

# Campus Ministry and Service Learning NEWSLETTER

"If we had no winter the spring would not be so pleasant." - Anne Bradstreet

"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me." - St. Patrick

## March 2026 Edition

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### Spring 2026 Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15 2 p.m.

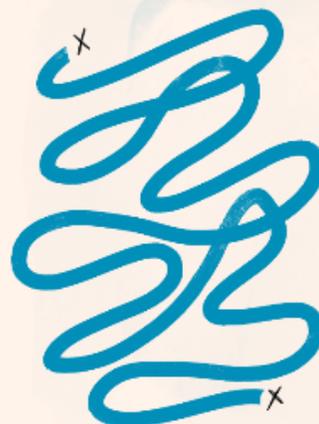
*Mass of Thanksgiving for 2026 graduates*



### For Reflection

Please enjoy this artwork and text by Morgan Harper Nichols! As seasons change and stories unfold, let this be a reminder that the journey of life is not a straight or linear path. Each twist and turn is meaningful!

#### THE ROAMER'S MAP



Carry this map with you when you are not sure what to think of this journey.

Let the twists and turns remind you: even here, you are still learning.

With every single new day, your story is still taking shape. You have not missed out on what was meant for you (even though it may feel that way).

Give yourself permission to roam knowing there will be a moment when you find you were gathering wisdom every step of the path in ways you couldn't see at the time.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Rosary Group | Mondays | 1:00 p.m.

Join this student-led group in praying the Rosary on Mondays in Resurrection Chapel! Don't worry if you're not familiar with this prayer -rosaries and "how-to" sheets are available.

## Stations of the Cross | Every Friday During Lent

Stop by Resurrection Chapel on Fridays during lent to pray this traditional prayer! Through following the stations of the cross, we journey with Jesus during the last moments of his life and reflect on how our struggles mirror his.

## Lunch and Learn | March 4 | 12:15 p.m.

This was our February Lunch & Learn, which had to be postponed. In honor of Black History Month, come learn some influential, Black, people of faith and discuss the intersections of race and spirituality.

## Stitch Happens | March 4 | 4:00 p.m.

*\*Co-hosted with the Office of Career & Life Success\**

Need to fix a button, patch a tear, or hem your favorite outfit? Join us for Stitch Happens: Sewing Survival, a hands-on workshop that teaches you the essential sewing skills every student should know. No experience? No problem! We'll guide you through the basics so you can tackle everyday clothing mishaps with confidence.

## Lunch and Learn | March 18 | 12:15 p.m.

Let's talk vocations! The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word "vocare" meaning "to call". In simple terms, we can say our vocation is what we "are called to do" with our life. Come learn more about this concept, various categories of vocations, and reflect on what you feel called to do on your life

## Faith Feeds | March 25 | 5:30 p.m.

What are sacraments and why are they so important? Come have dinner and find out! Our discussion will dive into the seven sacraments in the Catholic Church, and why they're important to one's faith journey.

**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.**

## CONNECT WITH US!

We're here for you and are happy to support your journey of finding meaning and purpose in your life!

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*Stop by the office or email us to set up a time to chat!*

# MARCH RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

## **PURIM (JUDAISM) March 2-4, 2026**

Purim is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar. It commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination. Celebratory customs include reading the Book of Ester, gathering with others to "eat, drink, and be merry", giving to charity, etc.

## **HOLI (HINDUISM) March 3-4, 2026**

Holi, also known as The Festival of Colors, is an ancient Hindu tradition that celebrates the triumph of good over evil. There are multiple legends associated with this holiday, but all of them have a theme of good winning over evil. The day is celebrated all over India with colored powder, colored water, music, dancing, and food.

## **LENT (CHRISTIANITY) Feb. 18 - April 2 , 2026**

Lent is one of five seasons in the Catholic Church (the others are Easter, Ordinary Time, Advent, and Christmas). It begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter Sunday). In total, it lasts 40 days, not counting Sundays. The forty-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical usage of the number forty, which typically represents a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal.

## **RAMADAN (ISLAM) February 17 - March 19, 2026**

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and is one of the most sacred times of the year for Muslims. The month of Ramadan is observed through fasting, worship, service, communal gathering, and spiritual development.

## **EID AL-FITR (ISLAM) March 19-20, 2026**

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr can be translated as "the Feast of fast-breaking." Observance of this holiday usually includes attending a large Eid al-Fitr prayer service and visiting family and friends. A proper greeting for this celebration is "Eid Mubarak!" (pronounced eed moo-bah-ruck) which translates to "happy eid!"

# OTHER CAMPUS EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Dion, 3/19, 5:30 pm



WOMENS  
**Empowerment**  
PANEL



*Health and Wellness Fair*

Dion, 3/24, 11:30-1:00pm

**THE WELL-PLAYED LIFE**

A 4-WEEK DEEP DIVE INTO THE ATHLETE  
BEHIND THE JERSEY

**Muldoon**  
3/17 3 pm

IDENTITY & SELF-ESTEEM  
BODY IMAGE & MEDIA  
FOOD & MINDFUL MOVEMENT  
HEALTHY CONNECTIONS

**Riv Royale**

Dion, 3/24, 7 p.m.



Dion, 3/26, 12-1pm

**Model  
United  
Nations**

Faculty, Staff, & Student Luncheon

**Education,  
Psychology,  
Arts & Science  
Career Fair**

Dion, 3/30, 2 - 4 p.m.

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