

# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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December 4, 2022:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



# RESIDENT CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

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#### MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### **DAILY MASS**

MON. - THUR. 5 PM

#### **WEEKEND MASS**

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM SUNDAY 10 AM (livestream on YouTube) and 5 PM.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS**

CHRISTMAS EVE: 9 PM CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 AM

**CONFESSION** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

HOT CUP OF HAPPINESS: Help is needed to host coffee hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to host a coffee hour on Sundays after the 10 am and 5 pm Masses. It's easy! Help is provided!

# **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Drive through food distribution: Thursday Dec. 22 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. Volunteer and food pick-up info here.

# **DONORS NEEDED**

Again, this year, we are assembling Care Packages for our students for Finals Week. Our Parish provides the cookies for the package. Cookies need to be delivered to the Chapel by 10 AM on DEC. 9. Please contact Fran Hyde at lighthousetroy1@aol.com / 518-271-7030 or Donna Crone donnacrone@gmail.com Thank you for considering this ministry!

#### **EVENTS OF INTEREST**

#### **THURSDAY DEC. 8**

Holy Day of Obligation: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass at 12:15 (livestreamed) and 5 PM

#### **MONDAY DEC. 12**

Pastoral Council meeting 7 PM Zoom link here.

#### **SUNDAY DEC. 18**

Christmas Caroling at the C+CC 6-8 PM

#### **SUNDAY DEC. 18**

Blue Christmas, prayer service followed by Eucharistic Adoration, OLV 3 PM (in-person & livestreamed)

# **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.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csiparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.
- NEXT week at Mass there will be a food collection for our community - monetary donation payable to Unity House or Bethany Center OR donate non-perishable food items for the OLS Food Pantry. The greatest need for the month of December is listed below. Thank you in advance for being as generous as your means allow:
  - Peanut butter Regular Coffee (1lb bags)
- **CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE** PARISH Each year, during this season of giving, our parish community supports Unity House with gifts of grocery store gift cards. To donate to this collection, please place Price Chopper or Hannaford Gift Cards in an envelope, with your name, address and "Christmas Giving" on the outside of the envelope. Cards can be placed in the collection basket, dropped off or mailed to the C+CC. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous.

# **NOTES**

**WELCOME** to Paulist Father Mike Hennessey who will be celebrating the Masses this weekend.

HALLOW APP The parish has acquired a group subscription making the app FREE until Easter 2023 (normally \$8.99/mo). This is a great opportunity to explore new ways to pray, and to make a deeper prayer life part of your Advent preparation and through Lent! To sign up, visit <a href="http://hallow.com/holyday">http://hallow.com/holyday</a>. They'll walk you through the free sign-up.

**LECTOR BOOK** One copy is still available. If you are able, we are requesting a donation of \$15 to cover the cost. See the Mass coordinator for pick-up.

**BULLETIN**: Interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin? Sign up *here*. At the bottom of the page, check "Weekly Bulletin".

**ATTENTION STUDENTS**, have you been searching for a way to make your Catholic faith more visible? RPI Newman Catholic Fellowship apparel is now available! Visit this link to our merch store *here*.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** Winter is fast approaching! Calling the C+CC phone (518-274-7793) and listen to voicemail message. Similarly, watch TV for OLV Mass cancellation if they cancel, CSJ will also be cancelled.

# C+CC NEWS

**SUNDAY DEC. 4** 

Raaga performance 8 PM

**SATURDAY DEC. 3** 

Duly Noted Acapella 8 PM

**GALLERY** Landscapes by Saratoga Artist, David Carter. On display DEC – JAN 30, 2023

#### **ADVENT**

This is the second Sunday of Advent! It is the "Beginning (of) the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas." (USCCB) Find out more, *here*.

LIVING ADVENT: Starting Dec. 1 read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke every day. There are 24 chapters. When you get to Christmas Eve you will have read the story of Jesus Christ. It's a beautiful tradition to journey with Jesus during Advent. It's not too late to start!

**BLUE BOOKS** are available. Please take one home to guide you on your Advent journey.

# A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) makes daily readings available on their website https://bible.usccb.org/

You can also sign up to receive a daily email with a link to the day's readings:

https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe Readings can also be found on the Hallow app!





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This Advent, Christ Sun of Justice has a wonderful resource to help you pray, meditate, relax, and grow in your faith. The Hallow app for your smart phone is the #1 app to help you do these things. Hallow hosts more than 5000 prayers, songs, meditations, and videos. These are drawn from the tremendous variety of the Catholic tradition. Their #pray25 challenge presents prayers covering all of salvation history, presented by the cast of The Chosen. You'll also find family prayers, rosary, meditations, audiobooks, and music selected specifically for Advent and Christmas.



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#### SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com

#### **Endings and Beginnings**

With December here I am acutely mindful of endings and beginnings. An ending of another RPI semester; endings of college careers for graduating students; an ending of another calendar year. And beginnings- beginnings of a new semester right around the corner; of new opportunities awaiting new grads; and of the promises and fresh

starts a new year often brings. No matter where we find ourselves on our journey, be encouraged Jesus, our Friend, is right there with us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

**Shout Out of Gratitude**: thank you Donna Crone and Barbara Musial for providing our Friendsgiving feast with delicious homemade rolls and a delicious pumpkin dessert!

# **Upcoming End of the Semester Events:**

**Tuesday**, **December 6th:** last Tuesday Nite Newman supper of the semester- Pizza will be served. Check Discord for RSVP link.

**Saturday and Sunday, December 10th & 11th:** End of semester care packages will be distributed to students from your University Parish community

**Got a question?** Contact Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson (<a href="mailto:spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com">spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com</a>) or student leader Megan Adam (<a href="mailto:adamm2@rpi.edu">adamm2@rpi.edu</a>) and graduating senior Andy Bouffard (<a href="mailto:bouffa@rpi.edu">bouffa@rpi.edu</a>)

# **Celebrating CSJ Parish Ministries and Those Who Serve**

We continue our spotlight of the ministries that assist us in deepening our worship experience and faith life. This week we take a look at those who serve behind the scenes as Mass Broadcasters.

Thank you for sharing of your gifts!









From left to right: Toby McDonald, Rick Gallo and Rogerio Rodrigues, Joseph Bowers and Fred Schubert