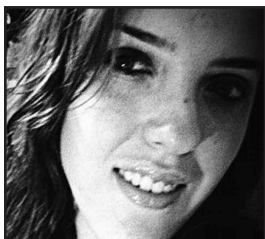


## Words of a Saint

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. ."

— St. Francis of Assisi

## Five questions with Jackie Zygadlo



**Q: What made you chose Montclair State University?**

**A:** When I first applied to colleges, I didn't look at many. Montclair State was one of the two schools I visited. The first reason why I chose Montclair State University was that it was close to home (less than 5 miles). It also had a great English department and I knew I would be getting a good education at an affordable price. Coming from a small all-girl Catholic high school, I didn't want to go to another small Catholic university where it felt like I knew everyone. Montclair State offered me the exact opposite. I've also been fortunate enough to be able to live on campus these past 3 years and become involved with different organizations and meet tons of great people.

**Q: What is the highlight of your time in college?**

**A:** A highlight for me would be becoming a part of Newman last November and meeting everyone here. I remember my first

ZYGADLO, 3



## A visit to the Canyon of Heroes

Newman members Joe Nacheff and Kate Ascolese visited NYC for the Yankees championship parade.

# Finding purpose in your life

BY MARGOT RIVERA  
FOCUS MISSIONARY

Have you ever thought about what your purpose is in life? What are ways that you have come up with to figure it out? In life there are plenty of puzzles to ponder, some are easy, and some are tricky.

Whether you are a college freshman trudging off through the cold early morning class, or a junior hauling yourself up the corporate ladder, or a middle aged person looking back on how you got to where you are now, you may very well find yourself asking, "What the heck am I doing here?"

How we handle such questions will depend on



Margot Rivera, a FOCUS missionary, finds servant leadership firmly grounded into her Catholic Faith.

a number of factors, including the strength of our faith in God, the confidence we have in our-

selves, and the relationships we maintain with our families, friends and colleagues.

No one sets out charting on a path to failure.

RIVERA, 4

## About Newman

NEWMAN??? No - not that guy from "Seinfeld." We are named after JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN a convert to the Catholic Faith in England during the nineteenth century.

Among the many writings Cardinal Newman authored was an essay entitled "The Idea of the University." In that essay, he observed that one common bond between Universities and the Catholic Church is that they both search for universal truth.

Because of Cardinal Newman's interest and hope that there would be greater dialogue between the secular world and the Catholic faith NEWMAN became the name of many Catholic ministries on the campuses of colleges and universities throughout the world.

As the NEWMAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY here at Montclair State University, our purpose is to help students grow in their faith through Spiritual, Social and Community outreach programs.

We do this by helping each other to have a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church which he founded. We are sponsored and funded by the ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK and chartered as a Class II organization of the Montclair State University Student Government Association

Newman Catholic Center;  
894 Valley Road,  
Montclair, NJ 07043  
Phone: 973-746-2323;  
campus extension 7240  
msunewman.com

# What's happening at Newman this week

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 33rd

### Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 PM - Eboard Meeting - Student Center Caf  B & C

7:30 PM - "Come as you are Choir" - If you sing or play an instrument, why not share your gifts and join Bruce Mauro as he prepares music for this evening's Mass - STUDENT CENTER - Cafeteria B & C

7:30 - 8:15 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Fr. Jim is available to hear confessions during this time - STUDENT CENTER - Cafeteria B & C

**8:30 PM - CATHOLIC SUNDAY MASS - STUDENT CENTER - Cafeteria B & C**

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

3:00 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Upperclass Women - Newman Center

**4:45 PM - Daily Mass - Newman Center Chapel**

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

3:00 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Freshmen & Sophomore Women - Caf  Diem

**4:45 PM - Daily Mass - Newman Center Chapel**

6:00 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Upperclass Men - Newman Center

7:30 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Freshmen & Sophomore Women - Student Center Cafeteria -

9:00 PM - EBOARD - Student Center

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 AM - FOCUS Bible Study - Upper Class Men - Caf  Diem -

**Noon - Daily Mass - Newman Center Chapel**

6:00 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Freshmen & Sophomore Men - Newman Center -

9:00 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Freshmen & Sophomore Women - Student Center Cafeteria -

9:00 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Freshmen & Sophomore Men - Caf  Diem

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Noon - Daily Mass - Newman Center Chapel**

1:00 PM - Conversations on Faith and Spirituality - A weekly discussion group led by Professor Lisa Sargese

# Highlights

- **Focus Bible Studies** for those interested in diving deeper into God's Sacred Scripture. 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 p.m. Wednesday for freshman and sophomore women, 3 p.m. Monday for upperclass women, 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9:30 a.m. Wednesday for upperclass men, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday for Freshman and Sophomore men.
- **FOCUS Thanksgiving Gathering** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Convent in Ridgewood, NJ. Information available on our Facebook group or contact any of the FOCUS missionaries. 7 p.m. Friday

of the Philosophy and Religion Department - DROP IN CENTER

4:30 PM - FOCUS Bible Study - Freshmen & Sophomore Women - Caf  Diem

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS - Newman Center Chapel

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**Noon - Daily Mass - Newman Center Chapel**

