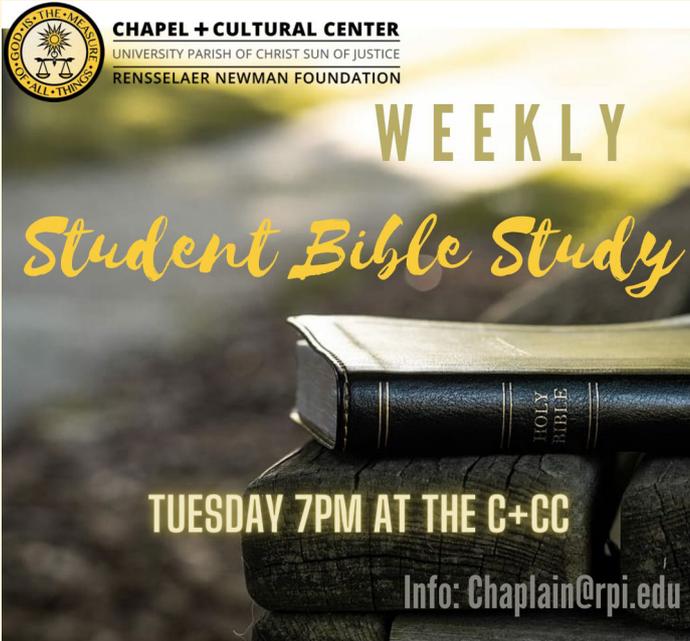


Bible Study with the Chaplains



Fr. Larry Rice, CSP, and Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson are hosting weekly student Bible Study for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students at the Chapel + Cultural Center. Using materials from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, these weekly sessions explore biblical themes of discipleship, leading to a deeper commitment to Christ and the Church. All RPI students are welcome!

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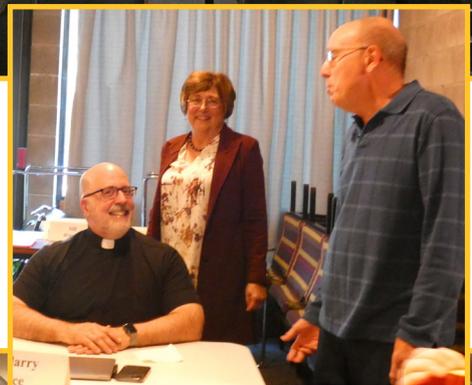
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Note Regarding our Fiscal Year

To improve our budgeting, the Rensselaer Newman Foundation Board has made the decision to shift our fiscal year to align with that of RPI and the Albany Diocese, the two organizations we work most closely with.

To achieve this, we will have an abbreviated 10 month 2021-2022 fiscal year, running from September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. After that, our fiscal year will run annually from July 1 - June 30.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

- 2 Dec – 7PM - Partial Credit Fall Acapella Show
- 3 Dec – 2PM - Piano Recital
- 12 Dec – 2PM - Music Ensemble Performance
- 19 Dec – 1PM - Piano Recital

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- 24 Dec – 10PM - Christmas Eve Mass
- 25 Dec – 10AM - Christmas Day Mass

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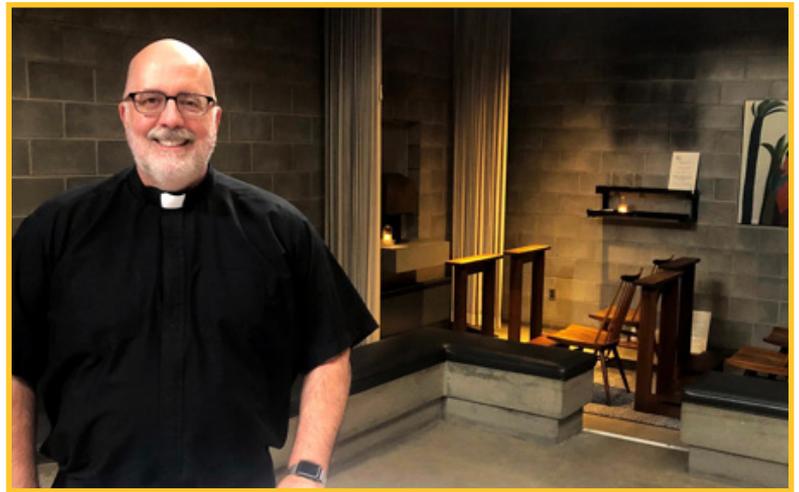
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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

As I'm beginning my sixth month as the new RPI chaplain, I've been reflecting on the experience so far, formulating some hopes for the future, and trying to put together a strategy to survive the winter.

Honestly, I'm so very grateful for the opportunity to serve at Rensselaer. Having worked in other campus ministries, I know the challenges of communicating the place's mission to its various stakeholders. Fortunately, I've found that everyone here— Foundation trustees, RPI staff, parishioners of Christ Sun of Justice Parish, alumni— have a strong sense of the mission, and are very supportive. It does my heart good to hear people say, "How can we reach more students," or, "It's so great to see more students coming to Sunday Mass." Perhaps the experience of seeing most students leave campus during the pandemic has helped to focus our attention on the now-returning young adults that are the reason we're here. Whatever the reason, I'm tremendously grateful that at The Rensselaer Newman Foundation, Chapel + Cultural Center, and Christ Sun of Justice Parish, the mission of service to the campus is clear, and we are united in our desire to do it.

So what might the future hold? I see so much potential for both growth and depth here! After two years without a resident chaplain, and eighteen months of pandemic, our first tasks are visibility and relationship-building. We'll continue to put together high-profile public events that help the campus community understand the chaplaincy, and we'll work to get to know our students one-to-one through personal meetings, Bible studies, social events, and opportunities for service and prayer. I'm so glad that I have



Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson working with me on these foundational tasks and projects.

