Campus Ministry and Service Learning

NEWSLETTER

"A [person] should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of [thier] life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul."

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

November 2026 Edition

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Fall 2026 Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8	12 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	12 PM

Join us after Mass for a social with light refreshments! If you need transportation to Mass on other Sundays, please email edaversa@rivier.edu in advance.



For Reflection

This month, you are encouraged to reflect on the good in your life through our November Gratitude Challenge!

Each day in November, write down three things you are grateful for. Some things may be repeated throughout the month, but try your best to think of something new each day!

"In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships."
- Harvard Health Publishing

https://www.health.harvard.edu/healthbeat/giving-thanks-can-make-you-happier

UPCOMING EVENTS

Foundations | Mondays | 1-2 p.m.

This new weekly program focuses on the basics of faith and helps participants put together the building blocks of their own faith life. Whether you want to explore faith and spiritually for the first time or grow more in your faith, this is a welcoming space for you! Basically a “religious ed class for young adults” - but way more fun!

Weekly Rosary Group | Mondays | 4:00 p.m.

Join Kristen and Luke to pray the Rosary in the chapel each Monday at 4:00pm. If you’re new to the Rosary, we have “how-to” guides available!

Lunch and Learn | 11/11 | 12:15 p.m.

Join Emily and Fr. John for lunch and a discussion about the intersections of spirituality and daily life! This month's topic is “Gratitude as a Daily Habit”. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP on campus groups.

Sharing the Feast - Bag Assembly
11/18 10:00-12:00 Dion Reception Room

Stop by and help assemble a few bags of food for our neighbors in need! One bag contains many the typical “Thanksgiving foods” - stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, vegetables, mashed potato mix, etc. These meal kits will be distributed to local organizations on 11/19, and will then be given to individuals and families.

Sharing the Feast - Celebration
11/19 12:00-12:30 Dion Reception Room

Attend our brief prayer service/celebration to learn more about our community partners, give thanks for the generosity of our community, and help load bags into vehicles. Then celebrate with us at lunch!

New Clubs Coming!

Keep an eye on your email for news about two new groups we’re forming! One will be a service-oriented club for anyone who wants to volunteer in the community. The other will be a CRU group - a fellowship group for Christian college students!

Have an idea for a program? Let us know! Email campusministry@rivier.edu with your idea or request and we’ll try to 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!

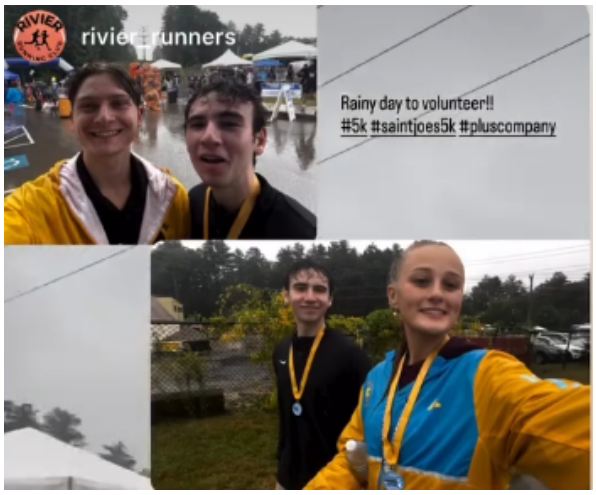
Shining the Spotlight on Service

We are SO proud of our students for their commitment to serving the community! In just two months, hundreds of students have engaged in specific service projects, either on their own or in conjunction with a class, team, or club. Here are a few examples of the service this community is doing!

If you or your group engages in service, please let Emily know!



Student athletes on the women's volleyball team coordinated a card-signing table as part of their ongoing service with Holiday Cards for Our Military for their SERV100 course!



Members of the Running Club accompanied clients of PLUS Company during St. Joseph Hospital's 5k Ribbon Walk/Run. They showed up and were positive despite the rain!

Not Pictured:

- MBB team volunteered with the YMCA several Saturdays in a row.
- Mia A., of SNA, is making plans to serve residents of Major Drive.
- 35 students applying for a service trip this year - 18 will participate!



Nick T., of the Kyle Cares Club, spoke to athletes at Nashua North HS about the importance of mental health.





First-year students served several local organizations during the FY Day of Service!

OCTOBER RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

ALL SAINTS' DAY (CHRISTIANITY) Nov. 1

All Saints' Day is a holy day in the Christian faith, specifically for Catholics. This day honors all the holy people who are in heaven (whether they are recognized and known as saints or not) who serve as models for how to live a holy life.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS/ALL SOULS DAY

(Mexican Culture and Christian Faith) Nov. 2

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is an important celebration rooted in Mexican culture, but observed by many people around the world. This is a day set aside to remember all those who have died and celebrate their life. Key elements of this celebration include an ofrenda (an altar with photos of deceased friends and family), lots of food (especially the favorite foods of those being remembered), and various treats in the 'sugar skull' motif. In the Christian religion, this day is called All Souls' Day and serves the same purpose - a day to honor and remember all our deceased loved ones.

DIWALI (HINDUISM, JAINISM, SIKHISM)

Nov. 6-10, 2026

Diwali is a 5-day festival of light, with the third day being the main day of celebration (this year, that day is November 8). Although Diwali is often thought of as a Hindu holiday, it is also celebrated in the Jain and Sikh traditions. This festival celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge of ignorance. Lighting diyas (small clay bowls that hold a candle or are filled with oil) is a main part of the celebration. the Office of Global Engagement will host a Diwali celebration on Friday, November 6th. See their Instagram post fro details.

OTHER CAMPUS EVENTS/PROGRAMS











BLS CPR/AED Training
with Public Safety
11/18 4-8pm
Only 12 seats available



Ask an RA about ResLife Programs!

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