

# CAMPUS MINISTRY & SERVICE LEARNING MONTHLY NEWSLETTER — JANUARY 2026

“You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones.” - *Saint Augustine*  
“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” - *Lao Tzu*

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## SPRING 2026 MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday 2/1                    5:00pm**

**Wednesday 2/18            12:00pm**

*Ash Wednesday Mass*

**Wednesday 2/18            5:15pm**

*Ash Wednesday Service*

**Sunday 2/22                    5:00pm**

**Sunday 3/22                    5:00pm**

**Sunday 4/22                    5:00pm**

*Last Sunday Mass of the Semester*

**Friday 5/15                    2:00pm**

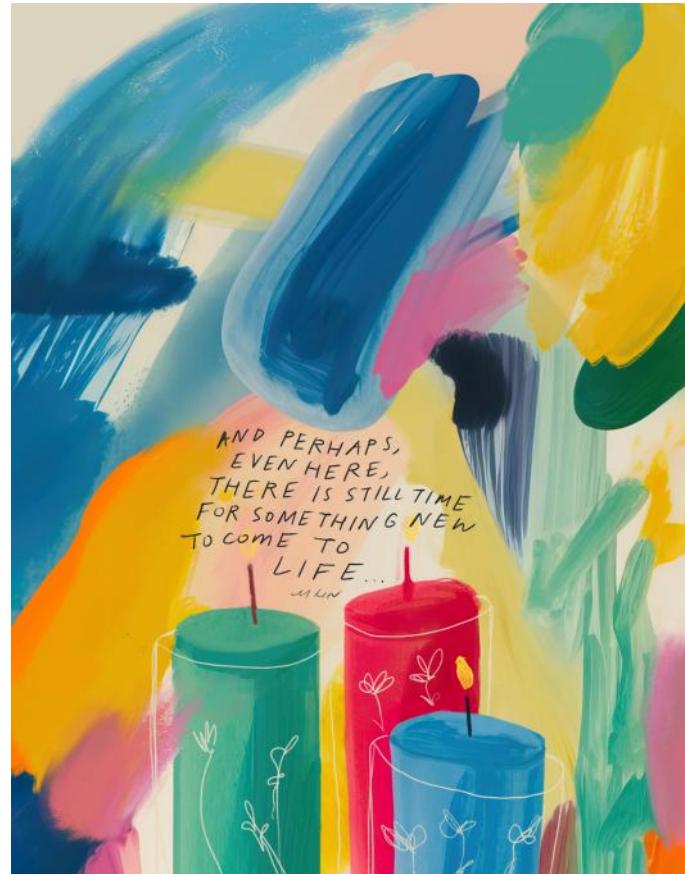
*Mass of Thanksgiving for 2026 graduates*

## Lessons from an Unlit Candle

**By Morgan Harper Nichols**

Every winter, the theme of “light” comes to mind. Many holidays include an element of light in one way or another—lighting candles, decorating with strings of lights, setting off fireworks, etc. I saw this from a new perspective recently when I came across an older blog post from one of my favorite poets/artists Morgan Harper Nichols. Please enjoy this (very short) blog post and the accompanying artwork below!

[\*\*Click Here To Read The Blog\*\*](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Wednesday 1/21: Word of the Year Paint Night**

*Dion Boardroom 5:00—6:30 pm*

Choose a “word of the year” for 2026 (a list of ideas will be provided if you need inspiration!) and create a painting to go along with it. Supplies will be provided—please RSVP on Campus Groups to help us plan enough supplies.

### **Wednesday, 1/28: Lunch and Learn**

*Dion Boardroom 12:20—1:00 pm*

Come share lunch and discuss the intersections of spirituality, culture, and daily life! Lunch is provided. This month's topic is rituals and "sacred time". What rituals do you have in your life - quiet mornings with a cup of coffee, dedicated time for reading at night, family dinners, calling a friend or family member, etc. - and why is that time so important? Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to help us plan for lunch.

