



# Catholic Campus Ministry

## The Newman Community at Virginia Tech

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY MASS

10AM 12PM 8PM  
*War Memorial Chapel*

#### DAILY MASS

MON-WED 5 PM  
THURSDAY 9 PM  
FRIDAY 5 PM  
SATURDAY 9 AM  
*at the Newman House*

#### RECONCILIATION

SUN 9AM, 11:20AM, 7PM  
*War Memorial Chapel*  
Thursday, 8 PM  
*at the Newman House*

#### COMMUNITY ROSARY

SUNDAY, 7:30 PM  
*at the Pylons on top of the  
War Memorial Chapel*

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY, 5:00-9 PM  
*at the Newman House*

#### DAILY PRAYER

MON-FRI, 9:30 AM, 11 PM  
*at the Newman House*

#### SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Romans 13: 11-14  
Matthew 24: 37-44

Next Week's Gospel  
Matthew 3: 1-12

#### Matthew 25 Partner

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### AMP IT UP FOR ADVENT

Does this look like your to do list before December 24th? Study for finals, attempt to pass final, find a way to get home, find money to get presents for parents and siblings, find a job while I am home, get to bed before 3 am (and stay in bed past 9 am), hang decorations, listen to some Christmas music, see old friends, attend at least one party with relatives, and eat some of my mom's home cooking? Notice something missing? Advent is a time of preparation, but not just externally. Don't forget to decorate your soul! Mark your calendar for **Friday, Dec 6th** - come and Amp it up for Advent - and evening of reflection and preparation for the end of the semester and Advent.

### NEWMAN CHRISTMAS STORY

Come out and join the Newman Musicians at the Newman House on December 11th at 7:00 pm for our annual "Newman Christmas Story!" There will be Christmas spirit in the air as we celebrate this joyful season with our family here at Newman. Everyone is invited, so feel free to bring your friends! We hope to see you there!

### FUNDRAISING - LETTER PACKING

We are asking for anyone and everyone's help in Newman's fundraising appeal to alumni. Next week we will be stuffing envelopes with appeal letters and can't do it without your help! A few hours at the house could make the difference in continuing many of the events we have come to love. A googledoc sign up can be found in the weekly email and online. Please contact Amy Ruskak ([newman.vt@gmail.com](mailto:newman.vt@gmail.com)) with questions.

### SUMMER PILGRIMAGE - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Join Father David Sharland, YA, and other pilgrims next May for a spectacular and deeply spiritual pilgrimage: In The Footsteps of Saint Paul. We will travel through Greece and Turkey as we follow much of St. Paul's ministry journey. The trip runs from May 25 - June 5, 2014 and will cost \$3,300. Flyers are available after Mass; see Father David for more information.

### ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK FUNDRAISING MEETING

I hope all those who have been placed in an Alternative Spring Break group are as excited to get where their going as the communities are for their weekly visit from us Hokies. We'll kick off the process and give everyone a chance to meet their groups this Thursday (12/5) at 9pm in the Newman House. The night will begin with mass, transition do a discussion about fundraising strategy, and end with a small group meeting. Please contact your leader with questions and to confirm you will be able to come.

### ALTERNATIVE WINTER BREAK SEND-OFF

The Newman Community has thirty-three students who will spend ten days of their winter break in LA, Mexico, and Haiti bringing Catholic love and Hokie spirit to the many they encounter. All those on the trip, **reminder: the send-off is Monday (12/9) at 930pm** in the great room. All who will be home for break please keep those students and the many we serve in your prayers.

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## DISCERNMENT GROUPS

### The Melchizedek Project

The Melchizedek Project is an opportunity for men to receive the information they need to adequately discern their vocations, and to do so in a group that offers fraternal support. Led by Father David, this discernment group will meet to reflect on some written materials, and enjoy some food and fellowship. Our meetings are confidential. If this is something you might be interested in exploring, please speak to Father David. There is no obligation, and we won't be sending anyone off to the seminary.

### Women's Discernment Group

Similar to the Melchizedek Project, Newman will offer a women's discernment group. Through small group discussion and prayer, this group will help women begin the process of exploring their vocation. This group will be lead by Joanna Hitzelberger, wife of Chris Hitzelberger, and mother of four energetic children. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 pm. Please contact Father David for more information.

## ADVENT PRAYER

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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