

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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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: (8 December: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12. (Monday: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY) Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38. (Tuesday) Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14. (Wednesday) Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30. (Thursday: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE) Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712. (Friday) Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11:16-19 see 692: 2 Cor 10:17-11:2; Mt 25:1-13. (Saturday) Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 see 698: 1 Cor 2:1-10a; Lk 14:25-33. (15 December: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 35:1-6a; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11.

THE END OF THE SEMESTER RACES ON – so we here at the Chaplain's Office, the C+CC, CSJ Parish and the Newman Foundation wish each of you a Happy Christmas and Healthy 2020!! Be well everyone.

A HEARTY THANK YOU goes out to all who worked on the Thanksgiving meal after the Thanksgiving liturgy and to Bella and JJ Petry who helped set the tables, Robin Kraus who made bread, Ora Schongar and MaryAnn Carey who prepared the soup, Bill Carey who helped MaryAnn, and all who helped clean up. Thanks!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR this week, after the 10:30 am liturgy, graciously hosted by the CSJ Pastoral Council. Take time out of your busy schedule to enjoy refreshments and community.

CRAFT FAIR - After each Mass this week, CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS and other items will be on sale for the benefit of ST. JAMES SCHOOL, Kalk Bay, South Africa. Stop and find something to enhance your holiday decor.

PLEASE NOTE: NEXT SUNDAY WE BEGIN OUR NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE WHILE SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION. SUNDAY MASS TIME IS 10:00 AM UNTIL 12 JANUARY 2020.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, 24 December: 5:15 pm (Children's Mass), 10:30 pm Prelude of Carols, 11:00 pm Mass of Deepest Night

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday, 25 December: 10:00 am – Christmas Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Saturday, 28 December: 5:15 pm / Sunday, 29 December: 10:00 am



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.

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.

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.

Training for Altar Servers. This Sunday, 8 December, after the 10:30 Mass. Please join us to learn more about scheduling and serving as an Altar Server. Altar Servers assist at liturgies, performing tasks such as lighting candles, preparing the altar, and holding the presider's ritual book. We will also offer Altar Server training after Winter Recess.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Thursday, 12 December, at 6:30 pm, we will have our communal Advent Penance Service. It is a time for "honesty", awareness, acceptance, forgiveness, liberation and peace. Please take this time for preparing to celebrate the Feast of "the Word made Flesh."



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!

HOLY HOUR: The Knights of Columbus and Newman Catholic Fellowship will be hosting a Eucharistic Adoration next Friday, 13 December, at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we end the semester in profound prayer, and finish the night with Christmas cookies and hot cocoa. All are welcome!

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

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.

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.

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

Next GIFT is 15 December 2019. 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.

--Saturday, 14 December, at 1:00 pm – Piano Recital featuring the students of Akina Yura. For more information, please contact Akina at yuraa@rpi.edu.



MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

Gathering Song	#72 Come, Emmanuel
Advent Wreath Lighting	Silence
Responsorial Psalm 72	Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You Lord
Gospel Acclamation	#75 Advent Alleluia vs. 2
Preparation Hymn	#44 A Voice Cries Out
Communion	#313 Here At This Table
Recessional	#57 The Advent of Our King