

April 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Easter



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
(interpreted)
5:00 p.m.

At Masses we
remember:
10 am:
Salvatore DiSchino
5 pm:
Mary Jane Simpelaar

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Thank you for your support.

Baccalaureate Mass
May 10 @ 7pm
Allen Chapel

Begin commencement
weekend with your family
at this special liturgy.
All are welcome.
Sign up @ Mass or
email

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End of the Year Picnic
Sunday, April 29th
11 am—Skalny Room
All are welcome.

RIT Nation

Dear Lord,

Sometimes I feel a little strange praying to you because of an exam. It doesn't really seem all that significant when you consider the "big picture." But right now, the test looms so large that it is all I can see before me.

I pray to you for three things:

- *the strength to handle the pressure that I feel,*
- *the confidence to feel secure in my knowledge and preparation,*
- *and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective on it all.*

Help me to keep in mind what is really important, even as I focus all of my time and energy on this test in the immediate future. Amen.

As we prepare for finals week, this weekend at both Masses, we will have the Blessing of the Brains. Does it work? I'd like to think so! But, I guess it would depend on what one is looking for as an end result!

Like with all prayer, what we wish for or hope for, might not be the end result. (Especially if we have not done our part!) In the midst of these busy days, I invite each of us to think about what prayer really does for us. Does prayer "change God's mind" ? Or maybe prayer stops something bad from happening? But maybe our prayer does neither. Maybe, just maybe, our time in prayer offers us perspective, calm and peace.

I remember being troubled by another person at one point in my life. It was like a lightbulb was turned on when I suddenly realized I could not change that person, but rather change the way I interacted and responded when in the presence of this person. I think my prayer time might be similar...my prayer might not change the outcome, but it does change me and the way I perceive and look at life. Prayer makes me a better person. Prayer holds me together and puts the pieces of life together for me.

During the Blessing of the Brains we will ask God to...

Grant us the gifts of wisdom and insight, be delivered from all aimlessness and procrastination, free us from anxiety. Help us not to complain unduly about our burdens so that we do not become a burden to others. And lastly, not be slaves to impossible expectations and unhealthy competition.

May each of us have a good week, taking a few moments each day to offer our God the prayers that live deep within.

Peace and good, Alice MN