent my time and energy on youth events (NCYC, lock-ins, team building opportunities), family enrichment (marriage retreats, family faith formation assistance), fellowship (parish events, annual 5k race), Confirmation prep, Baptism prep, and website design. I will miss St. Christopher's and the sense of home it provided for my family, but I am trusting and loving God's call for this new path of my ministry journey. Before St.

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A Journey of Faith and Persistence...

I had the pleasure to hear a story of inspiration by one of our students in the RCIA program. RCIA is the "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults," a journey that adults take when they wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. During our first class in September, we shared a bit about ourselves, our faith journey, and WHY we want to be a part of RCIA. It was a beautiful thing to be able to hear a wide range of experiences and stories, and to have insight into why our students have committed to becoming confirmed in the Catholic faith. One that stuck out to me in particular, was Mondy's story. Mondy and I met at another time so I could learn more about her journey, and she even graciously accepted the invitation to share her story in the Fall Newman Newsletter.

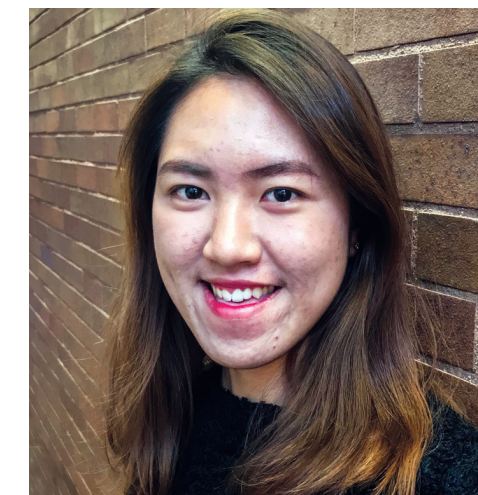
Mondy is an international student from Indonesia. She grew up with supportive parents, her dad being Catholic and her mom a Christian. Their native language is Bahasa. She learned the English language by watching movies in English with subtitles in Bahasa, and she read books in English to learn about the grammar and language use. Wow...what determina-

tion and ambition!

During elementary school, Mondy attended a Catholic elementary school in Indonesia where she was able to participate in daily prayers, regularly scheduled Mass, and even sang in the church choir. She felt supported in her faith journey at this point.

Middle school was a much different experience, while attending the public school near her home. She struggled with being bullied in middle school because of her Catholic beliefs. She still attended mass, but didn't feel a sense of community and support. She only knew of one other Catholic in her middle school, and he, too, struggled with being bullied and mocked for his beliefs. It was a tough road, but it never distracted Mondy from her God and her Catholic faith. She shared that she "tried to be strong, forgiving like Jesus would be."

High School was also a struggle, but in much different ways. She was able to receive a great education, but with no chance to fully practice her faith. Ironically, this time of struggle in high school was when she felt closest to God. In the struggle and the loneliness,



RCIA participant Mondy Mulya

she felt the closest to God because she truly believed that "God was [her] only one true friend." During high school she had friends who respected her faith, but no one to share in her faith and rituals. At this time, she was inspired by many of her friends who were active in their Muslim religion/routines. She shared,

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RCIA 2018-2019...

Please keep our RCIA students in your prayers as they explore their faith, reflect, and learn! We have 8 students in the RCIA class this year who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil! Here are some of the participants...



Jamie Thorington
4th Year
Electrical Engineering Technology
Coatesville, PA



Miguel Flores
3rd year
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Clare Kelsey
3rd Year
Psychology
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Mondy Mulya
Junior Year
Computer Science
Jakarta, Indonesia



Joseph Roe
1st year
Computer science
Columbus, Ohio

Journey of Faith *continued from front*

"if they can devote so much of their time to their God and religion, why can't I do the same?" So Mondy moved forward with doing her daily devotions every day to start building a foundation of routines at her boarding school. She independently did daily prayers - Our Father, Hail Mary, and more - first in her native language of Bahasa, and then slowly changed them to English. She shared that once they became too repetitive in her own language, she would pray them in English so it forced her to think about the words and the meaning while she translated them. She may have not been able to attend mass regularly, but she was able to build a foundation of routine and a strong meaningful relationship with a God she longed to know more deeply.

After high school, Mondy wanted so badly to con-

tinue her passion for coding and found a school in Rockland, NY to start her college career at. Without having ever been to the USA, she bravely moved to NY to attend a college for coding. She was excited to hear there was mass on campus, but when she went she was the one and only student, along with a group of staff and professors. "They became like family, and even visited me recently at Brick City Weekend at RIT!" After a bit of culture shock, that gathering and those people quickly became her family and circle of supporters.

Coming to RIT, Mondy quickly immersed into the church life on campus. She enjoys the "youthfulness" of the mass, and loves the intro when we take time to just welcome each other and say hello. I have witnessed Mondy jumping right in and helping out when

needed, attending masses, milkshake masses, and other Newman events. It has been a pleasure to see her face light up when she learns something new at RCIA, and an inspiration to see her having full access to be able to freely and openly express her faith and practice religious traditions with those around her.

For Mondy, it is crucial to be confirmed, and that is why she has chosen to participate in RCIA this year. At the end of chatting with Mondy, I asked her, "so if someone came to you and was feeling broken, or unsupported in practicing their faith, what is one thing you would say to them based on your own experience?" Mondy answered, "FOLLOW YOUR HEART! The most important thing is what you really feel, and take a step from it!"

