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25 Dec 2021:
The Nativity of the Lord

26 Dec: Feast of the
Holy Family

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MONDAY – THURSDAY 5 PM

Daily Mass will be suspended from Dec 27 through Jan 6 due to RPI break.

WEEKEND MASS

Friday, Dec 24: 10 PM
Saturday, Dec 25: 10 AM
Sunday, Dec 26: 10 AM
Sunday, Jan 2: 10 AM

LIVESTREAM

Each Mass livestream at:
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristSunofJustice/live/>

To view other Diocese livestreams,
visit: www.rcda.org/livemass

CONFESSION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, from 3:30 – 4:30 PM or by arrangement with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu.

NOTES

Please continue to wear a mask that fully covers your mouth and nose at all times in the C+CC and maintain social distancing. If you are not fully vaccinated you must also fill out a **Health Survey**.

LECTOR BOOKS are available. If you are a lector, these are most helpful to practice your reading with. Please see the Mass coordinator to get a copy. If you are able, we are asking for a donation of \$15 to cover the cost.

THANK YOU to those that helped decorate the chapel for the Christmas season!

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS –

Please keep in your prayers those enrolled this month:
Carolyn Ford, Ann Rehder, and Francis J. Wiley

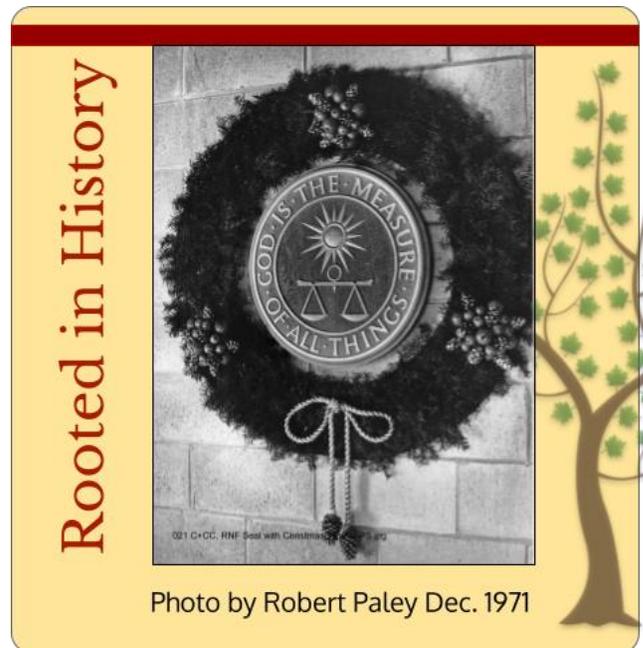
EVENTS OF INTEREST

SUNDAY, JAN 2

10 AM Memorial Mass

THURSDAY, JAN 27

10:30-3:30 Red Cross Blood drive at the C+CC.
[Register here.](#)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH: Its not too late to donate Price Chopper Gift Cards to benefit Unity House. Cards can be placed in the collection basket or mailed in. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous. We presented Unity House with \$1115. last week along with 100's of scarves and winter gear that was collected over the past year and they were so very appreciative. The need in January is still great as the post-holiday donations diminish so please continue to donate if possible.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

C+CC NEWS

The C+CC is looking to hire a Facilities Maintenance Specialist to fill a part-time position involving Building and Grounds Maintenance and Event Support. We are looking for someone to assist with regular cleaning, seasonal work, and setting up for and cleaning after events. Please contact C+CC Director, Kevin – krolik2@rpi.edu if you're interested.

COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated!
Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an online donation ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5., Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8, Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11, 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6, Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17, 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21, 96:1-2, 11-12, 13, Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13., Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

You might not know that:

"- For me CSJ first stands for Sisters of St Joseph and I have been a CSJ for almost 60 years!
- I grew up in the RPI/CSJ neighborhood and my Dad and Brother, Steve are graduates of RPI.
- Until 1960, St. Joseph Seminary was home of the Sisters of St Joseph and was adjacent to the RPI Campus. Today RPI owns the property and the Computer Center is housed in the former chapel!"

My favorite CSJ memory:

"I love being part of this community because of the diversity of folks that gather. The Holy Thursday Passover meal/Eucharist is very special and indicative of the parish's Vatican 2 theological grounding and conviction that all are the people of God -- all called to holiness. I especially rejoice that the arts and music always enhance our spaces and time together."



