

URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS

The past few weeks have been busy ones here at the Catholic Center!

Thanks to FOCUS missionary **Eric Martinez** for setting up a big screen in our game room for our Super Bowl party a few weeks back! (Almost) everyone was cheering on the Patriots, even when things seemed bleak! Thanks to our Social Chair, **Carolyn Cote**, for helping to organize and run that event. It was a great night!



The past few weeks have seen a few different types of activities at our weekly Rhody Catholic Event. We had a trivia night to open the semester. A few weeks back, students who participated in the SEEK conference shared their experiences. This past Wednesday, in light of Valentine's Day, we had a great discussion about **CPR: Christ's Plan for Relationships!** Our weekly events always include liturgy, dinner and some activity.

We also recently welcomed parishioner **Bob Ruth** of the CTK Wellness Committee to speak to our students about two upcoming parish initiatives that the students will be invited to participate in. One is a service project—making paracord bracelets for those serving in the military—and the other is the Journey to Jerusalem. Thanks, Bob, for taking the time to visit and for inviting us to be a part of these great initiatives. **Morgan Walsh**, our Service Chair, will work on coordinating our collaboration.



At the start of the new semester, we welcomed a new member to the RCO student executive board, **Katie Shattuck** (pictured). Katie, who will be serving as Campus Outreach Chair, hails from Huntsville, Alabama and is majoring in psychology. Welcome aboard, Katie! We look forward to working with you!

Thanks, too, to **Emily Turtle**, who has been and will continue to volunteer her services at the 8pm Student Mass as our music minister. Occasionally, she is joined by other students who are likewise willing to share their musical gifts. If you are a student and are willing to get involved with music ministry for the Student Mass, don't hesitate to reach out (rhodycatholic@gmail.com) and I can put you in touch with Emily!

Many thanks to **Doug Carr**, our Director of Facilities, for his efforts in keeping up with the recent rounds of snow. Thanks to those who help us in any way, especially those who provide plowing services, and those who helped dig us out after the recent blizzard. I'm especially grateful to staff member **Eric Martinez** and to students **Tim Legg**, **Cullen McElroy** and **Ian McElroy**, for helping me shovel the walkways. Many hands definitely make light work! Reminder: If morning classes at URI are canceled, then the daily Mass at the Catholic Center is also canceled.



The coming weeks will find us preparing for Lent and for a few major activities that are in the works. I look forward to reporting on them as they unfold! Until then, be assured of our gratitude for your prayerful support! **-Fr. Joe**