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place that welcomes them with a smile, lollipops and even a milkshake once in awhile! It is in listening to the stories of others that we discover our stories. It is in hearing the stories of our ancestors in faith, proclaimed by a nervous first year, making her way into the world that we begin to assimilate the faith we were taught as children into a faith we can carry into adulthood.

This is what makes up the days and weeks of the Newman Catholic Community at RIT. Our young people eagerly and enthusiastically share the stories of their lives. Their smiles and antics, laughter and ideas mingle with the deep faith and concern for others they carry to the altar each week when we celebrate the Eucharist together. May each of us celebrate the joy of Christ's presence in our world day in and day out with the freshness and passion of our young people.

Peace and good,

Alice Miller Nation

Associate Director of the

Newman Catholic Community @ RIT



Newman Catholic Community hosts Agape Latte with Drs. Drestler and Johnson.



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Help Newman @ RIT reconnect...

The Newman Community at RIT is attempting to reconnect with "lost" Catholic alums. If you have friends who do not receive our newsletter, please send us their name, address, email and graduation year. We will send out a newsletter and get them reconnected.



Newman Catholic Community
Mass Times:

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Holy Days: 12:00 p.m.
in the Allen Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

After 10 a.m. Mass
or by appointment
before or after Masses

Semester Events:

Bible Study – Thursday evenings
at 7 p.m. in the Sun Room
Winter Break and Spring Break
Service Learning Trips
Community Service
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Retreats each semester
Milkshake Mass each month
Community Fun events



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Stories of Easter Joy... day in and day out...



Let me begin with three short stories.

I opened the thank you note on a cold and snowy February day just after second semester began. The words were few, but warmed me all the way to my

toes. "Thank you for coming to the Inn. We are still talking about the experience with RIT." I could have not anticipated what a wonderful experience taking six hearing students and four deaf and hard of hearing students to the St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia would have on our community as well as the team at the Inn. Challenges there were, but with thoughtful conversation and a lot of flexibility, we all

drove back to Rochester knowing we had encountered a once in a lifetime experience.

I recently read a Facebook post from one of our graduate students who volunteers each week at Nativity Preparatory Academy as part of the Tiger Stripes Ministry Program. "Today I taught a little girl and boy the multiplication table of 9 and a fun way to remember them. I also taught them how to multiply decimals. I learned these from some men and I am proud to have them around. Happy Women's Day to women and THANK YOU to all those men who help us become who we are!"

And lastly, a first year student came into my office shortly after the semester began. She sat down and told me she really wanted to be a lector at Mass. I nodded as she continued, "I am trying so hard to break away from the unhealthy images I have about myself and have carried for too long. I am so afraid to be a lector, but I really want to do it. Will you help me?" I smiled as I said, "we've got this."

The first week she served as a lector, she was very nervous. She confessed that she almost canceled several times. But she didn't cancel, she did it! She proclaimed the words of scripture for our community to hear. And then a few weeks later, she volunteered to lector again when a scheduled lector was not able to be at Mass. This young woman is well on her way to growing into the woman she is meant to be for this world.

This my friends is the joy of Easter, one story at a time and one day at a time. The Newman Catholic Community at RIT gives young people the opportunities to seek and question, to find themselves and others through opportunities of community building, service and prayer. We offer students a home where they are able to ask questions and search for answers. We welcome the new comer and offer them a place at the table.

In a world that can seem intimidating and at times overwhelming, young people need a

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An Evening of Eye Opening Hospitality

For the second year, Newman Catholic Community has partnered with St. Mary's Church Downtown and the Rochester Homeless Coalition to offer an evening of hospitality for the homeless.

One night a month, a group of professionals including social workers, police officers and interested citizens take to the streets making sure the basic needs of those living on the street that night are met. Newman became aware of this ministry when one of our students came to the office asking about a man she saw day after day, begging for money at the expressway entrance less than two miles from campus.

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We Remember



The Newman Catholic Community mourns the death of Fr. Gerald Appelby on March 17, 2017. Fr. Appelby was the first full time Catholic Chaplain at RIT's Interfaith Center (1966-1983) and was helpful, encouraging and supportive to me when I began as Associate Director in 2014. He will be remembered for his great care and love for young people as he nourished their lives of faith. Fr. Gerry's quick laugh and compassionate heart will long be treasured. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues as well as RIT Newman alumni.