### **Wednesday 2/2 : Faith Feeds**

*SGA Conference Room 5:30—6:30 pm*

Join your peers for dinner and a discussion about a particular aspect of faith. This month, we'll discuss Catholic Higher Education and Rivier's Mission/Heritage. Dinner is provided. Please RSVP to help us plan.

### **February 1-7: Heritage Week**

*Different events throughout the week*

Every year, we take a week around February 3rd (Saint Marie Rivier's feast day) to celebrate the mission and history of the University. Watch your email towards the end of next week for an announcement about the various activities that will take place!

**Have an idea for a program? Let us know!**

**Email [campusministry@rivier.edu](mailto:campusministry@rivier.edu) with your idea or request and we'll see if we can make it happen.**

*Events may be added throughout the month and dates/times are subject to change.*

*Please check Campus Groups regularly for updates.*

## CONNECT WITH US

We're here for you and are happy to support your journey of finding meaning and purpose in your life! Stop by the office or email us to set up a time to chat!

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## SHINING THE SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE!

If your club, team, or department has engaged in service to others, please let us know! We would love to highlight your service in the next newsletter. We can also assist in setting up a service opportunity for your group! For all things related to service, please email [RivServes@rivier.edu](mailto:RivServes@rivier.edu).

### Sharing the Feast Thanksgiving Food Drive

This year was our best year in recent history! Together, we raised \$10,722, which allowed us to support 11 local agencies in feeding local residents. We provided \$6,000 in grocery store gift cards and assembled over 365 meal bags which created over 600 individual meals. Many students and staff members helped in a variety of ways, showing that this program not only helps the wider community, but also brings the Rivier community closer together in the process.



Thank You For  
Your Generous  
Support!



### Christmas Toy Drive

This year's toy drive, organized by the Campus Ministry Club, was also a success! We raised \$2,652 which far exceeded this year's goal of \$1,500. This allowed us to provide countless toys, gifts, and gift cards to children and teens served by Nashua PAL, Ascentria Care Alliance, and Harbor Care's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. These agencies do so much year round to support youth and their families and we are so grateful to help make Christmas a joyful time for them!



# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE LEGACY  
OF DR. KING THROUGH A DAY OF SERVICE

**WHAT** : HELPING CLEAN A  
LOCAL MENS SHELTER

**WHERE** : THE MERCY HOUSE  
40 CHESTNUT ST  
NASHUA, NH 03060

**WHEN** : FRIDAY 1/23, 1-3 PM

Scan to register or visit campus groups

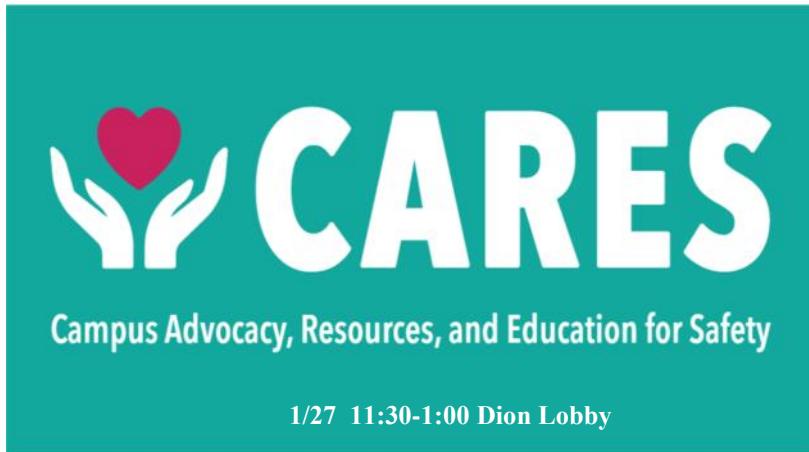


# Other Campus Events and Programs



Commuter Student  
Lunch

1/27 12-1 Dion Reception Room



There are so many events happening throughout the month! Check Campus Groups for more details and to RSVP.