Amen. Follow your heart. Be brave.

Why Newman!?

Sara Wright '20

"Newman is like a second home to me. It's just a warm and welcoming place to come to at the end of the week and de-stress from school."



Matt DelFavero '19G

"In the past five years, Newman has helped me to find a family at RIT. I'm overjoyed that bringing alpha on campus has brought us closer together."

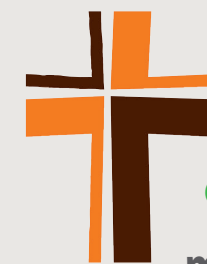
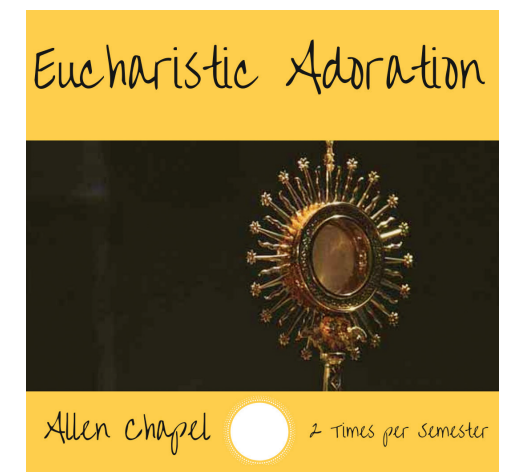
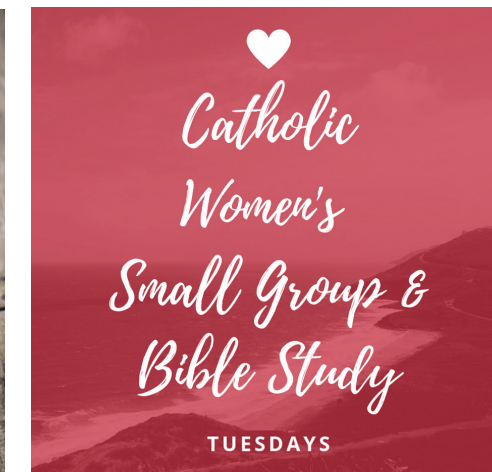
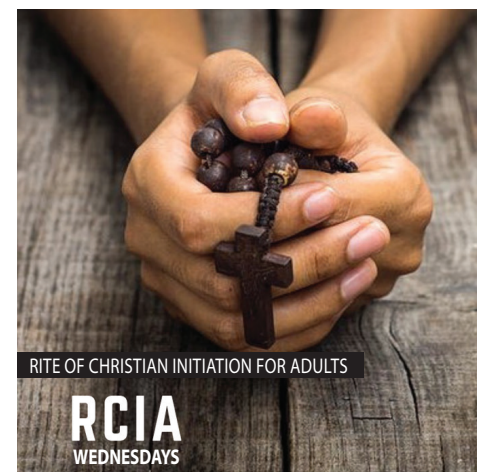
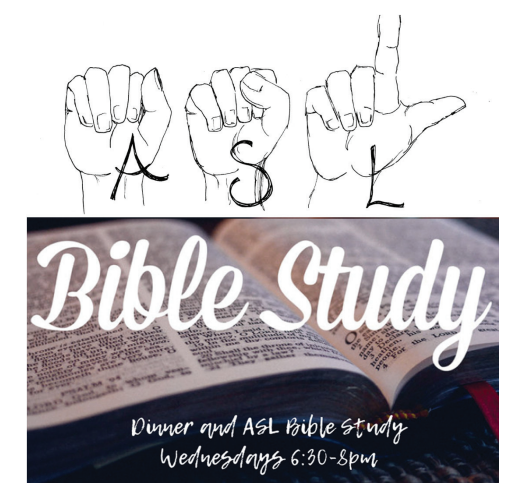
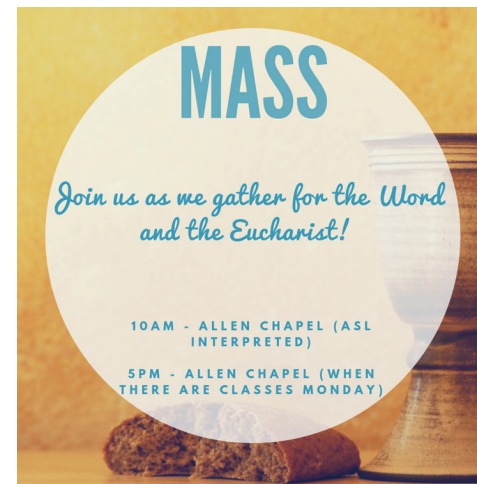


Eric Beishline '20

"The Newman Catholic Community at RIT is important to me because it's a place of welcoming and a place where I can go to find peace, even during the most stressful times of each semester. I went through the RCIA program to receive confirmation recently and everyone in that group was so supportive of my learning and spiritual growth, I could not thank them enough!"



What's Happening at R.I.T. Newman?



service **outreach** **kairos retreat**
mardis gras pancake dinner
evening of hospitality for the homeless **day of mercy confessions**
picnic
mass on holy days **eve away at RIT (evening retreat)** **and more...**