"RICH IN MERCY"  |  By Rev. Pat Fitzpatrick C.S.Sp.

**The Questions God Will Ask**

**JESUS HAS TOLD US** the questions God will ask on the final exam:

- I was hungry, did you feed me?
- I was thirsty, did you give me a drink?
- I was a stranger, did you welcome me?
- I was naked, did you clothe me?
- I was in prison, did you visit me?

Only a God who is on our side would want us to see the exam paper ahead of time. And having had our sneak preview we'd be foolish not to have our answer prepared ahead of time. God will take that answer very personally; “When you did to the least of my brothers and sisters you did to me.”

A long-ago parish retreat hymn began with the words “God of Mercy and compassion...” Then and now, rich in mercy and compassion, God’s heart goes out to us and to others. The risen Christ carries the imprint of nails in his hands and feet and the imprint of the sword in his side. He embraced our brokenness, our suffering. He knows what it’s like.

“When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice or solutions, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and caring hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can tolerate not knowing, hot healing and can face us with the reality of our powerlessness—that is the friend who cares.”

(Henri Nouwen)

– excerpt taken from *Spiritan Magazine*

**CHAPEL SCHEDULE**

| **Saturday Vigil Mass** | 5:30 p.m. |
| **Sunday Masses**, 11 a.m. & 9 p.m. | 6 p.m., **Towers multi-purpose room** |
| **Monday**, 8 p.m. | Weekly Mass for Peace |
| **Monday – Friday**, 11:30 a.m. | Reconciliation |
| **Friday**, 12:30 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| **Daily Masses** | 7:45 a.m. & Noon |

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*March 26*

- 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*April 2*

- Ezekiel 37:12-14
- Romans 8:8-11
- John 11:1-45

“Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.”  – Micah 6:8
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow your love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON, there will be Stations of the Cross following each Friday noon Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. This will take the place of the normally scheduled weekly Holy Hour throughout Lent. Stations last approximately 30 minutes.

SENIOR CELEBRATION

Spiritan Campus Ministry would like to offer congratulations and well wishes to all of the graduating seniors, and a welcome to their family and friends who are on campus this weekend. It has been a privilege to walk with you throughout your time at Duquesne.

The 5:30 p.m. Mass will not be held on Saturday, April 1

Due to Senior Celebration Mass being held at 4 p.m. in the Power Center’s Charles J. Dougherty Ballroom, the regularly scheduled 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit will not be held.

SPRITAN YEAR OF SERVICE

DO YOU FEEL PASSIONATELY about pressing social justice issues? Are you unsure about what you want to do the year after you graduate? Are you interested in stepping out of your comfort zone into a new community? If yes, then the Spiritan Year of Service Program (SYSP) might just be for you!

Check out: duq.edu/about/mission-and-identity/spiritan-year-of-service for more information and how to apply.

If you are interested in participating in the SYSP, please contact: Luci-Jo DiMaggio, Program Director at Dimaggi171@duq.edu

THERE’S STILL TIME to sign up for the annual Spring Clean-Up that will take place on Saturday, April 8. Sponsored by Spiritan Campus Ministry, in collaboration with on-campus and neighborhood partners, Spring Clean-Up helps to strengthen Duquesne’s longstanding relationship with the our local community. Students, faculty and staff will be doing clean-up projects in Uptown, the Hill District and the South Side such as graffiti removal, litter pick up and lot clearing.

Check-in and breakfast are at 9 a.m. under Mellon Patio and a free “taste of the neighborhood” lunch will be served after the clean-up in the individual neighborhoods. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate!

PLEASE WEAR DUQUESNE CLOTHING THE DAY OF THE EVENT!

