

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

Mailing address: RPI Chaplains' Office, Rensselaer Union - Rm. 3514, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180

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Director of C+CC: Kevin Krolik, 274-7793, krolik2@rpi.edu; ***Scheduling of C+CC for any function:*** 274-7793

Director of Music: Barbara Musial, musiab@sage.edu

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: (17 December: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28. (Monday) Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25. (Tuesday) Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25. (Wednesday) Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38. (Thursday) Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45. (Friday) Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56. (Saturday) Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66. (24 December: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38.

CLASSES HAVE ENDED and we are in the time of exams, papers, projects and departures. Good luck on the exams!! To all - We wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and Holy, Healthy and Happy 2018 from all of us here in the Chaplains' Office, Chapel + Cultural Center, Christ Sun of Justice Parish, and The Rensselaer Newman Foundation!

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 21 JANUARY 2017.

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER:

5:15 pm (Children's Mass)

10:30 pm Prelude of Carols

11:00 pm Mass of Deepest Night

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER:

10:30 am - Christmas Mass

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

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS AT THE C+CC ON FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER.

COFFEE HOUR is scheduled for 14 January, after the 10:30 am liturgy, but we are still looking for hosts. No experience necessary! Please consider signing up today!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available this week on Wednesday, 20 December, at 4:30 pm. Confessions can also be arranged by email fred@rpi.edu, phone 274-7793, ext. 13 or 20 minutes before Mass.

THIS WEEKEND, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY. Please consider making a donation to assist our local food pantries. Checks may be made payable to Bethany Center or Unity House.

CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH - Each year, during this season of giving, our community supports Unity House through Price Chopper Gift Cards. To donate, please place the Price Chopper Gift Card in an envelope, with your name, address and "Christmas Giving" on the outside of the envelope. You can find envelopes on the cabinet. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous.

PRE-CANA (Marriage Preparation) - 3 March 2018 - 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 518-276-6517. The time is 9am - 9pm. Everything is provided for the day - this includes food.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTING SIGNUP time is here again! We are in need of a minimum of three hosts per month for our Coffee Hour held after the 10:00 am Mass (Summer Schedule)/ 10:30 am Mass (Full Schedule), on the second Sunday of each month. If you haven't already, try this beautiful ministry of hospitality for the whole community. Please, sign up today!

LECTOR BOOKS: The Lector books used to help in preparation for proclaiming "The Word" are now available. If you can, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. This request should not keep anyone from obtaining a book. Cycle B begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent (3 December 2017). The books are in the sacristy.

BLUE BOOKS - A page a day, to help us focus on The Seasons we are passing through. Please take one and allow yourself to re-focus, be renewed and celebrate well "The Word Made Flesh."

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. (Office is closed 25 December - 2 January.)

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 518-785-6253.

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

--Come join us Sunday, 21 January 2018, at 11:45 am for our next session of GIFT. All are welcome! We continue our facilitated DVD series using materials published by Little Rock Scripture Study (Little Rock, Arkansas) in connection with Liturgical Press (Collegeville, Minnesota). Topics for this session: Introduction to The Gospel of Mark/Mark 1. Please read the first chapter of Mark's Gospel.

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635: (Contact: Eric Lowden, lowdee@rpi.edu)

--The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic fraternal service organization focused on building and growing our faith, brotherhood, and communities. We host a variety of regular events including our monthly Movie Knight on the first Saturday of every month, study hours at 6:30 pm, on the 1st floor of the Folsom Library every Wednesday, and Adoration and theological discussion every Friday. Contact GK Eric with any questions.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (Contact: Edwin Cruz Aguirre, cruzae@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. For more information, contact Edwin.

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

--In the Gallery: History of the C+CC: The First 25 Years.

Family Perspectives, by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT - Bring the family and join the members of the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center Volunteer Choir in celebration of this joyous season. Sing along, or just sit back and listen to this program of sacred music. The event will be held this Sunday afternoon, 17 December, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information, please contact the Center at (518) 393-4169, email dslcny@nybiz.rr.com or visit www.dslcny.org.



MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

Gathering Song	#545 Sacred Silence
Advent Wreath Lighting	Silence
Responsorial Psalm 25	#748 I Lift Up My Soul
Gospel Acclamation	#73 Advent Alleluia
Preparation Hymn	#69 The King Shall Come
Communion	#38 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Recessional	#50 O Come, Divine Messiah