## 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

Thank you for your generosity and support!



# this week in campus ministry

January 29, 2017

My faith has grown significantly over the past calendar year. A little over a year ago, my dad was suddenly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer with a low rate of survival. It was a devastating shock to my family and I remember a very somber Christmas that 2015 year. I was raised Catholic and have gone to Mass every weekend with my family for as long as I can remember. After learning of my dad's illness, my faith in God took a huge leap and all my prayers were intended for his healthy recovery.

My dad was blessed to have so many wonderful people surrounding him with prayers, helping hands, and visits to him at home or in the hospital. Over the course of the past year, my family has endured many challenges, and my dad became such an inspirational role model for my family and me. His courage and tenacity in combination with his faith in God and the prayers of others ultimately led him to where he is today. I am proud to

say he has made a successful recovery and was able to claim victory in his fight with cancer. I am thankful each day to see him getting healthier and stronger. I am blessed to have had such a strong Catholic faith to help my family overcome the challenges during the past year.

I believe my dad's story is a true example of the Beatitudes in action. As the familiar Gospel reads: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted...Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God." My family mourned over his sickness and the possibility of him not making it through, but God answered our prayers and brought us comfort in the most distressful time of our lives. My dad has lived a life of great faith his entire life and God has rewarded him with the strength and courage to overcome this obstacle and get on track towards a life of good health in the future.

### Reflection by Matt Janicki '17

Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email campusministry@neumann.edu

# what you may have missed...



Students from the LUCY project in Camden visited Neumann this weekend, and were hosted by Neumann students to learn about the college experience.





This group has been busy planning a RISES Dinner Series JUST for First Year Students!

Join us for the first one on February 9 at 6:00PM.

Keep an eye out for a flyer with more detail!

# ...what you CAN'T miss

### Monday, January 30

Operation Hunger—11:30AM, Campus Ministry

Come make a few peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be donated to Catholic Social Services in Chester!

### Wednesday, February 1

#### **Black History Month Begins!**

See flyers around campus for the great events happening nearly every day during Black History Month!

**Anna's Place**—1:45PM, meet in Campus Ministry
Spend an hour visiting with sisters in residence at Assisi House!

### Sunday, February 5

#### Mass-4:00PM

Mass will be earlier this week since it is Super Bowl Sunday. After Mass at 4, head over to SAB's Super Bowl Watch party starting at 5:30!

Sign up!

Search Retreat March 10-12, Long Beach Island



#### **Senior Retreat**

February 17-19, Long Beach Island

All sign up forms can be found outside Campus Ministry or online at Neumann.edu/ministry