

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of
Lent



Mass Schedule:

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

**At Masses today
we remember:**

10 am:

Patrick Farrell

5 pm:

Salvatore Santacroce

February 14 collection:

\$573.00

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- ***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.***
- ***Midnight Monastics—leave campus at 1:00 am on Saturday, March 5 and join the Trappist Monks at Abby of the Genesee in Geneseo for prayer and then breakfast at Denny's in Geneseo. Arrive home before dawn.***

- Benediction—what is Benediction?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 I is a very traditional Catholic form of prayer.

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

RIT Nation

The last few weeks have given me the chance to have some rich conversations with students about a variety of topics: questions about faith, Lent, confession, interfaith issues, gender issues, room mates and how to be a positive presence to the people one meets each day. As I reflect back on these conversations, a few things jump out at me

1. The people I meet each day are passionate and filled with goodness. It is really easy to focus on all that is dark in our world and fail to remember that love really can rule. Many of the people we encounter each day do try to make a difference for the good in our world.
2. You and I both know many people who face many challenges...some of the questions I hear students and others ask and ponder really are game changers. I was talking to a priest friend the other night. As he was talking about a difficult conversation he would be having in the days ahead, I offered one piece of advice. "You can't fix it. Just listen and show this couple the mercy and compassion of God." I would offer the same to many of the issues that give us trouble. When in doubt, show the mercy and compassion of God. We can never go wrong when we opt for mercy and compassion when dealing with others.

Last Thursday evening at Agape Latte, Ernest Fokoue spoke about being a positive force in the world in which we live. One of his sentences continues to haunt me..."When I come onto this campus, I don't have time to consider or even think about the shortcomings of another. I simply want to focus on recognizing the face of God within that person." After hearing Ernest last week, I changed what I am doing for Lent. I decided that letting go of the shortcomings of others might be the best and most productive Lent I could offer to myself and others. Have a great week. May Lent be a time when you see the face of God in others as well as in yourself. Peace, Alice MN