

The Mountain Calls...

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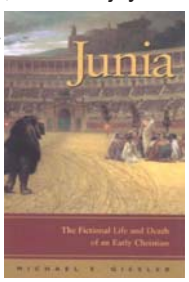
Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center (HTCNC) is the Church that serves the college campuses in Northern Arizona. HTCNC enhances the Flagstaff academic community by providing faith-based programs, activities and resources that serve the sacramental and spiritual needs of its members. HTCNC inspires, assists, and encourages individuals to become faith-sharing local, national and global leaders of tomorrow.

SUMMER READINGS

Junia

By: Fr. Michael Edward Giesler

"As the beautiful daughter of a Roman senator, Junia enjoyed the best that life had to offer in first century Rome. She was grateful and anxious to please her family, a dutiful and obedient young woman of privilege. That is, until a chance friendship and its abrupt end sparks an interest in a new religion that will lead to a destiny she never imagined.



Junia is a fictional exploration of life at the very beginning of Christianity from a very personal point of view. It shows how the attractions of the new religion were accompanied by social struggle, family division, and the risk of a disgraceful death to those courageous enough to embrace it." www.catholicsummerreading.com May, 2009

PARISH NEWS:

Father Patrick, pastor of San Francisco de Asis Parish has announced to the parish that Fr. Craig is moving to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in the valley and that Fr. Jude Uche will be the new Associate Pastor in Flagstaff. All of the Newman Center welcomes Fr. Jude and wishes Fr. Craig all of God's blessings in his new assignment.

Holy Trinity Prayer

Glory be to the Father who used his power and love to create me in his image when I did not exist.

Glory be to the Son who sacrificed his blood, forgave my sins and opened the gates of heaven so that I may walk through them.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit who sanctified me in baptism, lifts me when I fall, and demonstrates His grace and goodness by His daily delivery of spiritual blessings to my soul, mind and heart, now and forever. Amen

VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD!



The Newman Center sends its best wishes to Ryan Christopher Lee as he enters St. John Vianney Seminary in Colorado this fall. Ryan is the son of Rick and Rita Lee of Phoenix. Ryan went to Saint Theresa's grammar school and Brophy Prep for high school. Ryan first thought of becoming a priest when he was at Brophy. During his college years at NAU Ryan majored in Criminal Justice. He received his degree in May of this year. While at NAU Ryan was active at Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center. When asked if the Newman Center helped him make his decision to enter the seminary Ryan said, "Oh yes!". He went on to say that the relationship building process and service projects at the Newman Center helped him understand his need and desire to serve the Church and its people. Ryan feels that the Newman Center helps students realize and achieve their goals while serving community members who are in need. Ryan feels that the Newman Center helped him hear and answer his calling. This summer before leaving for Colorado Ryan will be spending time assisting Bishop Wall in New Mexico. Ryan will remain in the prayers at the Newman Center while he continues his journey into the priesthood.

INTERNS SPEAKING



Hello. My name is Nora Schamberg. I will be graduating in spring of 2010. I am a dual major in elementary and special education with a minor in Spanish. I was born in New Jersey; however I moved to Scottsdale, Arizona when I was nine years old. I came to NAU because of the fantastic programs that NAU offers education majors. Now, NAU and the Newman center has become my home. I am truly grateful that I get to help with campus ministry and reach out to community members at the Newman Center. Through this internship, I am able to develop strong leadership and communication skills which will benefit me now and when I become a high school special education teacher.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"The Newman Center is where I found God."
"The Newman Center is where I found life-long friends."
"The Newman Center is where I found my spouse."
"The Newman Center is where I grew in my faith beyond what I could have imagined."
"I discerned my vocation to the priesthood at the Newman Center."

After six retreats, over a dozen service projects, dances, movie nights, much prayer, Masses, liturgies, a week-long mission trip, and much, much more this year, students have made these statements. *The Newman Center is where faith, God, and friends meet in a life-long journey.* I am so blessed to have served in such a grace-filled community of young people this year. Thank you for all your prayers.