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Tune into Lino Rulli's "The Catholic Guy Show" heard on "The Catholic Channel" Sirius Channel 159 and XM Channel 117 to hear Fr. Jim in his weekly visit on-air. Call in 1-888-322-8465. Not a subscriber? Listen online at [www.thecatholicchannel.org](http://www.thecatholicchannel.org)

7:00 PM - FOCUS Thanksgiving Gathering - at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Convent in Ridgewood, NJ. Information available on our Face-

book group or contact any of the FOCUS missionaries

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

3:00 PM - Newman Football - Pickup game in the Student Center Quad

7:30 PM - "Come as you are Choir" - If you sing or play an instrument, why not share your gifts and join

Bruce Mauro as he prepares music for this evening's Mass - STUDENT CENTER - Cafeteria B & C

7:30 - 8:15 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Fr. Jim is available to hear confessions during this time - STUDENT CENTER - Cafeteria B & C

**8:30 PM - CATHOLIC SUNDAY MASS - STUDENT CENTER - Cafeteria B & C**

9:30 PM - MONTHLY MEETING OF THE NEWMAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION - Cafeteria B & C

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you a Baptized Catholic but haven't been confirmed yet? Contact Fr. Jim at the Newman Center for more information.



## Tale of two cities

Newmanites gathered to watch Game 6 of the World Series; New York Yankee fans gathered in Fr Jim's apartment; Philadelphia Phillies Fans (correction FAN) watched in the Newman basement as the Yanks won their 27th World Championship

### Zygadlo: Going on retreat strengthened my bond with God

Newman event...dinner at Chevy's after mass for Matt Boyle's 21st birthday and I've had great memories with awesome people ever since.

**Q: Name a time you felt God was near to you that you needed Him?**

A: I time I felt God near to me would have

been following the retreat last year. I had never been on a retreat before so getting to experience God in a variety of different ways, strengthened my bond with Him. I've also felt Him with me these past few weeks as I've prayed for Grandma and have watched her health and spirits im-

prove. Everyday things happen for reasons, I might not immediately recognize, but He does. I just have to keep the faith.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at Montclair State University?**

A: I enjoy feeling like

I'm part of a church family (I never felt that connection at my home parish), having friends I can always count on, and having fun at any Newman event I participate in.

**Q: Where do you see yourself in five years?**

A: In five years, I see myself with my Masters degree and hopefully

being a magazine journalist and writing for some kind of publication or hopefully have some other career where I can use a combination of my communication and writing skills. We'll see what happens. I honestly I haven't thought it out farther than that.

## Newman Catholic Campus Ministry

### E-BOARD OFFICERS

**President:** Matthew Boyle - boylem5@mail.montclair.edu  
**Vice President:** John O'Reilly - oreillyj1@mail.montclair.edu  
**Treasurer:** Veronica Haegele - haegelev1@mail.montclair.edu  
**Recording Secretary:** Tara Devine - devinet1@mail.montclair.edu  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Kate Ascolese - Ascolesekl@mail.montclair.edu

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

**Community Service:** Carolina Soares - soaresc1@mail.montclair.edu  
**Public Relations:** Larry Muscat - muscatl1@mail.montclair.edu  
**Retreat Director:** Brittany Tobjy - tobjyb1@mail.montclair.edu  
**Social Activities Committee:** Glen Murphy - murphyg3@mail.montclair.edu  
**Students for Life Comm.:** Kelly Karcher - karcherk1@mail.montclair.edu

### NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER STAFF

**Director and Chaplain:** Fr. Jim Chern - chernjam@comcast.net; chernj@mail.montclair.edu  
**Office Manager & Pastoral Associate:** Mrs. Mary Kominsky - kominskym@mail.montclair.edu  
**Music Director:** Mr. Bruce Mauro - B.Mauro1@verizon.net  
**Campus Minister:** Mr. Mathew Higgins - mhiggins08@hotmail.com

### FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)

**Team Director:** Patrick Rivera - privera@focusonline.org  
**Team Members:** Christine Grote - cmgrote@gmail.com; Sarah Pelicano - sarah.pelicano@gmail.com; Margot Riviera - mriviera@focusonline.org; James VanHoven - jvanhoven@focusonline.org

### MEDIA

**Bulletin editor/design:** dustin Faber - dustinfaber@gmail.com.

# Finding education, faith at Montclair

BY VERONICA HAEGELE  
TREASURER

At the start of my Freshman year here at Montclair State University in the Fall of 2007, I was in search of two things: a great education and a Catholic community.

I was blessed to find both very quickly as I began my first year as a member and Treasurer of Newman Catholic Campus Ministry. It was also during my freshman year that I was fortunate enough to

attend the FOCUS National Conference in Grapevine, Texas with seven other students from Montclair.

