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# CAMPUS MINISTRY

Center for Religious  
& Spiritual Life

UMass Dartmouth

ISSUE THIRTY-SEVEN : MARCH 2025

## Muslims are fasting the whole month of March 2025



By Martin  
Bentz –  
Muslim  
Chaplain –  
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The UMass Dartmouth Center for Religious and Spiritual Life is dedicating the month of March to religious literacy. During March, and some of April, the chaplains of each faith represented on campus will discuss their faith and explore ways to learn more about other people's faith. We hope you will approach each person's faith with an open mind, respecting each person who came to their faith either by being born into it or by choice after much personal reflection. This year the month of March also coincides with the Islamic month of Ramadan, during which Muslims around the world abstain from food, water, and intimate relations each day from an hour before sunrise until sunset. Going without food or water during the day for an entire month seems daunting, but when we take into consideration over two billion Muslims are also fasting during the month of Ramadan, we see it is not so difficult. Muslims universally observe fasting in the month of

Ramadan as one of the pillars of Islam.

Two billion Muslims take to heart God's command in the Quran (2:183) "O believers, fasting is prescribed for you – as it was for those before you – so perhaps you will become mindful of God." From this verse we realize that fasting is not unique to Islam. The Abrahamic faith traditions record the fasts of many prophets seeking to obey God's Will. Eastern religious traditions also turn to fasting for purification.

Muslims gain a heightened awareness of God through purification while fasting in Ramadan. Certainly, a person is acutely aware the body is deprived of its routine habits, but at the same time a Muslim's mental and spiritual acuity are increased. The combination leads Muslims to appreciate the chronic deprivation endured by the poor. As a result, Muslims feel compelled to give more generously to charities during the month of Ramadan. While fasting Muslims become much more sensitized to the purpose of charity, which is an obligation set by God and another fundamental pillar of Islam.

Muslims feel tremendous gratitude to God at the end of the day of fasting when they replenish the body. Breaking

the fast is called "iftar." Muslims enjoy sharing this meal.

They gather as the sun sets to break the fast together, followed by the sunset prayer. In addition to fasting and charity, praying five times a day is central pillar of Islam.

Since Ramadan is a month of increased reflection, many Muslims cap each evening with prolonged congregational prayers, which include extended readings of the Quran. The activities around fasting help Muslims understand their relationship to the one and only God who is the Maker and Sustainer of all humanity and the universe. Muslims strive during Ramadan to get closer to God and to prioritize God's Will over their own desires.

If you know a Muslim, wish them well for the month of Ramadan. Wish them a "Ramadan kareem" for a gentle, successful month of fasting. At the end of the month Muslims celebrate with a special prayer of thankfulness. The celebration is called "Eid al Fitr" - the festival of breaking the fast. The appropriate greeting then is "Eid Mubarak" meaning, "May your celebration be blessed."

Have a blessed month of March, and "Ramadan kareem," insha Allah.



# Newly Remodeled Reflection Room Now Open

2nd Floor of Campus Center - Room 233

Available for personal prayer and meditation during  
regular campus center hours

Ablution Room available for ritual cleansing prior to prayer

No food or drink permitted in this new space

# NEW STUDENT RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE GROUPS

## HINDU STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Students who are Hindu, please contact our office to help us grow the HINDU STUDENT ASSOCIATION. Please contact our office - Center for Religious and Spiritual Life - Room 205 - Campus Center - 508-999-8872

## BUDDHIST STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Interest in re-activating the Buddhist Student Association? Please contact our office for information. Center for Religious and Spiritual Life - Room 205 - Campus Center - 508-999-8872

## SPIRITUALITY STUDENT GROUP

Interested in forming a Spirituality Group on campus? Contact the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life



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# Chaplains & Associates

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*mbark@umassd.edu***FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US!**

Please contact Deacon Frank for assistance in locating a minister or student group leader/advisor for your faith tradition.



Cru UmassD is a diverse community following in Jesus' footsteps together. Have you ever wondered why people still read the Bible? How many different views have you heard about who Jesus really is (or was)? Have ever wondered what the appeal of being a part of a church is? If so, join us this fall as we discuss these questions and more! We gather every Thursday in room 2 of the new modular building on Centennial Way from 6 to 7:30 pm for fun, discussion, connection, and prayer.