Chris Partisano, CSJ

WE are Church

GOD IS THE POTTER - by Sarah Greene (PARRAS2@rpi.edu)

God is the potter. We are the clay. These words from Isaiah 64:8 are well known to many of us. It is one of the first Bible verses that captured my faith as a young person. I always thought it such a tender and loving depiction of how God gently holds us, molds us, and makes us through all the experiences, circumstances, and relationships of our life.

I often remind myself of this when faced with challenge and change – that God is with me and that God's hands are wrapped around me, protecting and shaping me. God will not abandon the potter's work and I, as a lump of clay, pray every day that I will be malleable to God's loving care and call. It is a prayer I have prayed for decades, even when I have been too stubborn or defiant to recognize my life of clay. These are the times when God's love and mercy slowly bend me back to God's ways. God always does so with great love and care. The potter's hand is never harsh, but instead is patient, sensitive, and constant.

As I try to make sense of the ways in which God is molding me, I must only recognize that I am clay in the master artist's hands. I need not concern myself with what the end result will be and how my life will look next year or the year after. I need only trust that this great potter knows how to work the clay, and certainly knows this better than the clay itself would know!

As I end this year, I am thankful that my daily task is simply to submit to the work of the potter. I need not assist or intervene or interfere, for this only makes a big needless mess of clay. Rather, I try to submit and trust and allow. I will allow my heavenly Father to mold me and make me according to the will of the Father. I will respond to God's loving grace as it touches my heart each day and I will not resist. In this way, my potter may form me into a vase, a bowl, or a cup, or some other vessel into which God can pour God's love and grace, filling it to the brim with God's abundant goodness and mercy, and cause me to overflow God's image to those around me.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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So what are we waiting for- Christmas?

“...God [Emmanuel] chooses the ordinary and messy.”

I am struck by these words of Father Rohr, OFM as well as those of Servant of God Dorothy Day (1897–1980), “founder of the Catholic Worker, [who] writes:

‘It would be foolish to pretend that it is always easy to remember [that Christ is present in the ordinary stranger]. . . . If Mary had appeared in Bethlehem clothed, as St. John says, with the sun, a crown of twelve stars on her head, and the moon under her feet [Revelation 12:1], then people would have fought to make room for her. But that was not God’s way for her, nor is it Christ’s way for Himself, now when He is disguised under every type of humanity that treads the earth.’ [1]

The Christ in me sees, honors, and loves the Christ in you~
Merry Christmas!
With JOY, Tracy

[Dorothy Day, “Room for Christ,” Selected Writings: By Little and by Little, ed. Robert Ellsberg (Orbis Books: 1992), 96.]

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam adamm2@rpi.edu

“Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of



rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life” (Timothy 3:4-7). These powerful words from the letter of St. Timothy make up our Nativity Liturgy second reading this year. Reading them, I can’t help but smile at the revelation of how selfless our God is. The very God who created the universe has bestowed His Holy Spirit upon us, with the hope that we will follow Him and make Him known. Undoubtedly the true reason for the season, let us celebrate the coming of our Savior this weekend, throughout the Christmas

holiday, and as we go about our daily lives.

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

by Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu

[By Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight](#)

“Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes our Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph [2021-2023].

St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.



This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montréal, Canada’s preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron [SJSH] from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity.

Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. Our world desperately needs men and women of courage. But in a particular way, it needs courageous fathers — men willing to stand up and to carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. In short, our world needs men in the model of St. Joseph.” St. Joseph, pray for us.





FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

Merry Christmas! As we gather to celebrate Christ's birth, we're also celebrating family, friendship, charity, generosity, abundance, and our hope for peace on Earth. It's an aspirational list, to be sure. Celebrating our loving relationships in the midst of an isolating pandemic isn't just ironic or futile, it's an expression of our lasting hope that even as we're missing the opportunity to gather, sing, hug, and visit, we will one day be able to do those things without masks, without Zoom, and without fear.

Celebrating abundance-- feasting-- in the midst of shortages, rising prices, supply-chain crises and climate-change is an expression of our hope that we will weather these difficult times, and find our way to a different kind of prosperity that is built on equity, inclusion, and a renewed sense of a common good that connects us to one another and ties our fate to our brothers and sisters around the world. Our feasting is also a reminder that while we're often inconvenienced and occasionally disappointed, we're also deeply and broadly blessed; we have more than enough.

Celebrating Christ's birth also challenges us to remember that we are disciples of a Savior who loves us. Our salvation comes not from our politics, our media, nor our own efforts, but from a person who was born two millennia ago, and whose teaching and example still guide our lives.

May the joys of this Christmas season sustain us through the days ahead, and may our joy be the light that leads others to Christ.

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