

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY thru THURSDAY: 5:15 PM; FRIDAY: 12:10 PM

SATURDAY: 5:15 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM AND (WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION) 5:00 PM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN

MEMORIAL MASSES: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 10:30 AM

Our Mission Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim we are God's people under the banner of The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice. Through our words and actions, the Good News of Christ Jesus is announced here at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: students, staff, faculty, alumni, and local community members. As God's people on a spiritual journey, we are committed to lifelong learning, integrating faith with arts, science and technology. In addition, we endeavor to manifest justice and charity called for by our faith to make real the presence of a loving Christ, here and wherever we find ourselves.

Our Vision Statement: The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice - Responding to God's love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.

Parish Membership: Renewal every September. Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office or Fr. Ed at anytime.

Location of C+CC: 2125 Burdett Ave. (across from BARH dorms) Open 8:30 am - 10:30 pm

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When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK: (18 December: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 7:10-14; Mt 1:18-24. (Monday) Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-15. (Tuesday) Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38. (Wednesday) Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45. (Thursday) 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56. (Friday) Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66. (Saturday: THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD) Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. (Mass of Deepest Night) Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. (25 December: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD) (Mass of the Shepherds) Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20. (Mass during the Day) Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FAMILY HERE AT THE CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER from Fr. Ed, Barbara, Deacon Joe, Kevin, Mary and Diane. May the love which God bestowed on us through the birth of Jesus be experienced and felt again by you and your families.

CHRISTMAS AT THE C+CC: Attached to the bulletin is our Christmas Season Mass schedule.

NOTE: THE 5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AND WILL RESUME ON 22 JANUARY 2017.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24 DECEMBER:

5:15 pm (Children's Mass)

10:30 pm Prelude of Carols

11:00 pm Mass of Deepest Night

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25 DECEMBER:

9:00 am - Mass of the Shepherds

10:30 am - Mass During the Day

Please bring a Christmas treat to the Mass of Deepest Night for the reception that follows.

This week, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY. Please remember to donate to our local needy neighbors. Checks may be made payable to Bethany Center or Unity House.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available on Tuesday, 20 December, at 4:30 pm or can be arranged through email (fred@rpi.edu) or phone (274-7793, ext. 13). Lastly, twenty minutes before liturgy.

THANK YOU to the Pastoral Council for hosting last week's Coffee Hour. The next Coffee Hour is scheduled for 8 January, but we are still looking for hosts ~ Please consider signing up. No experience necessary! 2017 COFFEE HOUR HOSTING SIGNUP time is here! If you haven't already, try this beautiful ministry of hospitality for the whole community.

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS AT THE C+CC ON FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER.

PRE-CANA (Marriage Preparation) - 25 February 2017 - This program is intended to serve as basis for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. It meets all basic requirements set by dioceses around the country. A certificate is issued and sent to those who are working with other priests. If you have any questions, please talk with Fr. Ed. To sign-up, please call the Chaplains' office at 276-6517. The time is 9 am through 9 pm. Everything is provided for the day - this includes food.

CHRISTMAS: THE MEANING: Christmas in the liturgical year is more than a day. The liturgical year gives us the opportunity to celebrate Christmas joy for sixteen days this year. What a blessing this is when the day to day challenges of life often can lack in true joy and when we see the marketplace remove everything Christmas after the post-Christmas sales of December 26. Throughout Advent, we trusted in the promise of the Lord's coming. Over the course of the four Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we hear of Jesus, the child, descendant of David, Son of God and his Son of Mary, born for us. In him, the grace of God appears, saving all. He is the Word made flesh. He is King! This wondrous news calls us to respond in worship, in joy, and in love for God and one another. The angels and shepherds show us how to respond: worship and praise we must offer to the glory of God. This posture of adoration is the first posture for every disciple. During Christmas Time, the liturgical calendar gifts us with the examples of St. Stephen, the first martyr, St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, Sts. Basil and Gregory, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. John Newman. These holy men and women are models of how to testify to Jesus the Light of the World and walk in his light. On the Feast of the Holy Family, the example of Joseph's and Mary's faithfulness following God's call to bear his only Son, Jesus helps define our own discipleship. The Magi's joy on the great manifestation of the Epiphany of the Lord becomes resounding joy in parish liturgies we celebrate. The glory of the Lord is on Jerusalem; the Lord's light is for all to see; we are one body, Jews and Gentiles, those of us who follow and those yet to follow Christ, the Son of God. This is Epiphany joy! As the time of Christmas draws to a close, we sense the beginning of a new time in our journey through the liturgical year as we hear the call stories of the first disciples, We ponder whether Andrew's proclamation to his brother Simon "We have found the Messiah" can be our proclamation to those we meet at church, to our relatives, and to those with whom we work and play. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord closes the time of Christmas joy. The voice from the heavens in Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism by John declares the faith we live in: Jesus is the Father's beloved Son and the Father delights in him! We know the whole story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. As disciples, we begin again this walk with him grounded in the joy and light of Christmas.

If you're interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, or if you haven't celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, RCIA is for you! For more information, contact Fr. Ed, or Rosanne Rose at rose.fr@verizon.net or 785-6253.

Do to the Christmas break, bulletin news is due to the Chaplain's office this week on Tuesday, 20 December, Just contact the Chaplain's Office at 276-6517 or send information to both Mary and Diane at holbrm@rpi.edu and waterd3@rpi.edu.

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT): (Contact: Deacon Joe Romand, romanj6@rpi.edu)

Next Session: 8 January 2017, after the 10:30 am Mass. Come join us. All are welcome! Topic: Catholicism 101 - The Liturgical Year. Presenter: Joe Romand, Deacon, the University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (Contact: Michael Cuozzo, cuozzm@rpi.edu)

--The Newman Catholic Fellowship would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635: (Contact: Patrick Aselin, aselip@rpi.edu)

--Council #13635 is keeping you and your family in its prayers. Merry Christmas!

CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER: (Contact: Kevin Krolik, krolik2@rpi.edu)

--In the Gallery: "SEASONED MEMORIES" This exhibit features the extraordinary work of adults living with chronic mental health issues and disabilities participating in the visual arts program at the Roarke Center in Troy. Please note that diverse media addresses broad concepts reflecting Migration of People, aboriginal symbolic design and communication, textures inspired by Van Gogh, quilt design plans, and beauties found in nature and ordinary objects.

--Coming soon to the Gallery: "EYES WIDE OPEN: CROSSING THE THRESHOLD" Out of the shadows of human trafficking into the Light of Hope multimedia art exhibit. Visit <http://eyeswideopenny.org>

MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

Gathering Song	#39 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Lighting of the Wreath	#51 Advent Litany
Responsorial Psalm 24	O God, This is the People Who Long to See Your Face
Gospel Acclamation	#74 Alleluia
Preparation Hymn	#38 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Opening Acclamation	#874 Holy
Memorial Acclamation	#875 When We Eat This Bread
Lamb of God	#877 Lamb of God
Communion	#71 The King Shall Come
Recessional	#43 People, Look East

