

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE
 MASS SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM
 SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM AND 5:00 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.

Location and mailing address of the C+CC and CSJ Parish: 2125 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. (across from BARH dorms)

Office Hours of the C+CC: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Christ Sun of Justice Trustees: Mary Crangle Nagy cranglemary@gmail.com and Paul Kraus csj@kraus-haus.org.

When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

Fr. Randall Patterson, Pastor / Fr. Samuel Bellafiore, Associate Pastor
 (518) 273-7602 ParishOffice@olvols.org

Readings for the Week:

(Sunday: First Sunday of Advent) Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37.

(Monday) Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22.

(Tuesday) Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24.

(Wednesday) Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37.

(Thursday) Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27.

(Friday) Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31.

(Saturday) Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

(Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent) Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8.

O God,
 restore us.
 And cause
 Your face to
 shine
 upon us, and we
 will be saved.
 Psalm 80:3



HAPPY NEW YEAR! With this First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins the new liturgical year. Our readings are "Year B" for Sunday and the Great Feast Days, and Cycle I for weekday celebrations. Advent, the Season of Preparation for the birth of the "Anointed One", Jesus. "Let us walk in the light of the Lord."

NOVEMBER is the month we remember in an intense manner those who have died. All the liturgies celebrated here at the C+CC will have a special remembrance for those whose names are inscribed in our Book of the Dead. Please, use your own pen to write the names of your family and friends that you wish to be remembered this year in our book located at the left side of the altar.



DURING THIS MONTH, JOAN COUGHLIN, KIERSTEN SPAIN, AND NATALIE STEWART WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. Next Sunday, 6 December, they will be remembered at both Sunday Masses.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Tuesday, 8 December, at 5:15 pm. Join us!



Giving Tuesday this year will take place on 1 December. Started nine years ago, Giving Tuesday was conceived as a way to create a national day of giving at the start of the annual holiday season. Since its founding, Giving Tuesday has inspired charitable giving around the world, resulting in greater donations, volunteer hours, and activities that bring about real change in communities. Our parish is offering several different ways of giving back. Know that your generosity allows us to help more individuals and families during these challenging times.



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. Cards can be placed in the collection basket on Sunday or mailed in. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous.

During this Harvest time of year, we give thanks for our many blessings of abundance. With this in mind, we are collecting winter items of gloves and warm socks for men, women & children for Unity House to give to those who often do not have these items on a regular basis. We will have a collection box in the C+CC hallway.



PLEASE REMEMBER to donate to ST. JAMES SCHOOL with a \$1 donation a month. The “Treasure Chest” is on the cabinet in the corridor. Please put your donations there. Thank you for your continued support!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: We would like to keep everyone informed of some of the requirements for attending Mass here at the Chapel + Cultural Center so we all stay safe and healthy.



- **PLEASE** register for Mass each week and also fill out the Health Survey form in advance. If you need any information on how to do this, please see one of the greeters or ushers.
- **PLEASE** arrive 15 minutes before Mass.
- **PLEASE** wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose and keep it on throughout the Mass. The only exception is when receiving communion. You may momentarily lift or lower your mask at that time.
- **PLEASE** use hand sanitizer before entering the Chapel.
- **PLEASE** follow the usher’s directions on seating, going to communion, and departing the Chapel. Receiving communion in the hand is encouraged for safety reasons. However, if you wish to receive communion on the tongue rather than in the hand, please be the last in line.
- **WE WILL NOW BOTH ENTER AND EXIT BY THE FRONT DOOR TO ENSURE SAFETY UNDERFOOT FOR ALL.**
- **PLEASE** do not congregate in the hallway, sacristy, or other areas inside the C+CC. If you need to speak with the priest, try to make arrangements in advance. Alternatively, make your need for a private meeting known to the priest after Mass and wait until he is available. We must maintain social distancing.

