

November 12, 2017
Thirty Second Sunday
of Ordinary Time



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

At Masses we
remember:
10 am: Bruno Pietrantoni
5 pm: John Valerio

11/05/2017 collection:
\$353.00
Thank you for
your support.

It is not too early to think
about Spring Break 2018!
Newman will be going to the
St. Francis Inn in
Philadelphia.
The Inn is a soup kitchen that
serves 350-400 meals
everyday.
See Alice to get an
application.

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Agape Latte—
November 30th
8 pm Fireside Lounge
Dr. Hamad Ghazle

RIT NATION

This past Wednesday I had the opportunity to speak at gathering. I chose to speak about HOLDING OTHERS WELL. As I was reflecting on what this meant to me I realized:

- Holding others well means giving others the benefit of the doubt...believing that each of us is just doing the best we are able, every single day.
- Holding others well means—when we don't know what to do in life, we often do nothing. Maybe today we decide that we can do something, as feeble as it might seem...for we don't always know the burdens others are carrying.
- Holding others well means, when we find our criticizing others—either silently or aloud, we stop and make a choice to put our judgments away—realizing we probably don't know the whole story.
- And I think holding others well means we make a choice to be a beacon of light and hope in the circles we walk each day—whether it be our places of work, at our apartment or dorm, on the practice field or basketball court.

Each day, we hear about horrible acts of violence and terrorism happening in our world. It is easy to say, “that happened in Texas” or “why would those people do such things?” As we walk the campus of RIT, it is easy to think of ourselves living in a bubble, far away from horror. Yes, it is faraway and close all at the same time. You and I have the ability to make a difference and influence the places we walk each day. You and I can make a difference, even while a student at RIT.

- We can call our biases into check when we find ourselves thinking of others as “those people.”
- We can remember the simple manners many of us were taught when we were very young...holding doors, smiling at others, using words like please and thankyou when someone serves us...
- We can make sure we look around and see who is on the outside. We might consider welcoming them into the circle.

I recently saw a poster....People are hard to hate close up. Move in. May each of us “move in” a bit to those people and things we fear so that we can begin to hold others well.

and...to take a break from papers and projects, here is a great event coming up after Thanksgiving. All are welcome and it is free!

Thursday, November 30th, Hamad Ghazle the director of Medical Sonography department was born in Lebanon during his country's civil war. Professor Ghazle was orphaned and raised by his grandmother. He left Lebanon and had to learn English, adapt to a new culture and eventually devoted his live to higher education and patient care. Come for wonderful desserts and an engaging story about adversity.

Peace and good, Alice