

# CAMPUS MINISTRY & SERVICE LEARNING MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2024

*“The unexamined life is not worth living.”*

- Socrates

*“You will never be able to escape from your heart.*

*So it is better to listen to what it has to say.”*

– Paulo Coelho

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Thursday, 1/16: New Year’s Goal Setting and Rock Painting**

*Dion Lobby 12:00—1:15pm*

January is a great time to set intentions and goals for the year ! Stop by the Dion lobby to create a 2025 bingo card for your goals and paint a rock with a ‘word of the year’ or other intention!

### **Sunday, 1/19: Sunday Mass**

*Resurrection Chapel 5:00pm*

Join us for the first Mass of the semester! Please register on Campus Groups or let Emily know if you plan to attend.

### **Wednesday, 1/22: MLK Jr. Celebration—Spoken Word and Talkback (Office of Diversity & Inclusion Event)**

*Dion Reception Room 12:00—1:00pm (Lunch available starting at 11:45)*

Join Jeff Dess, a celebrated poet, speaker, and cultural storyteller, as he takes the stage to honor the legacy of Dr. King and celebrate Black culture through the art of spoken word.

### **Wednesday, 1/29: Campus Ministry Club Meeting**

*SGA Conference Room 5:30-6:30pm*

Want to explore your spiritual side with others doing the same? Curious about the club and what we do? Come to a meeting and see what it all about! All are welcome.

**Did You Know?** All campus events are added to Campus Groups! Students, faculty, and staff can use the platform to RSVP to events. Why RSVP to events? There are several reasons:

- 1) You can sync Campus Groups to your email so you can view the event in your calendar as well as receive reminders prior to the event.
- 2) Registering for events helps Student Engagement track students’ involvement on campus. Students who routinely attend events are sometimes recognized for their high level of engagement!
- 3) RSVPing helps the event planners know how many people to expect. This is especially helpful when planning food and other supplies.
- 4) Seeing people RSVP to an event encourages other people to attend, which can lead to well attended events!

# SPRING SEMESTER MASS SCHEDULE

All on-campus Masses will take place in Resurrection Chapel  
at 5:00pm unless otherwise noted.

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

**Sunday, Feb. 2** (Heritage Week Mass)

**Sunday Feb. 9**

**Sunday, Feb. 23** (Alternative Spring Break Send-Off Mass)

**Wednesday, Mar. 5** (Ash Wednesday Mass) 12:00pm

**Sunday, Mar. 16**

**Sunday, Mar. 30**

**Sunday, Apr. 13** (Palm Sunday)

**Sunday, Apr. 27** (Last Mass of the Semester)

**Students:** The weeks we do not have Mass on campus, Emily will attend Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua and can reserve a Rivier van to bring students! RSVP on Campus Groups if you want to attend!

## Toy Drive Recap

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Toy Drive this year! Whether you donated online, brought in toys, or adopted a child's wish-list, your contribution helped make this a success. As a community, we raised over \$3,000 which was used to purchase countless gifts and necessities for children and teens at Nashua PAL. In addition, we were able to fulfill Christmas wish-lists for ten local children, seven who are in foster homes and three whose families are supported by Supportive Services for Veteran Families, a program of Harbor Care.

Thank you again for your generosity and dedication to spreading holiday cheer!





# JANUARY HOLIDAYS

## **MAKAR SANKRANTI (HINDU)**

**January 14, 2025**

This special day marks the end of the harsh winters and start of spring with the harvest season. People celebrate Makar Sankranti with their own traditions and rituals to mark the start of the comfortable season, and the end of the bitter cold winter.

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (USA, FEDERAL HOLIDAY)**

**January 20, 2025**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed on the third Monday of January each year. This holiday marks Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, although his actual birthday is January 15. He is seen as the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law.

## **LUNAR NEW YEAR (CHINESE/ASIAN)**

**January 29 - February 4th, 2025**

Lunar New Year (also called Spring Festival and Chinese New Year) is a holiday widely celebrated in China and other Asian countries. It marks the start of a new zodiac cycle based on the Chinese lunar calendar. This year transitions from the year of the dragon to the year of the snake. Celebrations often include red decorations, firecrackers, elaborate meals, and visiting family. Although the first seven days are considered the main holiday, celebrations can extend all the way to the Lantern Festival, which falls on February 12th this year.