NEW SERIES

@CRUUMASSD



# *Discovering the Way*

**THURSDAYS @ 6:00 PM**

**MODULAR BUILDING**

**ROOM M - 2**

## PROTESTANT / EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

### EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY @ UMASS DARTMOUTH MARCH 2025

#### WHO WE ARE

The Episcopal Campus Ministry is open to all Protestant students, faculty and staff on campus and to anyone else who is seeking to be part of a spiritual community regardless of former or current faith tradition or spiritual affiliation. We have a particular outreach to those who have no current or previous church affiliation and to those who are seeking deeper purpose and meaning in life. You do not need to have a prior connection to the Episcopal Church to be part of our community.

We are an inclusive, open-minded, and progressive Christian community on the UMass Dartmouth campus and we have a special outreach to the LGBTQ+ community. We seek to follow Jesus in his way of love and justice through weekly worship, spirituality programs and small group gatherings. Our Campus Ministry is made up of those who are seeking to grow in their personal faith journey and who want to make a difference in the world by helping others in the name of Jesus. Our commitment to social justice provides a connection to community service projects in the community.

In addition to our Campus Ministry Group scheduled meetings, we also provide a listening and supportive presence by offering pastoral care for anyone on campus.

#### A COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

The Episcopal Campus Ministry stands for the inclusion of all people and extends a radical welcome to the LGBTQ + community. All are welcome regardless of self-image, life-story, sexual orientation or gender identity. We invite you to celebrate the fullness of who you are as a beloved child of God.

#### EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

#### UMASS DARTMOUTH SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist at St. Peter's Episcopal Church every Sunday at 10:00AM. Music is provided by our Contemporary Music Ministry with piano, guitar, drums, viola/violin. To learn more about us, visit [stpetersdartmouth.org](http://stpetersdartmouth.org). To join via live stream, visit [stpetersdartmouth.org/watch](http://stpetersdartmouth.org/watch)

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

We are always looking for faculty and student volunteers to be part of our Music Ministry during our worship services. If you PLAY AN INSTRUMENT (guitar, piano, drums, trumpet, flute, saxophone, etc.) or SING and if you are willing to share your gift of music with us during our worship services, please contact us.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTINUED CONVERSATION

Last Spring, we gathered 42 students on campus for a Bowling for Justice event to highlight our need

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to work for social justice on campus. We are hoping to schedule a follow-up meeting soon. Topics that folks wanted to work on were LGBTQIA+, Food Insecurity, Racial Justice, Women's Reproductive Rights, Poverty, Gender Injustice, Climate Change. If you are a student, or faculty and/or staff, and if you are interested in being part of this conversation, please email me at [sciosek@umassd.edu](mailto:sciosek@umassd.edu)

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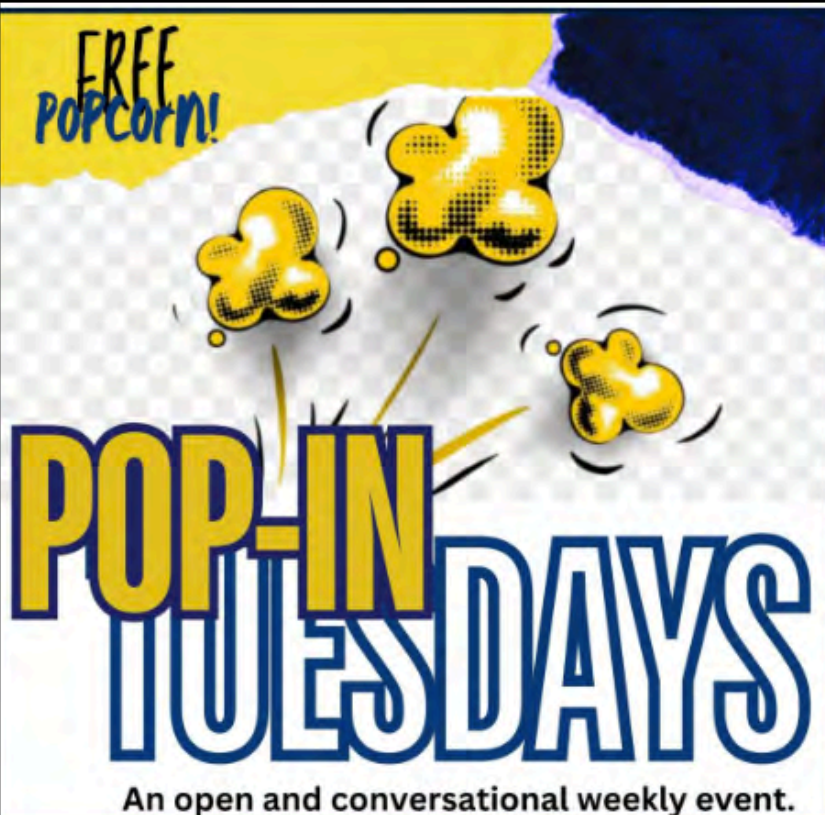
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# NEED TO TALK?