In the light of ongoing health risks to the most vulnerable among us, the temporary suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days during the pandemic remains in force for the moment (cf. CIC, canon 1247) although this provision is under constant review. That being stated, keeping holy the Lord’s Day is of fundamental importance for every Christian and indeed, it is constitutive of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. Therefore, Catholics should use their prudential judgment based upon religious and medical considerations as to whether or not to attend Mass. Furthermore parishioners are reminded that:

- if they are sick, for example, if they are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms,
- if they are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness,
- or if they are in a “vulnerable” category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions, respiratory conditions, etc.) they are NOT obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and, out of concern for others, ought not to attend. It would be good, therefore, for them to avail themselves of live-stream/recorded Masses.



LIVESTREAMED MASS: To view Livestreamed & Archived Masses, go to rcda.org/livemass.
Christ Sun of Justice - Sunday Mass at 11:00 am.
Our Lady of Victory Parish - Monday - Friday, at 8:30 am, and Sunday at 9:45 am.

Eucharistic
Adoration

ADORATION: You are invited to come spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available on Wednesday's from 6:15 pm - 6:50 pm and again for a half hour following the 7:00 pm Mass. Please consider setting aside some time Wednesday evenings to reconnect with the Lord and our faith community. **** All COVID-19 protocols will be in place.****



Weekly
Offering

THANK YOU! Your continued generosity to our Parish Weekly Mass collection is appreciated! Your support allows us to maintain our essential needs and expenses during these difficult times. We humbly ask that if you are able, to continue to use your offering envelopes. Your gift of treasure is very important and vital to the parish. You can mail your collection envelope and/or your check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice to:

Christ Sun of Justice Parish, 2125 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY 12180.

The collection basket is located by the doors into the church when you enter, and again when you leave the church at the end of Mass. You can also make an online donation by visiting our website at <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back>, mention "Mass donation" in the Additional Comments section.



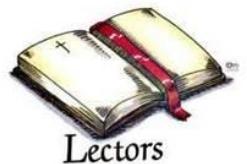
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



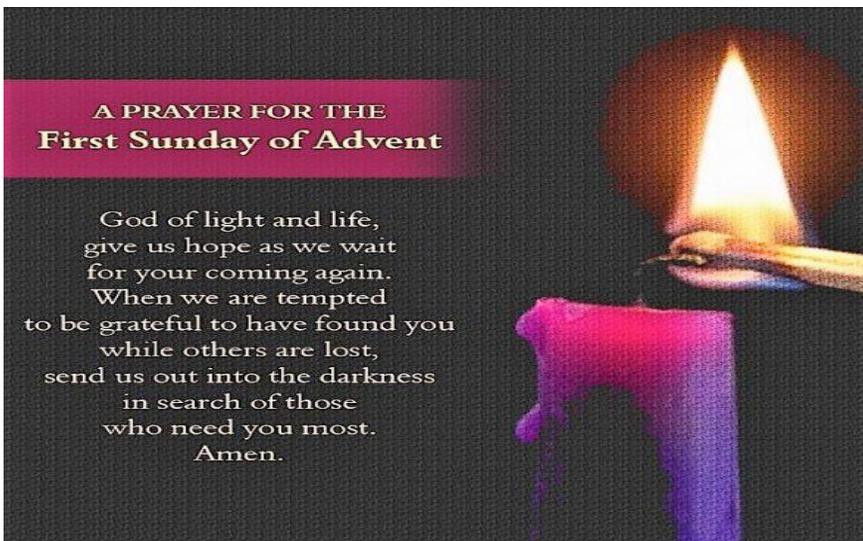
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available every Wednesday, following the 7:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Patterson and/or Fr. Sam.

LECTOR BOOKS: The Lector books used to help in preparation for proclaiming "The Word" are still available. If you can, we ask for a donation of \$15 to cover the cost. This request should not keep anyone from obtaining a book. Year B begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent (29 November 2020). Please see the Mass coordinator to obtain your book.



