

# CHAPLAINCY IN ●FORMATION



## Holy Week Comes Alive with Student Involvement!



This year, we made a deliberate choice to invite students to take on key liturgical and service roles during Holy Week—and the response was nothing short of inspiring!

On Palm Sunday, our College Council of the Knights of Columbus served the morning Mass, while students from the newly formed Athletes' Fellowship stepped up for the evening celebration. Once it became clear that student involvement was not only welcomed but encouraged, enthusiasm among students spread quickly. By the Triduum, we had more volunteers than roles—and ended up creating new opportunities just to include everyone who wanted to be involved!

From carrying the Paschal Candle, to assisting with the washing of feet, to holding the Cross during the Veneration on Good Friday, our RPI students fully embraced the liturgical prayer of Holy Week.

Most of all, witnessing our students come alive in the liturgy has been a blessing—a true Easter gift for our community. Their service is already sparking new interest in ongoing liturgical involvement, and we're excited to see how their engagement will continue to grow next year!

*Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for being a partner in this vibrant and growing ministry!*



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## Holy Week in Pictures



"I attended nearly every liturgy during Holy Week, and each time I walked into the Chapel, there was always a large group of students gathered outside the sacristy—ready to volunteer, serve at Mass, or help however they could."

— Jack Fornicola, '27  
Aerospace-Mechanical Engineering



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# Chaplaincy Connections: Greek Life Spotlight

We're excited to share some inspiring updates from our growing collaborations with students involved in Greek Life!

### Delta Tau Delta Returns to Campus

After several years away, Delta Tau Delta (DTD) has reestablished its presence at Rensselaer, and we're thrilled to welcome them back. Many members of the new DTD colony have been actively participating in Mass and other Chaplaincy programs. When it came time to choose a faculty/staff advisor, the fraternity unanimously invited Fr. Jordan to take on the role—a request he was honored to accept.

Looking ahead, DTD is placing a strong emphasis on leadership development and community impact. Together with Fr. Jordan, the chapter is currently designing a series of leadership workshops and local service initiatives, all set to launch this fall.

### Easter "Dog Days" Brings Joy to Campus

Theta Xi fraternity and Pi Beta Phi sorority teamed up to host a special Easter "Dog Days" mental health event—and invited Fr. Jordan to help support the experience. The event featured therapy dogs, a lot of smiles, and perfect spring weather. The turnout exceeded expectations, making for a joyful, restorative day for everyone involved.

### Sigma Chi Honors Fr. Jordan

On April 1, Sigma Chi fraternity held its bi-annual Pinewoods Dinner, a cherished tradition honoring individuals who have made a meaningful difference in the lives of their brothers. Fr. Jordan was recognized during the evening for his ongoing support and impact on campus life. The night was filled with heartfelt moments and delicious food—an event to remember!

We're incredibly grateful for the energy, initiative, and care these Greek Life organizations are bringing to our campus community. Stay tuned for more updates as these partnerships continue to grow!

## Notes & Announcements



Fr Jordan greeting parishioners after Mass on Easter Sunday.

A heartfelt thank you to Deb Smith, Kevin Krolik, and the members of the Liturgy, Arts, and Environment Committee for their thoughtful and prayerful work in preparing the Chapel this season. From the simplicity of the Lenten décor to this year's beautiful and tasteful Easter arrangements, your dedication helped create a sacred space that truly lifted our hearts in worship. We are deeply grateful!