## Drop-in

**ROOM 205 - SECOND FLOOR OF CAMPUS CENTER**



★  
**TUESDAYS FROM 12 PM - 2 PM**

Pop-in on Tuesdays from 12-2PM for some great popcorn and great conversation.



# **SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES:**

## **TRANSFORMING GUNS INTO GARDEN TOOLS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025**

**12:00-1:30PM**

**UMASS DARTMOUTH CAMPUS CENTER QUAD**

Blacksmith demonstration and hands-on participation at the  
**FORGE AND ANVIL** with guns previously turned in

# **#ENDGUNVIOLENCE**

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for Civic Engagement**  
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### Manya Bark

our HILLEL Coordinator  
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Interested in joining Hillel?  
Contact Manya by calling the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life at extension 8872.

A banner for Tifereth Israel Congregation. It features a background of colorful, abstract, stained-glass-like patterns in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. Overlaid on this is a dark blue rectangular box containing the text "TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION" in white, all-caps, serif font, and "NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font below it.

## TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

### JEWISH CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Rabbi of the Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford, MA. is available to our students.

### Services and Adult Education Programs

Visit <https://tinewbedford.org> for a list of services (both online and in person) as well as Adult Education programs (online and in person).



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Association!

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# ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK 2025

Students from UMass D joined students from Stonehill College and King's College at My Brother's Keeper in Dartmouth for the annual URBAN PLUNGE. During the time at My Brother's Keeper, students delivered food and furniture to those in need in the Fall River/New Bedford area.

**As a result of this service...**

**23**

households received  
deliveries of much needed  
furniture



**120**  
families received  
deliveries of food!



**Won't you join us!**

**Monthly - the first Wednesday  
of every month is UMASS D  
Day at My Brother's Keeper**

**Register for our April 2 day at  
My Brother's Keeper from 2-5  
pm, on Corsair Engage**



**FAITH & SPIRITUALITY  
WELLNESS DAYS  
MARCH - EARLY APRIL  
2025**



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# *Finding* **FAITH**

*Exploring Various Faith Traditions*

**3/18    EPISCOPAL    12:30**

**3/24    CATHOLIC    5:30**

**4/3    PROTESTANT    12:30**

**4/7    JEWISH    12:30**

**4/10    ISLAM    12:30**

Refreshments will be served  
Reflection Room  
2nd Floor of Campus Center



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**JOIN US FOR**  
**FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY**  
**WELLNESS DAYS**

