

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday
Of Lent



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

At Masses we
remember:
10 am:
Theresa Marcello
5 pm:
Gloria Roddy

03/11/2018 collection:
\$285.
Thank you for your support.

March 21– Milkshake Mass
9 pm Allen Chapel

March 22—Women’s
Group—room 1000 campus
center

March 23—Stations of the
Cross—noon, Allen Chapel

March 23—Fish Fry—
delivered to campus! See
one of the Knights of
Columbus after Mass

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Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry Dinners
Delivered to campus

March 23

Buy Tickets at Masses.

RIT NATION

Welcome back from Spring Break! I know, many of us left campus last week presuming that when we returned, we might be able to see a few signs of spring. Not so much. From what I heard, there was snow falling from the sky often this past week! I hope you had a good week and are ready for a strong end of the semester.

Nine Newman students, Kathy Darroch and I travelled to the St. Francis Inn in Philly for a week of serving and learning. Wow, we did both. I am always humbled and amazed at how many eyes are opened and my heart softens a bit each time I am there. We learned about homelessness, poverty, the spirituality of St. Francis and St. Clare, ourselves and the people with whom we travelled.

Quick story...

Monday at the meal we served, I was in the back of the dining room offering food items as people left the meal. I watched one gentleman who was seated at a table nearby coughing throughout the meal. As he was preparing to leave the meal, I offered him a food item to take with him and he carefully placed it in his backpack. He then looked at me, held out his hand to shake mine and said thank you. I am a bit ashamed to admit, I was hesitant to shake his hand after watching him cough throughout his meal. When I think about our encounter, I can still feel the callouses that covered his palm. There was nothing soft about his hand...(quite possibly, much like the difficult life he lives on the streets of Kensington.)

After dinner on Mondays, the Inn community gathers for Mass. I had not thought about this gentleman until I held the Eucharist in my palm. It suddenly became very clear to me...this was the second time today that I had the opportunity to hold the Body of Christ.

My prayer this week is that I and each of us can notice Christ in our midst and hold him well. It is so very easy when I am at Mass, not so much once I leave the comfort of the Allen Chapel. May we all enter this week noticing Christ in our midst.

On another note, Holy Week is coming fast. Because RIT will be in session, we will have all the liturgies of Holy Week. We will also have confessions on Wednesday, March 28 from 4-7 pm in the Allen Chapel. We will have three priests, including Fr. Erdle who is ASL fluent.

Peace my friends! Have a great week and know that you too will be in our prayers.

Peace and good. Alice MN