

Sun & Balance

THE RENSSELAER NEWMAN FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends of the Rensselaer Newman Foundation

It is a bit of a cliché to say that a university is an international community. But it's also true: students and scholars come from all over the world to receive an outstanding education and to gain some understanding of American culture. At RPI we are pleased to welcome these citizens of other countries, both to share with them the American experience, and also to give our community the opportunity to learn from them.

At the beginning of this semester, we were pleased to host a welcome BBQ sponsored by International Crossroads Albany, a faith-based organization whose mission is to help international students

and scholars feel more at home here. Our own Welcome Picnic always draws international students, often for their first tastes of classic picnic food (What is "potato salad?"). In addition, this year we are hosting regular gatherings for the spouses and kids of international scholars for conversation, socializing, and sharing their experiences. We take quite seriously the biblical admonition to welcome the stranger!

Sadly, and terribly, wars in other parts of the world often reach into our community, and challenge us to provide comfort, support, and solidarity to people whose nations-- and often whose families-- are caught in armed conflict zones. At times like these, our Chaplains' office and our faith community are an integral part of the institutional response to the hurting people on our campus.

As we move into the winter season, with its hope for peace on Earth and goodwill to all people, we know there is much work to be done-- peacemaking at home and abroad. You who have been such a consistent support to the Rensselaer Newman Foundation provide the resources necessary for our continuing work on the RPI campus. Your generosity is very much appreciated by our staff, and all those we serve. May the New Year bring us renewed hope and blessings!

Peace.

Fr. Larry Rice, CSP
Chaplain



Dan Horvath '08, RNF President, Nicole Perone, ESTEEM National Coordinator, and Fr. Larry Rice, CSP



Scene from the 2023 Welcome Picnic

The Annual Welcome Picnic is known for great food, fun, fellowship.



New ESTEEM Program for 4th/5th year students

In bringing the ESTEEM Program to the RPI campus, students will develop leadership skills and create intergenerational connections with mentoring by Christ Sun of Justice parishioners. Through their participation in ESTEEM, our students will build the confidence and relational skills that will help them become leaders in their careers, as well as within their faith communities.

Fr. Larry Rice and RPI professor, Dr. Kathryn Dannemann, PhD '80 will lead weekly sessions with students in reflecting on themselves, their talents, and leadership calling. Participating in a community of dedicated young adults to develop skills related to working and understand their leadership vocation in the Church.



Upcoming Events

December 1	5:00PM	Partial Credit Acapella Performance
December 8	6:15PM	Rusty Pipes Acapella Performance
December 9	6:00PM	Caroling around RPI Campus
December 10	2:00PM	Private Piano Recital
December 14-20		Final Exams – Pray for our students!
December 16	6:00PM	Tentative Organ Concert
December 24	8:00PM	Christmas Eve Mass
December 25	10:00AM	Christmas Day Mass

To see all of our events please visit: <https://rensselaernewman.org/all-events/>

Welcoming Families during RPI Family Weekend



Wine & Cheese Reception



Mass

Knights of Columbus College Conference

Recently two members from our local chapter along with Dave Dziejewski and Fr. Larry attended College Councils Conference. The Conference brings college Knights together from across North America. Attendees participate in a dynamic program of prayer, inspiring speakers, networking opportunities, and leadership training. This year's conference was held in New Haven, CT.

The Knights meet weekly for business meetings at the C+CC and host bi-weekly group Rosary recitation open to all.



The Magic of Giancarlo Bernini brings a full house to the C+CC!

The Magic show was a big hit this year. The C+CC auditorium filled up with students, friends, and community members who attended despite the torrential rain that evening.



Earlier in the day Giancarlo and Fr. Larry were at the Rensselaer Union for pop-up magic and tricks to promote the show.

The Magic of Giancarlo Bernini



Giancarlo will be returning to the C+CC in the Fall of 2024!

Bible Study

Fr. Larry leads weekly Bible Study open to all RPI students. Gathering on Wednesday evenings this semester reading through the Book of Genesis.

Additionally on Wednesday afternoons members of the RPI Hockey team meet with Fr. Larry to read the weekly Gospel followed by discussion.



Barbara Rice Artist Reception and Paintings Sold



On Saturday, September 2, 2023 Barbara Rice joined us from Rochester, NY alongside many family members for her reception. The community from the C+CC including RPI students attended and enjoyed the event. Barbara shared anecdotes behind her artwork and techniques.


There were several paintings sold from the exhibit bringing much joy to the new owners!



2023 Sun & Balance Award Recipients

Dave and Dee Dziejewski came to our community 44 years ago. After earning his Ph.D. in Microbiology at UNH, Dave accepted a position at RPI in the then Chemical & Environmental Engineering Department. He later worked with the NY State Department of Health and retired in 2021 after a 26 year career. Meanwhile, Dee worked at The Golub Corporation and later the NY State Department of Taxation & Finance and retired in 2020. They made Troy their abode while raising their three children (David, Matthew and Marion) and CSJ their faith-life home.

Dave has enjoyed many years of activity in the Knights of Columbus, serving as a lector, and as a member of the CSJ Choir and Liturgy Committee. Dee has been active as a member of the CSJ Choir

and Liturgy Committee as well and has always been a part of coffee hours and food/baking events. They are permanent fixtures here at C+CC that aim to help where they can with the needs of students, faculty and friends alike. We thank Dave and Dee for their service to our Parish and Foundation. 



Animal Blessing



Newman Activities



Newman hosted an Apple picking trip and pie making this fall!

TACO TUESDAY NIGHT NEWMAN

CHICKEN EDITION

HOSPITALITY HOUSE OPENS AT
5:45
DINNER & CONVERSATION
STARTING AT 6:30

come when you can, stay as long as you'd like.
New faces always welcome!
Hospitality House can be found next to the Chapel and
Cultural Center at 4 Sherry Road

Please RSVP by MONDAY NIGHT AT 9 using the QR code!



Weekly Tuesday Nite Newman dinners are held in our Hospitality House where we recently had to re-arrange furniture to accommodate the growing numbers. Dinner and conversations provide an opportunity for fellowship and faith sharing.



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November 28th

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