Chapel + Cultural Center, Director: Kevin Krolik, krolik2@rpi.edu

The Chapel + Cultural Center welcomes Virginia Bryant back for her second exhibition here entitled, "Practice & Composition". This exhibit is made up of two bodies of work, drawings from the first decade of the century and diminutive paintings serving as color and compositional experiments. The drawings are preparatory, similar to a ballet bar before class or performance. They are utilized to prepare the hands and explore compositional possibilities.



A Family Perspective, by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

31st ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE will be held on Tuesday, 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at St. Joseph's Church, 416 Third Avenue, Troy. Prayer begins at 8:00 pm and lasts 4 hours. Devotions include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer, the holy rosary, litanies, special pro-life prayers and ends with Benediction at midnight. For more information, contact Margaret Purcell (518) 453-9302 or Mary Dooley (518) 463-7575.



~CAMPUS CONNECTION~



from Tracy Watson, MDiv, Student Spiritual Advisor, spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com

"The world begins at a kitchen table"

"The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live" [1] is the opening line of a poem by First Nation (Muscogee (Creek) Nation to be precise) poet Joy Harjo. Its simplicity and humble truth-telling may be what initially grabbed me - or perhaps it is because we are so close to gathering around our tables to celebrate Thanksgiving, albeit in very different ways than we have in the past... And much like the poet, we acknowledge that "at this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks." Know we give thanks to God for YOU!

Will we see you Fridays, at 7pm, for our Newman Club virtual small group/ theological discussion over Webex? We hope so!

In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

With love and prayer, Tracy



NEW: Beginning Friday, 27 November 2020, at 7:00 pm the Newman Catholic Fellowship will join together for theological discussion and faith sharing via WebX. From there, as a small group, we will determine how often to meet. Join Us!!! Contact Student Leader Megan Adam for that link.

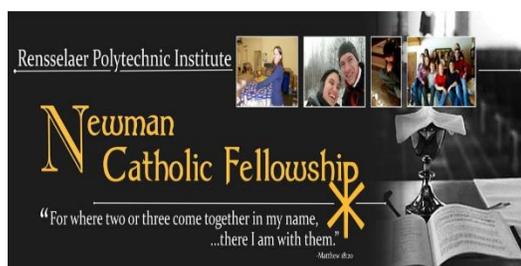
On-going:

Sunday 11am liturgy at C+CC, the University Parish Christ Sun of Justice livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristSunofJustice/live/>

****Do you have questions about your faith and/or your spiritual life? About God? Are you looking for one-to-one conversation to talk through something? I am available and ready to listen. Email works best for our initial contact. spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com**

Praying for you a happy Thanksgiving! ~With love and gratitude for you, Tracy



NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

(Contact: Megan Adam, adamm2@rpi.edu)

On 13 November, the Newman Club hosted a Pizza and Movie Night at the C+CC, where we screened "Inside Out" and had great conversation! Bonding over delicious pizza and a heartfelt movie provided a nice end to a hectic week of classes for the students. On Friday, 27 November, the Newman Club held our first virtual small

group/ theological discussion over Webex (<https://rensselaer.webex.com/meet/adamm2>). We are looking to make the event ongoing, as a way to connect and stay engaged with our community over the holiday break. Stay tuned for further information on future dates! Feel free to contact me with any questions.



COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

(CONTACT: Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu)

Our mission: Grow in our love for Jesus and have fun doing it. Being a Knight is a great honor and a great way to spread your faith. Recently, two of our Brother Knights advanced to the Third Degree and more advancement opportunities are coming up. Join us and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Monday at 8pm! (Reach out for the Webex link). If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and what we do, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a College Knight please contact Andy at bouffa@rpi.edu!

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HEALTH SURVEY FORM

(A separate form must be completed for each attendee)

Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

HEALTH SURVEY

Have you had ANY symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 Days? Symptoms include: FEVER, CHILLS, LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, TROUBLE BREATHING, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHES, SORE THROAT.

_____ Yes

_____ No

Have you had ANY close contact with persons suspected of OR having COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

_____ Yes

_____ No

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE HEALTH SURVEY WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO REMAIN ON THE PREMISES