

February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
and 5 p.m.

**At Masses today
we remember:**

10 am:

Frank Lonobile

5 pm:

Kathleen Hart

February 7 collection:

\$297.00

Ash Wed. collection:

\$299.72

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- ***This is Surge Week for the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in finding out more about KofC, contact Andrew at anb4252@rit.edu***
- ***Lenten Lunchtime Retreat—Monday, Feb. 22, Feb. 29 and March 7 in the Skalny Room. Noon-12:45 pm. Bring your lunch—all are welcome!!***
- ***An Evening Away @ RIT—Join students from St. Bonaventure and Fr. Dan Riley and others for a dinner and evening of inspiration and conversation in the Skalny Room. Thurs. Feb. 25 5 pm—8:30 pm. Sign up at Mass or on Alice's office door.***

- Graduate Student Lunch and Conversation—Saturday, Feb. 20 in the Skalny Room—12:30 pm—all are welcome. Join other grad students for food and conversation!
- Benediction—what is Benediction? Many might have heard the word before, but what really is it? ...Benediction is a chance to sit with the Lord, it is the opportunity to quiet yourself and give God the chance to whisper into your ear, it is the chance to participate in a prayer service led by Deacon Phil and learn about a saint you might have never heard of before, Benediction is prayer and a gathering of community and the presence of God and it is a very traditional Catholic form of prayer.

Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7 pm in the Allen Chapel

RIT Nation

I have been involved in many conversations about giving up or doing something during Lent. A few of the discussions have been rather heated!!! A fun conversation to say the least. Here is my take: whatever we choose to do, give up something or do something...the whole point is to help us get in touch with God more in our lives. If by giving up chocolate or coffee, chips or fill in the blank, we think about our relationship with God each time we absent mindedly reach for fill in the blank, then we are doing the right thing for Lent.

If each time we choose to give others the benefit of the doubt or be positive in our words or fill in the blank, and catch ourselves doing just that, and remember that we are doing it to learn more about ourselves and our God, then we are doing the right thing for Lent.

Our lives are so filled with stuff and noise and chaos. Whatever it takes to catch our attention and focus on God is probably a good thing. We are not on a race to Easter...Lent is a time to be aware, to appreciate and consider the love God has for us...arms wide open...

Happy Lent. Peace, Alice MN