I believe that we're on the brink of some phenomenal growth in our ministries and programs. There are so many hundreds of RPI students who are hungry for human connections as well as spiritual insight and growth. With the Holy Spirit to guide us, I'm confident we'll grow into a community of disciples who are ready to change the world.

To confidently pursue this mission, we need your continuing support. I hope you'll be able to make a year-end gift to the Foundation to help us grow. We also need less tangible support. You can help get the word out by sharing our social media posts and events. You can encourage the Rensselaer students you know to check out what we're offering. And please: I hope you'll support us through your prayers. Know that you are in my prayers at every Mass at the Chapel + Cultural Center.

With great hope for the coming year,

Fr. Larry Rice, CSP



Magician Giancarlo Bernini Appears at the C+CC

On September 24, 2021, an audience of Rensselaer students, faculty, and friends were amazed by the illusions of magician Giancarlo Bernini, berninimagic.com. A 2019 graduate of the University of Texas, he has performed for audiences all over the US, and has appeared on Penn & Teller's "Fool Us" on the CW television network.

As someone who was very active with the Catholic campus ministry at UT, Giancarlo's faith has a strong

influence on his performances. He uses magic as a means of sharing insights into truth, beauty, and goodness—all primary means of evangelization.

The Chapel + Cultural Center audience was delighted by illusions including mind-reading, time travel, teleportation, and sophisticated card tricks. One bewildered audience member had her drivers license teleported into a solid block of ice!



Christ Sun of Justice Blessing of Animals

On October 3rd in observation of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the natural environment and animals, Fr. Larry blessed several very active dogs and an unhappy cat in front of the C+CC.



Farm to Table — Newman Club style

...it began with S'mores- you know, that gooey chocolatey campfire treat: back in July we hosted a "S'mores Outdoors" on the C+CC patio one evening for our students who were on campus this summer. Delicious and so simple a way to cultivate community! Hmmm- Fall and apples...

"Mmmmm- delicious!" succinctly describes Newman Club's October outing to pick apples and make pie. From start to finish, it was a day filled with fun and fellowship and often food. And always God. We selected Riverview Orchards in Rexford with the prospect of warm apple cider donuts and a tractor ride into the orchard: they didn't disappoint!

Next came the pie making phase of our day: peeling, slicing, mixing, working with the pie crusts- and then the waiting... waiting for our scrumptious smelling apple pies to finish baking...we passed the time conversing about classes, favorite foods and holiday traditions, table games, Star Trek, space travel, Thanksgiving, Tuesday night Bible study, etc. All in all, such a fun way for our Rensselaer Newman Club to spend a Fall Saturday! Thank you for making this and events like it possible!

Hmmm- winter and hot chocolate? I wonder... Stay tuned for more details...

By Tracy Watson, Associate Catholic Chaplain 



Congratulations Mary Crangle Nagy: 2021 Sun & Balance Award Recipient



2021 Sun and Balance Medal recipient Mary Crangle Nagy

When Mary and her husband, Robert, moved to Albany in 2004, they searched for a faith community and found their home here at the C+CC. Since that time Mary has been firmly committed to ensuring that this parish and student community not only survive but thrive. Most recently as a parish trustee, Mary was integral in the transition of pastors, pandemic situations, as well as a key role in hiring our Chaplain, Fr. Larry. Throughout each step, Mary has kept the needs of the students at the forefront. We thank Mary for her countless hours and effort on behalf of the parish and the Foundation! 

The Rensselaer Newman Foundation Welcomes Two New Board Members



Tracy Boswell

Ms. Tracy Boswell currently serves as Assistant Vice President for Student Support and Resource Centers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Ms. Boswell began her employment with the Institute in February 2020. As AVP, Ms. Boswell's work involves

direct oversight of the Student Health Center, Office of Multicultural Programs and Office of Student Veterans. In addition, Ms. Boswell works closely with the RPI Chaplains office to collaborate and support the emergent spiritual needs of the RPI student body. In addition to her regular responsibilities, she currently plans and implements the University's COVID 19 testing and compliance protocols.

Ms. Boswell received her Master of Business Administration Degree from the School of Business; a Master of Public Health Degree from Milliken Institute of Public Health; and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Columbia College of Arts and Sciences all from The George Washington University.

Ms. Boswell formerly served on the Board of Miriam's Kitchen; a 501c3 organization in Washington DC.



Patrick Heider '07

Pat is currently a Research Scientist in Core R&D at Dow where he works in the area of new process development and scale up. He leads multiple project teams to create and improve chemical manufacturing processes. He received a BS in

chemical engineering from RPI in 2007 and a PhD in chemical engineering from MIT in 2013. While at RPI, Pat was highly involved in the Newman Catholic Fellowship where he served as president. He also lived in Slavin House where he worked in many areas of the C+CC mission including supporting outreach to student athletics and operation of cultural programming events. During his time at MIT, he participated in the Addir Fellows Interfaith Dialogue Program where he met with students of different faiths to share his faith and gain an understanding of others' beliefs.

Pat then moved to Midland, Michigan to start his job at Dow. He is involved in his local parish Blessed Sacrament in Midland. He also continues his passion for the arts, specifically playing the saxophone in local bands. He has served as secretary on the board of the Midland Concert Band, a group open to all adult musicians providing an opportunity for musicians of all calibers to continue to play concert band music. He is also an outreach chair for the Mid-Michigan chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers where he engages both K-12 and undergraduates in STEM programs.

While in Midland, Pat met his wife Julia, a chemical engineer in process safety for Dupont, and more importantly another saxophonist. They continue to live in Midland with their pandemic pooch Luna.



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