**3/5**

**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER**

Day of Service  
*My Brother's Keeper*  
2-5 PM

**3/27**

**RELIGIOUS ART**

*Reflection Room*  
12-3 PM

**3/18**

**FINDING FAITH SERIES**

Episcopal  
*Reflection Room*  
12:30 PM

**3/27**

**GUNS TO PLOWSHARES**

*Quad*  
12 - 1:30 PM

**3/19**

**FAITH AND JUSTICE**

*Unity House*  
5 PM

**4/2**

**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER**

**Day of Service**  
*My Brother's eeper*  
2-5 PM

**3/20**

**CRSL PITSTOP**

Free Popcorn  
Campus Center TV PIT  
12-2 PM

**4/2**

**ALL ABOUT LABYRINTHS**

UMASS D Labyrinth  
*Reflection Room*  
2nd floor of MCC  
12:30 PM

**3/25**

**OVERVIEW OF SCRIPTURE**

from various faith  
perspectives  
*Reflection Room*  
12 PM

**4/3**

**FINDING FAITH SERIES**

**Protestant**  
*Reflection Room*  
12:30 PM

**3/24**

**FINDING FAITH SERIES**

**Catholicism**  
*Reflection Room*  
5:30 PM

**4/7**

**FINDING FAITH SERIES**

**Judaism**  
*Reflection Room*  
12:30 PM

**4/10**

**FINDING FAITH SERIES**

**Islam**  
*Reflection Room*  
12:30 PM

**4/7-10**

**MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

**Labyrinth Walks**  
at the UMASS D Labyrinth





# THE UMASS D LABYRINTH

Located between the north  
side of LARTS and PARKING LOT 1 & 2

ALL ABOUT LABYRINTHS

APRIL 2, 2025

5:30 PM

REFLECTION ROOM

2nd floor of campus center  
refreshments will be served

## Understanding the Labyrinth

- ✧ It's only one path;
- ✧ there are no tricks
- ✧ it is not a maze
- ✧ and no dead-ends
- ✧ It can touch our sorrows and release our joys
- ✧ Walk with an open mind and an open heart

### Basic Steps for using the labyrinth as a reflection tool

**Remembering:** You are invited to gather your thoughts at the entrance of the labyrinth, before you begin your walk; remember you are an asset and a gift. All that you have, all that you are is a blessing.



**Releasing:** begins when you enter the labyrinth, continues as you follow the single twisting path, and ends upon arriving at the labyrinth's center. This is an opportunity for "letting-go" of what ever distracts you from being mindful of the here and now and perhaps a sacred presence. This is a time for quieting, opening, emptying and shedding. For some, this happens through deep breathing, or silent repetition of a mantra, or scriptural phrase or comforting word.



**Receiving:** is a gift at the center of the labyrinth. Having let go of distraction, there is now room to receive. Receiving guidance, new insight, a sense of peace are only a few experiences that can occur on a labyrinth walk. It is different for everyone. You may sit or stand in the center as long as you like.



**Resolving:** begins when you leave the center and return on the same singular winding pathway back out of the labyrinth toward the entrance. There are many aspects of this step: you can resolve to be open to a new perception of your life, or come to a resolution about a concern or question. Rejuvenation often occurs at this point or a feeling of rebirth begins. Or, on your way out, you reclaim those responsibilities you set down on the way in, but for which you now find the strength to carry. Often, feelings of strengthening and integration occur. Symbolically, you take back out into the world what you've received from the Center.



# Did You Know?

March 4 - **Shrove Tuesday – Christian**

Christian Carnival Day on the eve of Ash Wednesday which begins Lent, a time of fasting and devotions. Pancakes are often served. It is also known as Fat Tuesday in some places.

March 14 - **Holi – Hindu**

A colorful and joyous festival that welcomes Spring. Referred to as the Festival of Colors, it is celebrated with people throwing colorful powder and colored water. Generally celebrated over two days.

March 15-16 - **Hola Mohalla – Sikh**

A three-day festival following Holi; the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, started it as a time for military preparedness exercises. Today, mock battles are followed by music competitions and festivities.

March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day – Christian**

A day to celebrate the life of Saint Patrick (cultural and religious Holy Day).

March 20 - **Nowruz (New Year) – Zoroastrian**

Celebrates the renewal of the world and the creation of fire. Zarathustra received his revelation on this day.

March 20 - **Spring Equinox-Ostara-Wiccan/Pagan**

Celebration of new life; a time of renewal and rebirth.