The Newman Center's outreach and ministry to the NAU campus has grown in the last ten years since I have been on board as the lay director. Our bishop, Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix, has seen the growth and has made the decision to separate the Newman Center from San Francisco de Asis parish. The Newman Center will now function as its own campus church beginning July 1. Fr. Matt Lowry has been assigned as the permanent Chaplain for the Newman Center and will take over as its Administrator. I will remain on board as Campus Minister.

Having a full-time priest serving the 4000 Catholic students on the NAU campus has been a long-term goal since I have started. One of Fr. Matt's main duties is to be on campus meeting students and inviting them to join the prayer and activities at the Newman Center. He is very excited and is looking forward to his new ministry role. Fr. Matt will be good at it too. He comes with the experience of having been a parish full-time youth minister in Phoenix and an engineer for Motorola before going to seminary. As you may presume, we will grow even more in the coming years. God is continually blessing us!

Because of Fr. Matt coming on board, the expected growth of student participation, and becoming a separate institution of the Diocese, we are anticipating financial need. Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly benefactor of the Newman Center. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

May God bless you with a safe and restful summer.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Vollmer, MTS
Out-going Director



THE NEWMAN CENTER TODAY...

As Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center wraps up its 2009-2010 academic year it also prepares for the new year that begins in August. It is with great pleasure that Campus Minister, Michael Vollmer, and Development Director, Michelle Nardi await the arrival of Father Matthew Lowry. Father Lowry will be the Newman Center Director and Chaplain. His presence is greatly needed and very welcome. Please make a point to send him a greeting or to introduce yourself when visiting the Newman Center in the coming months.

Please Join Us:

The Newman Center website is for your use and review. It details current and upcoming events and activities and it is available to you at all times. The website also gives its readers an overview of all the offerings at the Newman Center. Please check the website frequently. With our growth and development there are program and service additions throughout the year. We are inviting you to be part of our community.

ALUMNI NEWS:

You are invited to join us at the second annual Alumni Mass and reception during Homecoming Weekend Sunday Oct. 25th, 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August		October	
22	1:00 p.m.	Lava Cave Hike	3-4
23	5:30 p.m.	Mass in the Grass	4
24		NAU Classes begin	10:30 a.m.
25	7:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social	23-25
26	7:15 p.m.	Exalt! Begins	
27	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study/Faith Sharing Group begins	24
30	10:30 a.m.	Morning Mass begins	10:00 a.m.
September		25	10:30 a.m.
5-6		Magic Mountain Road Trip with Fr. Matt!	Homecoming Mass & Reception
18-19		Catholic Leadership Boot Camp XIII	6:00 p.m.
21	7:00 p.m.	Adult Spiritual Formation (Sacramental Prep) begins	8:30 p.m.
			Trick-or-Treat for canned food
			Halloween Dance party

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."

St. Francis of Assisi



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MINISTRY FOCUS

Newman Center Speakers Series.....

The Speakers Series is an annual Spring time event when a high profile public speaker visits the Newman Center community and speaks on a topic of national interest or point of controversy from a perspective that is founded on the beliefs within Catholicism. Please mark your calendars and check the website for the date and time of next year's event. It will be an enjoyable and informative evening that initiates thought provoking conversations.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Our local environment has been changed because of the generous efforts of the Newman Center Interns and student volunteers. Giving back to the community is part of the Newman Center spirit. Numerous hours were spent serving those around us. The third Saturday of the month volunteers help serve breakfast to the homeless. The Jirani Project, a nonprofit organization in Kenya that serves children orphaned because of AIDS was highlighted during a presentation at the Newman Center in September. Newman Center maintenance days were held during the year. Additionally, the books in the library were all put in order. During the year, animals at the Humane Society got love and attention from our students. And, a tutoring program was initiated for 6th and 8th grade students at Flagstaff's Catholic elementary school. A Halloween canned food drive was very successful as was a Grand Canyon trip that had volunteers relocating plants for park service construction purposes. Last but not least a wonderful valentine social was held at a local eldercare facility. Hearts and candy, singing and dancing filled the afternoon of seniors who are often alone. These examples of service are part of Newman Center life. Volunteers are always welcome. You can help change the environment of those in need.

