

URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS

It's been an exciting week at the Catholic Center! Work has finally begun on the **courtyard**. A new handicap-accessible entrance is being installed from the courtyard into the building. A concrete pad will be added, along with walkways from the existing sidewalks to the new entrance. New landscaping, some fresh paint, a newly donated statue, and a fence (to obscure the oil tank) will round out the project and will hopefully create a welcoming and attractive space. Many thanks to all those who have given so generously of time, talent and treasure to make this project a reality. We hope to have the courtyard completed by the end of November.



Members of our Newman Club gathered on Tuesday night to make **Halloween gift bags** for patients at Hasbro Children's Hospital. Many thanks to our Social Chair, **Erin Hall**, for organizing this event. We had a great turn-out as students decorated and filled gift bags with Halloween-themed treats, toys and other trinkets. This past



week Newman Club also hosted the third installment of our **Soul Food** series on prayer. Many thanks to all those who helped prepare for the event, and thanks to all who participated. This coming week, **Newman Club** will meet on Wednesday at 5pm in the Catholic Center. All students are welcome!



Lastly and most importantly, two of our FOCUS missionaries, Justin and Bridgette Harper, welcomed their firstborn, **Lucy Ann**, to the world on Sunday evening! Weighing in at all of seven pounds and eight ounces, she is a happy, healthy, beautiful little girl! Congratulations to Justin and Bridgette, who will enjoy some

downtime with their new arrival this coming week. The Catholic Center community looks forward to Lucy's baptism in November. And the students are especially happy at the prospect of having a newborn around the Center! We can't wait to welcome her! **-Fr. Joe**



The FOCUS team (from L to R): Lauren with baby Lucy, team director Maria, and proud mom and dad, Bridgette and Justin