Before attending Conference, I was merely surviving in my faith and life and not thriving. I knew then that the faith I had was a great gift from God but didn't know how to share it with others and didn't think there were many people out there to share it with.

Much of that changed

as I arrived in Grapevine. It was so amazing and extremely humbling to see 3,000 Catholic college students who were truly on fire: fire in their love for Jesus and their undeniable faith for Him. As the conference continued, I was continuously amazed by adoration, confession, mass, the talks, and concerts which were all focused on our Lord. Throughout the five days spent in Texas, our Lord used the many speakers,

missionaries, religious leaders, and my own peers to empower me to share my faith and the light and love of Jesus with others in this dark world.

As many of you know this year's conference is over winter break in Orlando, Florida. Some of you may already be signed up for conference and I pray that while there you have open hearts and open minds. For those of you that have not signed up yet, I understand your pos-

sibly worries, doubts, and fears about making the commitment to attend. I pray that you offer up those fears and doubts to God and just let go! You will not regret it! I thank God daily for the opportunity that I was given to attend the FOCUS National Conference because of the positive impact it has had on my faith and our community as a whole.

I'll see you there!

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Vern*

## Rivera: **Serving others gives us a clear view of our final goal**

We all seek to succeed...to enjoy happiness and fulfillment. At various points, however, we invariably set intermediary goals and then we decide how to best achieve them.

For example, if we want to graduate from Montclair State, we realize that we had better study hard. If we then set off to be the best lawyer, or accountant, or physicist, or salesman, or teacher, we may decide that we have to scratch and claw and do whatever it takes to land the right job, get the big promotion, make the right connections, and move ahead of the pack. Unfortunately, along the way, our goals can eventually begin taking the shape of fancy houses, expensive cars, and big bank accounts...and we start gauging success according to square feet, horsepower, and the almighty dollar.

The qualities and practices of servant leadership (Christ-like leadership), however, can keep us focused on our ultimate success, on our true purpose. By serving others and leading them in the pursuit of noble objectives, we each can maintain a

clearer view of our own final goal. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." Mark 9:35

What exactly is servant leadership? I believe that servant leadership is synonymous with Christ-like leadership. Those of you attending the Catholic Newman center frequently, innately are Christ-like leaders. These traits can always be perfected, but beginning to perfect them now will help greatly with whatever you are called to in this life. In preparing this, I found an online article that does a great job explaining what servant leadership is and how its practice is not only good for the soul but also good for business.

Entitled *The Power to Empower: the Transitional Energy of Servant Leadership*, written by a man named William Murray, the piece wasn't posted on a site associated with the Catholic Church or with any other religious organization or ministry. I actually found it on the web site of an executive coaching firm.

Yes, it turns out that more and more companies

and corporations are discovering that servant leadership works pretty well as a management philosophy. Mr. Murray explains that this approach calls for a leader to be "foremost a servant of the people led or influenced...seeking to serve rather than to control...seeing human enhancement as the primary goal."

Citing the examples set by Jesus and by people like Mother Teresa, Gandhi, and Dr. Martin Luther King-while also pinpointing to the success of companies that have begun embracing and promoting servant leadership among their executive corps-the writer makes a good case for why servant leadership works so well.

He describes servant leaders as "trustworthy, authentic, caring, compassionate, inclusive, and courageous." Clearly, these are qualities we all want to see in our bosses at work, in our officials in Washington, in our priests on the altar, and in all whom we trust for guidance and direction, but we should also desire these qualities in those we are also friends with. Of course, to find true happiness and fulfillment in our

lives, we should also see the qualities of servant leadership when we look in the mirror.

Where do we find real happiness and fulfillment? Not in a life of notoriety--not in a life of accumulation--not in a life of prideful achievements. These are what society teaches us to achieve, but ultimately in a life of service to others.

Each of us has a calling from God to servant leadership and when answered the call means something different for each of us.

There are many different ways to be a servant leader, whether it be going to the food bank; for some of the students calling may be to become servant leaders in the church, working for and among the faithful as priests and religious. For others, the calling will entail servant leadership among colleagues in a business, professional, or academic environment. Still others will answer the call to become servant leaders in their communities, or even a FOCUS missionary.

Effective leadership will in large, be the result of that compassionate service. And the world will benefit in very meaningful ways.

For me, servant leader-

ship is firmly grounded in my Catholic faith.

When we envision Jesus washing the feet of His apostles--His devoted followers--we get a very clear picture of what he expects of all of us when it comes to leadership. When we hear the story of the good shepherd tending to his flock, we understand more fully the responsibility we all share for serving the needs of others--especially, the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

Servant leadership is simply living our faith. With God's love and strength we can all be servant leaders, men and women who help and guide each other along the path to our final goal, our final destination.

You all, along with thousands of college students have an awesome opportunity to attend the FOCUS Made For More leadership conference during Christmas break. My prayer is that you go there with open hearts and minds, to see where our Lord is calling you to be the leader He has made you to be. If you would like to go, but are afraid that money may be an issue, please speak to one of our 5 FOCUS missionaries, or Fr. Jim.