A NEWMAN EXPERIENCE

Jillian Belle-Oudry:

Northern Arizona University's Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center welcomed Chris Benguhe on April 28 as the fourth speaker in the series that began in 2005. Although past speakers have spoken about varying social justice issues, Benguhe picked a more intimate topic: "Overcoming Life's 7 Common Tragedies".

Benguhe began by explaining to the audience what "a terrible year" he had. His father was admitted into the hospital with pneumonia on Christmas day, his mother also admitted shortly after for a stroke. Again not long after, a man broke into his incapacitated mother's house and decided to make it his home. A handful of hospital bills and court orders later, Benguhe's family got more out of the situation than one might expect.

"It actually brought my family together," Benguhe said. "Even a brother of mine, who had been estranged from my mother for years, started calling her and talking to her again."

Benguhe presented the idea that the tragedies we face are not just roadblocks that we have to stumble over, but are actually there for a reason—to help clear the way for our real purpose in life.

"Our purpose in life is maybe not for everything to go right all the time," Benguhe said. "Our purpose is to love and to be loved. Tragedies lead us closer to others, and, ultimately, to God."

Benguhe began his writing career as a reporter for a tabloid newspaper, where he covered tragedies such as the OJ Simpson murder trial and the Columbine school shooting. After 10 years of tailing celebrities and pressing hurting victims for the latest news material, he was burnt out of the reporting scene and left to publish his first book, "Triumphs of the Heart", which was a collection of true stories he had gathered over the years, revealed tales about everyday people who had experienced tragedies and came out with renewed perspectives on life.

"The people I wrote about in this book were *real*," Benguhe said. "And the people I wrote about for the tabloid had very little meaning or substance in their lives, even though, by our society's standards, they had everything. We live in a society that tells us that everything in our lives should be perfect. When we learn to stop trying to make things perfect, we have extraordinary opportunities to do the things we're supposed to do."

Benguhe said that the seven common tragedies— death of loved ones, divorce/bad break-ups, illness, loss of money, loss of job, family problems, and dead ends— are indeed life-changing, but that God has a purpose for these events. He also described his "seven steps to serenity"— steps designed to take you through a tragedy: don't panic, take a reality check, allow yourself to be loved by others, be loving to others, love yourself, do the legwork, and keep the faith.

"Go out and look at the things that are stressful not as obstructions, but as things that allow you to be loved and to be loving," he said.

Many NAU students and San Francisco de Asis parishioners that attended the talk found inspiration in the stories of others triumphing in the face of tragedy.

"His talk was different from what I thought it would be like," said NAU student Steven Wilson, 19. "I thought it was helpful that he focused on an overall solution because I tend to be a pessimist. I liked the analogy he used about the glass. He said instead of being worried about whether the glass was half full or half empty, we should be concerned about the beauty of the actual glass itself. If you start thinking about what's inside the glass instead, you won't see the beauty."

Benguhe also had copies of his latest book available, *Overcoming Life's 7 Common Tragedies: Opportunities for Discovering God and the Point Your Life*.

"I'm going to go give a copy to my mom, and another to a friend of mine," Wilson said. "This is an opportunity to take something I learned from him and share it with someone else."

DEVELOPMENT



"Stewardship is entirely spiritual and finds its basis in the Scriptures, the Tradition of the Church... and in good common sense! **An Act of Faith:** We profess that we belong to God... and all that we are and all that we have comes to us some way, somehow from Him! **An Act of Trust:** We place our life in God's loving Hands by returning to Him a portion of what He has entrusted to us. **An Act of Worship:** We adore and acknowledge God as the Giver of all good gifts and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with our material blessings. **An Act of Belonging:** We unite our offering with the rest of our parish family so that together we might respond to the needs of one another."
<http://simonjunde.org/stewardship.html>
May, 2009

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