

**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**



**Mass Schedule:**

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

At Masses we  
remember:

10 am: Donald Birecree  
5 pm: Rosalie DeMino

February 26 collection:

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A new place to volunteer.....

The Tiger Stripes Ministry at Newman is beginning a volunteering relationship with Hope Hall School in Rochester. Hope Hall School provides a multi-sensory, supportive learning environment for students with Auditory Processing Disorders, Autism, ADD, and ADHD. If you are interested in getting involved as a teachers assistant, helping out with wood shop projects, or guiding an afternoon running group, contact Matt Ryan ([mxr9154@rit.edu](mailto:mxr9154@rit.edu)) or Amanda Olsen ([axo1445@rit.edu](mailto:axo1445@rit.edu)) for more information or sign up after any Mass.

Lenten Lunchtime Retreats—Mondays, March 20, 27 and April 3—  
Skalny Room—talking about the book: Prayer: Our Deepest Longing

Student led conversations on the book: in Spanish: Thursdays, March  
23, 30, April 6 and 13 Prayer Room—Center for Religious Life

Student led conversation on the book: in English: Thursdays, March  
23, 30, April 6 and 13 Sun Room—Center for Religious Life.

## RIT Nation

### RIT NATION

The words of Fr. Bill Graf, our presider last Sunday at the 10 am Mass still ring in my ears...  
(paraphrased)

How about we think about Lent as a 40 day nap with God? You know, when you have a really bad day, sometimes the best thing we can do is take a nap. After, we feel better and although the situation has not really changed, we are better able to navigate the issues and challenges that made up the difficult day. And so, what would it be like if we allowed ourself a 40 day nap with God? Taking Lent as an opportunity to "rest in the arms of God" for the whole of Lent?

We are so used to looking at Lent as a time to make our lives a bit more difficult, we sometimes think Lent is not good unless it hurts. Fr. Graf invited us to do what we have to do during Lent and at the same time, consider allowing God to hold us in God's loving arms throughout Lent.

Maybe, during these times of holding, during these times of quiet, we might allow God to enter the wounds, the pain that sometimes we can't even touch.

This my friends, would be a good Lent, or as we have been saying, the **BEST LENT EVER**. Peace and good...we are here for you. Have a great spring break.

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