

## weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. All proceeds will be distributed among participants, each of whom are responsible for their own fundraising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

### Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge

Two groups of students will head south over spring break to take place in the national "Collegiate Challenge" facilitated by Habitat for Humanity. In South Carolina and Louisiana, students will pick up where a previous group of college students left off in building and refurbishing homes for those in need.

### Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre

In May, a small group will travel to Gros Islet, St. Lucia to serve with Sr. Frances Nosbisch, OSF at a pastoral centre which serves to meet various community needs in St. Lucia.

### Carmen Pampa Fund

For the first time this June, Neumann students will partner with the Franciscan Mission Service (based out of Washington, DC) to travel to La Paz, Bolivia to participate in service projects and cultural immersion experiences alongside local Bolivian college students.

### Wind River Indian Reservation

Neumann students will continue a long-standing tradition of journeying west to serve with Sr. Teresa Frawley, OSF at the three Catholic parishes on Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes.

If you would like to further support the 30 students participating in Service Immersion trips this spring and summer, visit:

[www.neumann.edu/knightfunder](http://www.neumann.edu/knightfunder)

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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## this week in campus ministry

January 15, 2017

A lot of things come about with the arrival of the New Year. Some hope for things to get better; some continue to thank God for a great 2016. All that we know for certain is that no one really knows what the New Year has in store for us. Only God will show us the way. When I think about what I would like in 2017, I think about all the potential gifts and blessings that are in store. By these gifts and blessings, I mean hopes that things end up working out the way I would like – in a way that will make me happy, or successful. We all hope for that, right? We all hope to keep strong relationships. We all pray for safe travels. We all hope to have the means to live the way we want to. It is great for things to always work in our favor, but inevitably, throughout the course of a year, we will all face barriers and challenges. The task for the year, then, is to recall that God is always there to turn to – in both the blessings and the barriers. This week's gospel says, "And I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength." This line is very encouraging when thinking about and reflecting on new beginnings. In 2017, I hope

to try new things and take chances. I am ready to start a new semester and challenge myself. I don't want to set limits. There is always room for more thoughts, ideas, creativity, and expression. Reaching your potential is one thing, but reaching new heights you didn't even know were possible is a whole other achievement. I hope that I will be able to take things as they come in 2017 and make the most of every situation. I would like to challenge everyone to that. Negativity is like a chain reaction. Of course, we cannot always be proud of our choices and decisions. However, there is a learning experience at the end of every story. Each and every one of us is made glorious in the sight of the Lord. We were all meant to do something – with God as our strength. Why not try to achieve that something you've been aiming for, and then find more and more to achieve? I hope to make 2017 a year to remember. I want to surprise myself with things I didn't even know were possible. I want to be happy going to sleep remembering that God is my strength and with him, there are no limits.

Reflection by Abigail Yusella '19

Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email [campusministry@neumann.edu](mailto:campusministry@neumann.edu)

what you may have missed...

# Welcome Back and THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Neumann University Community, we would like to thank you for your generosity and support over holiday seasons for our Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Giving Tree. Even though the Year of Mercy has ended, our commitment to the Corporal Works of Mercy during this RISES Year of Service are clearly evident. Thanks to you, we brought in:

- 200 Boxes of Stuffing
- 10 crates of canned food
- \$300 in gift cards
- 16 Blankets
- 55 winter hats
- 36 pairs of gloves
- 5 scarves
- 1 jacket



All donations have been distributed to community partners in Wilmington, Chester and Philadelphia.

### Prayer to Begin a New Semester

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new semester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.  
Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.  
Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands.  
May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this semester. We thank you, Lord. Amen

...what you CAN'T miss

### Monday, January 16

**MLK Day Service Fair**—11:00AM-1:00PM, Bachmann Lobby

Stop by the Bachmann lobby for information about all the ways you can volunteer in the community this semester. Also join for our first Operation Hunger of the semester! During the service fair, we will be making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be donated to Catholic Social Services in Chester.

### Sunday, January 22

Mass - 7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

### Thursday, January 26

**Anna's Place**—11:00AM-1:00PM, meet in Campus Ministry

Head to a weekly soup kitchen in Chester to serve lunch to community members. Sign up in Campus Ministry or online!

### Friday, January 27

March for Life - 8:00AM-8:00PM

Travel with us to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

*Sign up!*

**March for Life**

January 27, Washington, DC

**Senior Retreat**

February 17-19, Long Beach Island

**Search Retreat**

March 10-12, Long Beach Island



All sign up forms can be found outside Campus Ministry or online at [Neumann.edu/ministry](http://Neumann.edu/ministry)