

Newman Center Notes

Penn Newman Center 3720 Chestnut Street
www.newman.upenn.edu

Drexel Newman Center 30 South 33rd Street
www.drexelnewman.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Locks of Love Hair Drive Event

Come meet other donors on **Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 pm** at the UPenn Women's Center (3643 Locust Walk). On April 25 Penn Newman will be holding an event where hair stylists will provide cuts for anyone donating 6 or more inches of hair to Locks of Love! For more info contact Elizabeth Kopec: ekopec@sas.upenn.edu.

Lea Elementary School Coat Drive

Through Jan. 31, donate new/lightly used coats (we also accept monetary donations) for K-8th graders at Lea School in West Philly. Dropoff at Penn Newman. Contact Natalie at nfeigenbaum@comcast.net with questions.

Busy Person's Retreat

This retreat, **Feb. 14-18**, is composed of daily one-on-one meetings with a spiritual director. Available to all grad and undergrad students in Univ. City. Sign up with Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu by Feb. 7.

DREXEL NEWMAN

A New Beginning for Drexel Newman

On Jan. 11 the Newman Center at Drexel, a property owned by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the last 39 years, was sold to Drexel University. In order to accommodate the transition in a speedy and orderly fashion the following measures are now in effect. The celebration of the 1:00 pm Mass, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration have been **discontinued** for a time. Student groups will still meet according to the Newman calendar of activities. Students will be notified about activities through email. The building will become a Multi Cultural Center for Drexel. Reconstruction and remodeling of the property will commence as soon as possible. The Newman Catholic Community will relocate to the top floor along with other religious organizations. A Blessed Sacrament Chapel – to replace the former chapel – will be named for St. Katharine Drexel. This new Chapel where the celebration of daily Mass will occur is to be constructed on the top floor along with a remodeled Newman office. Since its location at 33rd and Chestnut Streets the biblical phrase above the main doors "In the beginning... God" has greeted all students and visitors to the Newman Center. Now a new beginning commences for the Drexel Newman Catholic Community with unwavering faith in Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever. We ask for your prayers and patience during this time of reorganization and renewal.

Memorial Mass for Johnny Williamson and Ian Alexander – Monday, January 25

The Drexel University Community, especially the Drexel

Newman Center and AXP Fraternity, suffered an horrific loss on Jan. 25, 2009. Both Johnny and Ian, seniors, died in a tragic car accident and 4 other students suffered injuries. Family and friends are invited to join in prayer for our beloved friends on **Monday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm** in our **Church of St. Agatha/James**. Light refreshments will follow after Mass in the Penn Newman Center.

Floral Tribute to Johnny Williamson

The flowers at the altar this weekend are donated in loving memory of Johnny Williamson, Drexel Class of 2009, Executive Officer, Service Chair, of the Drexel Newman Center. We miss you very much!

PENN NEWMAN: ALL STUDENTS

Service Project: Don Guanella Boys

On **Saturday, Feb. 13**, Penn Newman will host special needs boys from Don Guanella School for dinner, Mass and the basketball game vs. Columbia. Contact Kerry McLaughlin (kerrym@nursing.upenn.edu) by **Feb. 6** to volunteer. Set-up will start at 3:45 pm.

Dollar Dinner

Thursdays at 6:00 pm, at Penn Newman, gather with us for an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner for just \$1! All Penn students are welcome and no reservation necessary!

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.

Lunch with Penn Newman Chaplain

Join us for lunch with Fr. Phil Florio, SJ. We will meet **Mondays and alternating Thursdays at the Button** and then head to a local eatery for stimulating and fun conversation! Contact pflorio@newman.upenn.edu.

Holy Hour

Join us for our weekly Holy Hour on **Wednesdays at 8:00 pm** at Penn Newman. Fr. Phil Florio, SJ, will also hear confessions weekly at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

PENN NEWMAN: UNDERGRADS

Catholic School Dance

On **Friday, Jan. 29**, come to Penn Newman at 8:00 pm for three hours of dancing to your favorite pop hits! You *must* RSVP to Matt Oliveras at oliveras@wharton.upenn.edu by Jan. 28. All Penn undergrads invited!

PENN NEWMAN: GRAD STUDENTS

Catholic Grad Student Meet-&-Greet Event

On **Wednesday, Jan. 26, 6:30 pm** at the Graduate Student Center (3615 Locust Walk) Room 302, join us for refreshments and meet other Catholic grad students and Penn Newman staff!