## Upcoming Feasts and Holy Days

March 19-29 - **Lalat ul Qadr – Islam**

Islamic Night of Destiny. First revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Mohammed. Observed during the last ten days of Ramadan. Prayers to Allah for a good destiny.

March 29-30 - **Eid al Fitr – Islam**

Islamic event marking the close of Ramadan. It is a festival of thanksgiving to Allah for enjoying the month of Ramadan. It involves wearing the finest clothing, saying prayers, and fostering understanding with other religions.

March 30-April 7 - **Navaratri – Hindu**

Hindu festival of the divine mother honoring Durga, wife of Shiva, and seeking her blessings. Also observed as a celebration recalling the days of Lord Krishna.





## Volunteer opportunities

**JEANNE'S CUPBOARD** - opportunities available soon. Register on  
<https://umassd.givepulse.com/>

**ST. MARY'S PARISH YOUTH TEAM VOLUNTEERS** - Interested in sharing your faith with the younger generation? We are looking for a number of UMass D students to work with our middle school groups in a interactive retreat program. They meet for five sessions during Oct-Dec on Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Please visit our website at [www.umassdcatholics.com/outreach.html](http://www.umassdcatholics.com/outreach.html)

**MY BROTHERS KEEPER** - The work of many charities is accomplished by a large professional staff assisted by a small number of volunteers. The model of service at My Brother's Keeper is the opposite: a small dedicated staff assists their 2,500 volunteers who carry out the work under their staff's supervision. Learn more at <http://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/>

## Mass Schedules

### ST MARY'S PARISH

**Saturday, 4:00 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM**

**11:30 AM and 5:00 PM**

St Mary Parish, 789 Dartmouth St,  
Dartmouth, MA) -

### ON CAMPUS

**7:00 PM**

**Thursday 5:30 PM**

Newman House

### Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's:

Tuesdays from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

On Campus

Tuesdays at 2:00 pm  
Room 205 Campus Center  
or by appointment

St Mary's

Tuesdays from 6PM to 6:45PM,  
Saturdays from 9AM to 10AM

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*Join us for*  
**MASS ON  
CAMPUS**

**SUNDAYS**

**7:00 PM**

**BLUE & GOLD ROOM  
CAMPUS CENTER**





# JOIN US!

EVERY THURSDAY STARTING

## THURSDAY MAR. 20TH

6:30 PM | NEWMAN HOUSE

### BEADS AND BLESSINGS

Join us Thursday, March 20th at Newman House for an evening spent coming together to create beautiful rosaries, sharing faith and fellowship with each bead we string.

## THURSDAY APR. 10TH

6:30 PM | NEWMAN HOUSE

### EGGS AND CROSSES

Join us Thursday, April 10th at Newman House for a fun Easter craft night, decorating eggs and crosses!

## FIRST THURSDAYS

5:30 PM | NEWMAN HOUSE

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Please join us for a night of worship, prayer, and song to our Lord Jesus Christ. This will start as a regular Newman Night with Mass starting at 5:30pm, followed by dinner and praise and worship. This will take place the first Thursday of the month.



# WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

Follow us on Instagram @umassdcatholic to stay up to date on all events or check out our website at [umassdcatholics.com](http://umassdcatholics.com)



# **(re)VERB**

A CELEBRATION OF  
PRAYER AND MUSIC

APRIL 3, 2025 | NEWMAN HOUSE  
MASS 5:30 PM - DINNER 6:00 PM - (re)VERB 6:30 PM

## **WHAT NEXT RETREAT? FINDING ANSWERS WITH FAITH ..."was such a wonderful experience!"**

Charis peer-led retreat experiences give the gift of the "forced pause" to young men and women: time off to think, reflect, pray and see where God is working in their lives at that very moment.



