

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: (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. (Monday: SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR) Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22. (Tuesday: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST) 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8. (Wednesday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS) 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18. (Thursday) 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35. (Friday: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH) Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 91-23. (Saturday) 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18. (1 January: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER) Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.

His crucifixion is likened to the setting of the sun. He descended into "the lower parts of the earth" to bring light to those who were waiting in darkness and in the shadow of death. In his Resurrection, he became "the dayspring from on high", the bringer of a new age of light, of life and of salvation to his Church which is likened to the moon, receiving its light from the sun. And so we sing at the birth of the Sun of Justice:

O Sun of justice, Jesus Christ,
 Dispel the darkness of our hearts,
 Till your blest light makes night-time flee
 And brings the joys your day imparts.

In this our "time acceptable"
 Touch ev'ry heart with sorrow, Lord.
 That, turned from sin, renewed by grace,
 We may press on toward love's reward.

The day, your day, in beauty dawns
 When in your light earth blooms anew;
 Led back again to life's true way,
 May we, forgiv'n, rejoice in you.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILIES!

DURING THIS MONTH, BERNARD KELLY AND ARLINE BEGNOCHE WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. Next Sunday, 1 January, at the 10:30 am liturgy, we will have them as the principal intention.

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS AT THE C+CC ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY, 27 AND 30 DECEMBER.

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

THE ORNAMENT & CRAFT SALE last weekend yielded \$887 for St. James School in Kalk Bay, South Africa. When converted to Rand, this will be a truly significant contribution and support their educational programs. Thank you to all who helped make this effort an outstanding success.

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.

Next 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.

In two weeks, Coffee Hour is scheduled for 8 January, graciously hosted by the Anderson family. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. 2017 COFFEE HOUR HOSTING SIGNUP time is here! If you haven't already, try this beautiful ministry of hospitality for the whole community.

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.

Do you have NEWS FOR THE BULLETIN? 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.

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

--Our mission is to promote the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of young men as well as to contribute to Catholic life on campus through acts of charity, social events and opportunities for faith formation. If you're interested in becoming a College Knight or learning more about us, contact GK Patrick!

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

--The Newman Catholic Fellowship is RPI's Catholic student group, focusing on faith, fellowship, and service. While classes are in session, all are welcome to join Newman for weekly dinners on Sundays after the 5:00 pm Mass, and Thursday meetings at Hospitality House at 8:00 pm.

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>.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE, by Bud Ozar

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

NEW YEAR'S EVENING OF REFLECTION, "MARY MOTHER OF GOD. OTHER NAME TOO: CHILD OF DREAMS AND GOD'S REBELLION." This workshop will be held at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center on Saturday, 31 December, at 7:30 pm. The presenter is Rev. Louis Sogliuzzo, SJ, who is a pastoral team member of the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse. How good to spend this night of vigil wrapped in the peace of God and filled with the whisperings of the Spirit. Evening only (concludes about 12:30 am) is \$25.00. Evening program plus overnight accommodations and breakfast is \$50.00 (concludes at 10:00 am). For information and/or to make reservations, contact the Center at (518) 393-4149, email dslcny@nybiz.rr.com or visit www.dslcny.org.

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