# weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. Each week, we will highlight one of the six trips that will be offered this fall, spring and summer. 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.

#### Trips:

Fall Break: St. Vincent DePaul Center, Philadelphia, PA Spring Break: Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge I & II (Locations TBD) Summer: Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, St. Lucia Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming Carmen Pampa Fund, La Paz, Bolivia

#### Carmen Pampa Fund La Paz, Bolivia May 30 - June 8 Application due October 7

Partnering with the Franciscan Mission Service, we will head to Bolivia's capital, La Paz, where we will spend a week serving with and participating in cultural practices with local college students. Participants will also have a chance to see the coffee and cocoa growing processes, both of which are essential to Bolivia's economy.

Sign up!

**RISES First Year Retreat** Friday, October 21-Sunday October 23

Search Retreat (for Upperclassmen) Friday, November 11-Sunday, November 13

Spring and Summer Trip Apps due Oct. 7



# this week in campus ministry

It is hard to believe that as I write this, I am in my fifth week at Neumann University. The time appears to already be flying by - even faster than it did in high school. It's said that as you get older, time passes faster, and this is certainly true. It is important then to sometimes slow down and appreciate each day, something I hope everyone takes the time to do during Neumann's Franciscan Mission Week.

The transition to college, though overall smooth, hasn't been completely easy. There have been some trials and difficulties adjusting to an entirely new situation. In just over a month, I've met new classmates and new teachers, joined new clubs, had new experiences, and even got a new job. This world of new is incredibly exciting, but at times can become overwhelming.

I cannot imagine making this transition anywhere other than Neumann. The Franciscan values are dis-

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played in every aspect of life here. Statues of St. Francis across campus and a San Damiano cross in each room reflect the emphasis on the life and mission of St. Francis of Assisi. Faith is quite clearly put first and Neumann's family atmosphere is one of the most prominent defining parts of the school. There is always someone to turn to when you're in need, such as Sister Marguerite, Maria and Patrick in Campus Ministry, and more. I encourage every student to turn to God as well when you're having a rough day. Visit the chapel. Make Him your rock.

Neumann's core values, also known as the RISES values (Reference, Integrity, Service, Excellence and Stewardship), are not only taught in Theology classes but also lived through each student, staff and faculty member. You can truly see God in every person you meet here and I can't imagine St. Francis would have ever wanted it any other way.

Reflection by Meghan Glass '20 Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email campusministry@neumann.edu

# FRANCISCAN MISSION WEEK

#### Monday, October 3

#### 11:00AM – 2:00PM Service Fair, McNichol Room

Come find some local volunteer opportunities, apply for Campus Ministry Service Trips, and meet representatives from agencies who offer a year of service after graduation!

3.00PM - Yoga, Mirenda Center Lawn

Come embrace nature with outdoor yoga led by Sarah Kurpel!

8.00PM – PB&J (Pretzels, Blessings and Juice), LLC I Sr. Linda and members of Mission and Ministry staff will be blessing your residence hall rooms and providing some evening snacks!

### Tuesday October 4 - FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS1

#### 9.00AM – 11.00AM Pancake Breakfast, Campus Ministry

Begin the celebration of St. Francis' Feast day with a pancake "feast!"

#### 12:00PM – Mass, Sacred Heart Chapel

Attend our special daily Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Francis.

#### 2.00PM - Cake Celebration, Bachmann Lobby

Continue the feast day celebration with cake and cupcakes!

#### 8:00PM - Reflections on Assisi with Dr. Marisa Rauscher

Join some special "bartenders" in the Student Multipurpose Hall for an evening of wine, beer, and Italian snacks while Dr. Rauscher reflects on her recent

Assisi pilgrimage experience.

#### Wednesday, October 5

#### 9.00AM - 7.00PM Blood Drive, Bruder Gym

Roll up your sleeve for this act of service helping local hospital patients. Sign up to donate at www.redcross.org (Code:Neumann)

#### 10.00AM – 1.00PM Wellness Fair, Bayada Atrium

Be sure to stop by Campus Ministry's table for some Franciscan spirituality inspired stress relief!



#### 1:45 PM - 2:45PM Service at Assisi House

Sign up online to spend some time visiting the sisters at Assisi House!

# 8:00PM - PB&J (Pretzels, Blessings and Juice), Buoni

Sr. Linda and members of Mission and Ministry staff will be blessing your residence hall rooms and providing some evening snacks!

### Thursday, October 6

## 9.00AM - 5.00PM Car Blessings, Neumann Circle Parking Lot

Sr. Linda and members of Mission and Ministry staff will be blessing your cars, especially for commuter students!

#### 10:00AM Bock Book Award, Library

Monica Brown will be presented with the Bock Book award for her children's book *Maya's Blanket*. A Forum on Social Justice and Children's Literature will be presented by Ms. Brown at 11:20 in the Student Multipurpose Hall.

#### 11.00AM Service at Anna's Place

Sign up online to serve lunch to community members in Chester!

#### Friday, October 7

# 11.15AM Movie Marathon, Campus Ministry

Join us for a morning and afternoon of Franciscan themed movies.

#### 6.00PM – Service at Fair Acres

Fair Acres is a retirement center run by Delaware County. One of the biggest events of the year is the annual Senior Prom. Residents "dress to the nines" and enjoy an evening out with food, live music, and excitement. Email Megan Camp (campm@neumann.edu) to sign up or for more detail!

There will be no 7PM Mass next Sunday, October 9, due to Fall Break. For students remaining on campus over break, there will be a Vigil Mass at 4:30PM at Our Lady of Angels Convent on Saturday, October 8 and a Sunday Morning Mass at 11:00AM at Assisi House on October 9.