

URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS

Work on the **courtyard** is progressing! The new walkway is in, broken window panes have been replaced, the sod is down, the stone pedestal for our new statue has been installed, the painting is done, and now we just have to wait for the new doors and the new fence. Again, I hope that the project will be completed by the end of November. Many thanks to all who have helped in any way and many thanks to our daily Mass community for their patience and understanding.



We had a few sizable branches come down on the property a few weeks back during the storm, including a pretty sizable one. Thanks be to God, it didn't fall on a person, or on anyone's car, or on the newly repaired pole light! I can't thank **Doug Carr** enough for spending last Saturday at the Catholic Center cleaning up and removing those branches for us.

This past week, parishioner **Eva Mancuso** hosted her popular "Mararoni for the Missions" event at her home. Many thanks to Eva, all her helpers, and all the donors for their generosity. I know that far from enjoying a home-cooked Italian feast—outstanding as it was!—the real enjoyment came in the knowledge that all monies raised will help students from URI experience a mission trip. Remember, our pancake breakfast is next week in the Catholic Center! We hope that you can join us. And please continue to keep Jen Marran, Marybeth Nunnery, Ken Pelletier, and our missionaries in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their trip in January.

Last Sunday, we held our first "**Candlelight Mass**" on Sunday at 8pm. Students commented that the atmosphere was "peaceful," "calm," "prayerful." Thanks to our spiritual chair, **Kelsey Sheehan** and one of our FOCUS missionaries, **Lauren Lagassie**, for providing all the practicalities for that atmosphere. I am impressed by the number of students that attend our weekly University Mass, some of whom are not otherwise connected to the Catholic Community. I am also impressed by the number of new student-faces I see each week worshipping with us. Sunday worship is not just important, it's the very source of our identity and our community!



have helped to make all of these offerings possible! Now we're gearing up for our **Fall Retreat**, which will be held next weekend. It's hard to believe it's already November! Please continue to keep all our students, staff and ministries in your prayers. **-Fr. Joe**

In the past few weeks, we've hosted a **Halloween Party**, a **Blood Drive**, our first ever **Lip-Sync Battle**, a **Soul Food** event on virtue and morality, a men's bible study **bonfire**, our **Newman Club** gathering which included a special Mass on the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, and a trip to a local farm for **pumpkin picking**! Sarah and Phil Tracy, Jen Marran and I have also been meeting weekly with our **RCIA candidates**, a group representing both the parish and Catholic Center communities.

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