Team Sign-up Sheets can be accessed entirely ONLINE this year! Team leaders, submit your team information at duq.edu/springclean17.
RCIA UPDATE

On Sunday, April 16 at the 11 a.m. Mass, a group of Duquesne students will complete their journey to full initiation in the Catholic Church. Their individual spiritual journeys began before entering the RCIA at Duquesne in September and are coming to the moment of fulfillment in the Easter celebration of the sacraments. As part of this journey, they recently attended the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop David A. Zubik, DD at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. Join with us in congratulating Sam Bott, Sebastian Narvaez Medina, Christopher Petricca, Ashley Geese, Kimberling Kren, Gio Caparrelli, Nicholas Carl, Oswald Jose Ferris Ayala and Jillian Roemer as we celebrate the richness they will add to our community of faith and wish them continuing joy as they live out their Catholic faith.

SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS: Weeks of March 26 – April 8, 2017

| MONDAY, MARCH 27 | Time Traveling With the Saints | 5 p.m. |
|                 | Mass for Peace | Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit | 8 p.m. |
|                 | St. Vincent de Paul | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center, 2nd Floor | 8 p.m. |
| TUESDAY, MARCH 28 | Liber mann Lenten Series | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center, 1st Floor | 4:30 p.m. |
|                 | RCIA | Africa Room | Noon |
|                 | Bible Study | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center, 2nd Floor | 6 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 | Chapel Choir | Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit | 4:30 p.m. |
|                 | Vocation Discernment Group | Laval House | 6 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 30 | CEL | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center | 9 p.m. |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | Senior Celebration Mass | Power Center Ballroom (No 5:30 p.m. Chapel Mass) | 4 p.m. |
| MONDAY, APRIL 3 | Time Traveling With the Saints | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center, 1st Floor | 4:30 p.m. |
|                 | Mass for Peace | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center, 2nd Floor | 6 p.m. |
|                 | Duquesne Chapel of the Holy Spirit | 8 p.m. |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | RCIA | Africa Room | Noon |
|                 | Bible Study | Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit | 4:30 p.m. |
|                 | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center, 1st Floor | Laval House | 6 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 | Liber mann Lenten Series | Spiritan Campus Ministry Center | 9 p.m. |
|                 | Chapel Choir | Mellon Patio Check-In: Hill District/South Side Neighborhoods | 9 a.m. |
|                 | Vocation Discernment Group | 6 p.m. |

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

As we make the Lenten journey of fasting and almsgiving, it is important that we keep others in mind. For people around the world who struggle to provide enough food to meet their families’ daily needs, that they may overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty. We pray to the Lord.

For our community of faith, that we may deepen our relationship with Christ by recognizing his face in the faces of our brothers and sisters in need. We pray to the Lord.

Kindly turn in your Rice Bowls to Giovan Cuchapin at the Spiritan Campus Ministry office on the first floor of Towers.
**What is Spiritan Campus Ministry?**

Spiritan Campus Ministry (SCM) is much more than a group of individuals or an agenda of programs or opportunities for service. It is the Spirit of Duquesne University…the Spirit that moves, that leads, that guides.

SCM serves all students, faculty and staff—whatever their faith—by helping them understand and engage the University mission and Spiritan tradition so they can share it with each other, their communities and the world beyond.

Pastoral Care- Spiritan campus ministers are trained professionals, lay and ordained, men and women, who are available to serve the needs of Duquesne students, faculty and staff, especially on issues of faith, relationships and life's struggles.

Feel free to contact Spiritan Campus Ministry anytime, but especially when...

- you are worried about grades
- you are in conflict over friends or roommate
- you have questions about your sexuality
- you have concerns about your family or friends
- your faith is challenged
- you or someone you know is ill
- you have questions on morality
- you are facing issues of death and dying
- you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- you need spiritual direction
- you are considering becoming Catholic, or need preparation to receive the sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation and/or Reconciliation

**TIME TRAVELING WITH THE SAINTS:**

**EVERY OTHER MONDAY | 5 P.M.**

**SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY CENTER**

**TOWERS | 2ND FLOOR**

We gather to talk about the great Saints of the Catholic Church—both those well-known and those not so well-known.

You are welcome to come throughout the semester, even if you are only able to pop in occasionally. And bring your friends!

Upcoming sessions are as follows:

- **MARCH 27:** St. Kateri Tekakawitha
- **APRIL 10:** St. Bernadette
- **APRIL 24:** End of the semester surprise

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