# Lent 2025

at UMass Dartmouth



*St Mary's Dartmouth*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Friday Evenings during Lent

March 21, 2025

6:00 PM



Offered by UMASS D  
NEWMAN CATHOLIC  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION



# THINGS YOU CAN DO THIS LENT AT UMASS D

- ✓ LENT IN 3 MINUTES
- ✓ 25 GREAT THINGS TO DO FOR LENT
  - ✓ 40 WAYS 40 DAYS
- ✓ LENT SELF-STUDY BOOK
- ✓ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
  - ✓ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
  - ✓ BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT
- ✓ THE CHURCH AT HOME - LENT  
EDITION



Visit [umassdcatholics.com/lent.html](http://umassdcatholics.com/lent.html)





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**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

*Men's*  
**MEAT**  
*3rd Annual*  
**NGREET**

*Saturday,*  
**May 3, 2025**  
*Cathedral Camp*  
***E. Freetown, MA***  
***5:00-8:00 pm***

***Team Events***

Axe Throwing  
Catapult Cornhole  
Potato Cannon  
Giant slingshot  
Tractor pull

***Ticket price***

**\$20.00**

***DINNER***

Pulled Pork, Burgers, Hotdogs  
and **Bacon\***



***Jay Hamel***

is a husband, father, youth  
minister, men's ministry  
leader and a force of  
evangelization in the  
diocese of Fall River.



\* a lot of bacon





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Center For Religious And Spiritual Life

*A Better Together Interfaith Program*

# Call to *Action*



# *Volunteer*

## at My Brother's Keeper

APRIL 2, 2025

2-5 PM

**We need 10 volunteers to deliver furniture to families in need.**

Transportation will be provided.



# BETTER TOGETHER

Better Together is a national movement on college campuses to build bridges across people of all and no faith traditions through shared values and service. Corsairs, if you're interested in building interfaith community through education, conversation, and participation, connect with Better Together UMASS D by emailing [flucca@umassd.edu](mailto:flucca@umassd.edu)—we'd love to have your help doing great things this coming year!

## Join the Movement!



*Finding common ground for the sake of tending to humanity is not only a far more effective approach in service, but also the necessary endeavor if we expect peace and successful service to be a realistic goal.*

*Though we are diverse in belief and thought, we share common values and can accomplish so much more over sharing these values instead of outlining differences. Indeed, we are better together.*

Interested in joining the Better Together Club? Contact Deacon Frank, Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, at [flucca@umassd.edu](mailto:flucca@umassd.edu). We will hold a meeting in a few weeks so let us know if you are interested!

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# Student Organizations

## CRU



CRU is a space for students to process life's biggest questions in the context of community. We love Jesus and love people. Our main meetings occur Wednesdays at 7:30 pm CC-006, and we also have weekly small group meetings spread throughout campus.

Staff: Matt Litchfield, [matthew.litchfield@cru.org](mailto:matthew.litchfield@cru.org)

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## Muslim Student Association



MSA serves as a platform to unite all of the Muslim students. We, as an organization, provide education to help remove misconceptions about Islam, its beliefs and practices. Our regular activities are Friday prayer, Faraman Iftar Dinner and Islamic Awareness Week.

If interested in joining MSA, please contact

Abdul Mohammed at [amohammed11@umassd.edu](mailto:amohammed11@umassd.edu).

## Newman Catholic Student Association



The UMass Dartmouth Newman Catholic Student Association (NCSA) is a student community rooted in the Catholic tradition which strives to foster spiritual, intellectual, and the social growth of all students through faith-sharing, education, fellowship, service and celebration.

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Website: <http://www.umassdcatholics.com/>

## P.L.A.C.E.S.

PLACES, which stands for Pagan

Living and Collaborative Education Society is a student group with the goal to provide a safe and educational environment for students and non-students to practice and learn about the many different sects within Paganism. Interested in starting this student organization, let us know.



## Better Together Club

The Better Together Club is a student group organized to promote the understanding of world religions, the cooperation between people of different faiths, and the support & acceptance of religious diversity. The purpose of the group is for members to grow in an understanding and an appreciation of all faiths as well as to be affirmed in their own faith tradition, with the realization that we will always live and work with people of different belief systems.

Interested in helping to organize this student organization?

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Jeanne's Cupboard

## Providing Emergency Food to Corsairs who need a little help!

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College students who experience food insecurity often struggle to support themselves while working, attending classes, and dealing with other life issues. Jeanne's Cupboard hopes to minimize food insecurity while UMass Dartmouth students work toward completing their education.

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