

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: (24 December: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38. (Monday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD) Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1-18-25. Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14. Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. (Tuesday: ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR) Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22. (Wednesday: ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST) 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8. (Thursday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS) 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18. (Friday) 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35. (Saturday) 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40. (31 December: THE HOLY FAMILY) Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FAMILY HERE AT THE CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER from Fr. Ed, Barbara, Deacon Joe, Kevin, Greg, 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: All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the rest of our Christmas Season

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER:

5:15 pm Focus on Children

10:30 pm Prelude of Carols

11:00 pm Mass of Deepest Night

(Please bring a Christmas treat for the reception that follows)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Monday, 25 December: 10:30 am

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

Monday, 1 January: 10:30 am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

Saturday, 30 December: 5:15 pm

Sunday, 31 December: 9:00 am, 10:30 am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

Saturday, 6 January: 5:15 pm

Sunday, 7 January: 9:00 am, 10:30 am

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS AT THE C+CC ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, 27/29 DECEMBER.

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.

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.

The next COFFEE HOUR is scheduled for 14 January, after the 10:30 am liturgy, graciously hosted by the Anderson family. 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!

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 for break till 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.



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MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

Gathering Song	#545 Sacred Silence
Advent Wreath Lighting	Silence
Responsorial Psalm 85	Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness vs. 1&3
Gospel Acclamation	#73 Advent Alleluia
Preparation Hymn	#42 The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
Communion	#472 Holy Darkness
Recessional	#40 People, Look East