

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service, those who perished in conflicts long past, and those whose names appear in last week's paper, who have died defending our country in all the areas of the world where the United States has deemed it necessary to deploy American combat troops.

Memorial Day is a bitter-sweet day. Sweet because it is good to remember those who have offered the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, values, and way of life, but bitter because we know that war is repugnant to the human spirit. War is an acknowledgement that the ways of peace through reasonable, thoughtful and humane processes, have failed.

In a press release on May 2, 2000 by former President Clinton, which established a National Moment of Remembrance for all Americans, Clinton articulated how we should all approach Memorial Day in our hearts:

### **Memorandum on the White House Program for the National Moment of Remembrance**

***As Memorial Day approaches, it is time to pause and consider the true meaning of this holiday. Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contributions they have made to secure our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day.***

***I ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal "National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day. This Memorial Observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms.***

***Let us remember also those troops who have come home, but because of their exposure to the carnage of war, because they have been surrounded and penetrated by death, they carry in their bodies and their souls, the scars and wounds of war, which is another kind of dying.***



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**Memorial Day Mass:** There will be a 9:00 am Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, in the Penn Newman Center. That will be the only Mass celebrated on Monday.

## Newman Center Notes

**Penn Newman Center** 3720 Chestnut Street  
[www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu)

**Drexel Newman Center** 30 South 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
[www.drexelnewman.org](http://www.drexelnewman.org)

### **Daily Mass**

Mon-Fri 12:05pm Penn Newman St. Bede Chapel – Upper Level

Due to reconstruction, Drexel Newman Mass, Penance and Eucharistic Adoration have been temporarily suspended.

### **Drexel Newman: Baccalaureate Mass and Reception**

All graduating students, both undergrads and grads, are cordially invited along with family and friends to our Annual Baccalaureate Mass on **Thursday, June 10 at 7:00pm** at St. Agatha-St. James Church. Graduates are asked to arrive with cap and academic gown by 6:45pm and gather in the back of Church. Reception immediately follows Mass at the Intercultural Center (formerly Drexel Newman Center), 33<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut Streets (NW corner), lower level. For questions please contact Fr. Vincent Morabito, Chaplain, at 215-590-8760 or e-mail [Newman@drexel.edu](mailto:Newman@drexel.edu). Reservations are necessary: [www.drexel.edu/newmancenter](http://www.drexel.edu/newmancenter). More information is available: choose "attention all graduates."

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC) Retreat**

Join students of the NCSC for the Days of Recreation/Eco-Spiritual Retreat, **July 23-25, 2010** at Ricketts Glen State Park (Benton, PA). \$30 cost includes meals. You should bring your own tenting equipment or contact Catlyn Ream, NCSC Northeast Regional Chair, [northeast@ncscweb.com](mailto:northeast@ncscweb.com). For more information see [www.catholicstudent.org](http://www.catholicstudent.org): Click on News & Events, then Days of Recreation.

## PENN NEWMAN: ALL STUDENTS

### **Penn Newman: Spiritual Mentoring/Direction**

Spiritual mentoring/direction is an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a professional minister to speak about your life. Several mentors are available to Penn undergraduate and graduate students. See [www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu).

### **Support Group - Penn Students Coping with Illness/Death**

Penn students facilitate a peer-led support group. For more info, see [www.newman.upenn.edu](http://www.newman.upenn.edu) (scroll down to the bottom of the page under "Ongoing Programs"). This is not a Penn Newman activity, but we are happy to let students know of this opportunity.

## PENN NEWMAN: GRAD STUDENTS

### **Christian Life Community (CLC)**

Founded in Ignatian spirituality, CLC is a lay community that meets regularly in groups of 6-12 peers from their community or university to pray, reflect, and discuss issues of life and faith. We would like to start some CLC groups of Penn grad students to begin meeting in Fall 2010. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Klein at [jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu](mailto:jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu).