

EVENTS

Mass: Sundays at 5 p.m.

Confession: Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Eat, Pray, Love: Fridays, beginning at 5:30 with a prayer service which moves directly into dinner. RSVP to srrose@binghamton.edu

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The Newman House

Monthly Feature: Ropes Course Retreat at Adam's Eden Camp

On September tenth, a group of 21 strong travelled to Adam's Eden Camp in LaFayette, NY to take on a ropes course and build stronger fellowship. A member of our community, Phoenix Reisner, contributed her experience to share:

Right, left, right left. Don't fall, just don't fall! These were the thoughts as I reached for the hand of a fellow Newman House member at the Adam's Eden rope's course (despite the determined thoughts, I fell off about three or four times). That afternoon twenty of us, some freshman, others older, all came together to learn, to laugh, to love. While the ropes course was an endeavor of agility and strength, the real endeavor of our outing was to facilitate communication, find some personal growth, and become unified as one community.

Adam's Eden Camp, a beautiful gem nestled in the hills of LaFayette, NY. We embarked on our journey by beginning with wonderful words from our two coordinators, "GG" and Allison. They were words of inspiration to kick start the journey. We did many team-building activities, including "Alaskan Baseball", or I rather "bass-ball" considering the ball in this game was a model fish (I know what you're thinking, crazy Alaskans right?). After a quick lunch and re-grouping, it was time for the obstacles. Each one called on different strengths and abilities, but all required the groups to come together as one to achieve the end goal. We walked across wires, swung like Tarzan, and somehow got all team members through a hula-hoop suspended in the air.

While these activities were geared for fun, the true meaning laid underneath. No matter the challenge, someone was there to assist you. No matter where you were climbing, someone was there to catch you. No matter what, there was always a helpful hand open in front of you. We were blessed with wonderful weather for this outing, but we were even more blessed to have such an amazing group of people. We left Adam's Eden that day with more than just tired muscles, we left with new friendships, new memories, and full hearts.



“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

Blessed John Newman



September in Review

Apple Picking: On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, members of our community took a trip to Green Brothers' Apple Orchard. It was an outing filled with sunshine, laughter, getting to know each other, and cider donuts. Of course, it's always great when we can get together as a community!
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Movie Night: For the movie night this month, we watched *Romero*, a biopic about the life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero who opposed, at great personal risk, the tyrannical oppression in El Salvador. The movie served as a baseline for further discussion about each and everyone's call to action in the face of injustice—on whatever scale we witness/experience it. There was discussion about morality (how are we sure we are doing the “right” thing, when we make decisions) and exchange of personal anecdotes and backgrounds. A thought-provoking night all around! Keep an out for the date and time of the next movie night!

Parents Weekend: Many thanks to all those who dropped by with their families on parents weekend! With refreshments provided by the ever-generous Sr. Rose, it was great to chat and share with parents our wonderful community.

Coldstone Fundraiser: Isn't it great when eating ice cream counts as paying it forward? Again, many thanks to all those who supported our community by mentioning our fundraiser with their ice cream purchase on 9/28. If you thought this event was good, or have any fundraising ideas that you'd like to share with us, feel free to contact us online or pull aside and eboard member after mass/at a community event!

Walk A Mile in Her Shoes: On 9/28, the fraternity Tau put on the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event” which is a march that seeks to raise awareness in order to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence. The fraternity as well as other campus organizations walked in high heels (yes the women and men!) around campus to symbolically walk towards this goal. The Newman House was happy to participate in this event: we as organization wholeheartedly uphold each individual's right to human dignity and the protection of those rights.

Eat, Pray, Love: As always, Sr. Rose has provided delicious meals on Friday nights. It's a great way to unwind at the end of the week. Take a chance, bring a friend, and RSVP for the next EPL!