

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY thru THURSDAY: 5:15 PM; SATURDAY: 5:15 PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY: (WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION): 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM AND 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: (WHILE SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION): 10:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN/ MEMORIAL MASSES: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CONFESSION: SATURDAY 4:15–5:00 PM; SUNDAY: (WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION) 4:00–4:45 PM

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: Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office or Deacon Joe.

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

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Web site: (C+CC) <http://www.chapelandculturalcenter.net> (PARISH) <http://www.christsunofjustice.org>

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

Christ Sun of Justice Trustees: Mary Crangle Nagy and Paul Kraus

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: (15 December: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 35:1-6a; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11. (Monday) Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27. (Tuesday) Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17. (Wednesday) Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25. (Thursday) Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25. (Friday) Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38. (Saturday) Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45. (22 December: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24.

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 2020 from all of us here in the Chaplains' Office, Chapel + Cultural Center, Christ Sun of Justice Parish, and The Rensselaer Newman Foundation!

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. If you will be with us on Christmas and/or New Year, we need your help. Please sign up on the sheets in the Entrance Hall, to Minister at any of these Masses.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS. We will be decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas at 12:00 noon on Sunday, 22 December. Please join us. Cookies will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall. Questions, please contact Rosanne Rose at Rose.FR@verizon.net

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

PLEASE NOTE: WE BEGIN OUR NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE WHILE SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.

SUNDAY MASS TIME IS 10:00 AM UNTIL 12 JANUARY 2020.

THE CRAFT SALE yielded nearly \$700.00 for St. James School. This will be a truly significant contribution to support their 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 Rosanne Rose at rose.fr@verizon.net or Deacon Joe, or call the Chaplain's Office at (518) 276-6517.

THIS WEEK, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY. Please consider a donation to help our local needy neighbors. Checks may also be made payable to Unity House or Bethany Center. Thank you.

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 A begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent (1 December 2019). The books are in the sacristy.

OUR "BLUE BOOKS" are now available. Six minutes a day spent during this season is a healthy way of remembering who we are and are called to be as a people of faith.



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

PRE-CANA (Marriage Preparation) will be held on Saturday, 29 February 2020, from 9am – 9pm. 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. John or Deacon Joe. To sign-up, please call the Chaplains' office at (518) 276-6517. 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!

MANY THANKS to the Pastoral Council for hosting last week's COFFEE HOUR. The next COFFEE HOUR will be held on 12 January, after the 10:30 am liturgy. We are still in need of hosts ~ please consider this ministry.

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

Please join us today at noon for GIFT (15 December). This session topic is *Sacraments – Visible Signs of the Reality of God and Means of Grace*. Come learn more and dialogue about the Catholic faith as we explore various topics in *Catholicism 101*, this year's theme. All are welcome! Our guest speaker will be Joyce Solimini, Associate Director of Faith Formation & Education for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635: (Contact: Daniel Trosa, trosad@rpi.edu)

--Our mission is to promote the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of young men. If you're interested in becoming a College Knight or learning more about us, contact GK Daniel!

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: (Contact: Andy Bouffard, bouffa@rpi.edu)

--The NCF is one of the groups for Catholic Students here at RPI. We meet weekly while school is in session. Like our Newman Catholic Fellowship Facebook page for updates and contact information.

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

--In the Gallery: Spiritual Meditation by David Carter, an artist from NYC and the Hamptons living in Saratoga county. Abstract landscapes, dreamcatchers, and various icons are on display.

SAGE GATORS' BASKETBALL CAMP for boys ages 7-15 will be held 13-17 April, at Sage College of Albany. Register online at Sagegators.com or contact Brian Barnes at (518) 292-1969 or by email barneb@sage.edu for more information.

BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER invites you to join him for a Service of Prayers for Consolation and Hope as we pray for survivors of abuse, their families, and our communities. This event will be held on Wednesday, 18 December, at 6:00 pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 125 Eagle Street, Albany. Are you, or someone you know, a survivor of abuse? The Assistance Coordinator is available to help you on your journey towards healing at (518) 453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org. You can also reach out to Deacon Gary Riggi and our diocesan "Hope and Healing Ministry" at (518) 365-0164.



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MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

Gathering Song	#72 Come, Emmanuel
Advent Wreath Lighting	Silence
Responsorial Psalm 146	I Will Praise the Lord all My Days, Make Music to my God While I Live
Gospel Acclamation	#75 Advent Alleluia vs. 3
Preparation Hymn	#38 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Communion	#71 Creator of the Stars
Recessional	#50 O Come, Divine Messiah