- Alice Miller Nation

Hospitality for all... Everyone has a place here.

The St. Francis Inn is a soup kitchen located in the Kensington district of Philadelphia. A ministry of the Holy Name Province of Franciscans, the Inn serves 350-400 meals each day of the year. Newman @ RIT has been fortunate to take students to the St. Francis Inn several times in the last few years.



I peeked my head out the back door of the kitchen of the St. Francis Inn to watch one of our students visit with a guest of the Inn. Normally, this would not turn heads. Today was different. We brought ten students from RIT/NTID to the Inn for a week of service learning. Maria, one of the four deaf and hard of hearing students on the trip giggled with excitement when Tim, the volunteer coordinator came in from the yard announcing, "He's here!" It was a delight to watch the two visit with one another using American Sign Language.

A few minutes later, I too stood in the yard watching the interaction between Maria and our guest at the Inn. Standing near the line of folks waiting for a cup of coffee and breakfast, one guest smiled at me and announced, "Yep, that is the Inn for you! Hospitality for all! Everyone has a place here." I too had a smile on my face as I agreed with the gentleman by my side. Together, we had just witnessed a moment of grace, sometimes easily missed in the activity of life. We both recognized this special moment, acknowledged it and carried it with us as we continued our day.

We come to the Inn from RIT/NTID to encounter life. A week at the Inn finds many of our students tired, a different kind of tired than a week of academics provides. At the Inn, we have the opportunity to see life from another perspective, with a new set of glasses. This trip to the Inn was especially rich. Many of us learned a few words in ASL, students became teachers and teachers became students. We learned about using the tools of tenderness and compassion as we go about our daily tasks and responsibilities. We allowed the guests to enter our lives and transform our lives and hearts for the better.

Each year, I bring students to the Inn for a service learning retreat. It is always my hope that our students can take home a place in their heart for the most marginalized in our midst. It is my prayer that each of our students can drive back to Rochester understanding that a degree from RIT/NTID is going to prepare them for a lifetime of experiences, both in and out of their chosen profession.



Holy Week/Easter Schedule April 13 - 16

If you find yourself in Rochester during Holy Week, we welcome you to any of our Triduum liturgies.

Th

Holy Thursday
7 p.m.
Allen Chapel with
Eucharistic Adoration
in the Jones Chapel
until 9 p.m.

F

Good Friday
noon – 1 p.m.
Allen Chapel

Sa

Holy Saturday
8 p.m.
Allen Chapel

Su

Easter Sunday
10 a.m. (interpreted)
Allen Chapel
5 p.m.
Allen Chapel

An Evening of Eye Opening Hospitality

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I sent her in the direction of Deacon David Palma, a former Catholic Chaplain at RIT to find out more information.

What our student discovered was astonishing. We formed a small committee to learn more about the issues surrounding poverty in Rochester. Deacon Dave Palma was invited to preach at Newman Masses to help our community understand more about poverty. We decided to sponsor an evening of hospitality, offer educational opportunities for our students and to raise awareness.

“whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Now, for the second year, Newman at RIT is raising money to support our evening for the homeless which will be in April. Through RIT, an RIT t-shirt quilt raffle is being held with the drawing after the 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday. Tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$3. and can be bought in the Center for Religious Life or after Masses each weekend during Lent.

Groups of students will prepare personal hygiene bags as well as substantial bag lunches for each person we meet. If someone we meet on the streets would like to sleep in a hotel that evening, the cost will be covered and in the morning they will have a follow up visit with a social worker from a community agency.

One of the biggest take aways from our evening of hospitality for the homeless is how close homelessness is for many Americans. One recent night, the group offering hospitality discovered a recent RIT graduate among those living on the streets of Rochester. Without the support of family, when this young man lost his job, he thought he had nowhere to turn.

Our involvement in this outreach ministry has not only opened our minds and hearts to the situations of others, but helped us to realize that those around us are our brothers and sisters...we need them and they need us. This experience has offered us the opportunity to put the gospel message into practice,

