

Lent: Reflection, Connection, Action!
25 February 2018

The Catholic Center at RU



Center Closed

The Catholic Center and Chapel will be **CLOSED** Monday February 26, (following Spring Retreat). The 12:15 daily Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church. There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration or evening confession.

CSA Spirit Night

Join us on Tuesday, February 27 at 8 pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall for Spirit Night. Our topic is Retreat Sharings, where students who attended the Spring Retreat share about their experiences. This is always a powerful night so don't miss it. Prayer, praise and music always included.

Audrey Assad LIVE in Concert

Join us on 8 march 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Livingston Student Center, Livingston Hall. Admission is free! Audrey is an American singer-songwriter and contemporary Christian music artist. Her debut album, *The House You're Building*, was released through Sparrow Records in July 2010 and went to be named Christian Album of 2010 on Amazon.com and the Christian Breakthrough Album of the Year on iTunes. She has worked and toured with other CCM artists such as Chris Tomlin, Tenth Avenue North, Matt Maher and Jars of Clay. Her most recent album, *Inheritance*, was released in 2016.

Forty Hours Devotion

March 4-6, 2018, St. Peter's Church

Preacher: Msgr. Joseph Celano

Vicar for Administration of the Diocese of Metuchen

March 4: Opening Mass at 6 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after Mass

March 5: Solemn Vespers at 7:30 pm

followed by a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Solemn Benediction to conclude 40 Hours.

For over 500 years one of the most beautiful of all Catholic devotions has been the one known as *Quarant Ore*, or Forty Hours. The Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed for 40 hours outside the Tabernacle and continuously adored by the faithful. This is a great Lenten opportunity to intercede, make reparations for sin, offer thanksgiving, or perhaps simply for contemplating the majesty of Our Eucharistic.



Still Wondering what you can do for Lent? Pope Francis has some suggestions



1. **Do something that hurts** “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”
2. **Don't remain indifferent** “Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation.”
3. **Pray: Make our hearts like yours!** “During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: *‘Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum’*: Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.”
4. **Take part in the sacraments** “Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: The Body of Christ.”
5. **Prayer** “In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God’s boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering.”
5. **Fasting** “We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth ‘satisfies’ us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him.”
7. **Almsgiving** “Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others.”
8. **Evangelize** The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness.

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Hours: Mon-Thur: 10 am -10 pm, Fri: 10 am-5 pm

Closed Saturday. Sunday: 11 am - 10 pm

Sunday Mass: 12 pm BSC, rm.120; **6 pm** St. Peter’s Church

Daily Mass : M-Th 12:15 pm in our chapel

Confession: Mondays, 8-9 pm Chapel office, 1st fl.

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday, (& Wednesdays in Lent)

12:45-10 pm and Friday, 8 am -5 pm, both in the CC Chapel

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