

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY thru THURSDAY: 5:15 PM; FRIDAY: 12:10 PM

SATURDAY: 5:15 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM AND (WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION) 5:00 PM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN / MEMORIAL MASSES: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 10:30 AM

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: Renewal every September. Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office or Fr. Ed at anytime.

Location of C+CC: 2125 Burdett Ave. (across from BARH dorms) Open 8:30 am - 10:30 pm

Mailing address: RPI Chaplains' Office, Rensselaer Union - Rm. 3514, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180

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Director of Music: Barbara Musial, musiab@sage.edu

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK: (3 December: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7; Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37. (Monday) Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11. (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 see 688; Eph 3:8-12; Jn 10:11-16. (Friday: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY) Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38. (Saturday) Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8. (10 December: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8.

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 II 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."

LAST MONTH, FRANK PHELAN, DOROTHY BARTOWSKI, POWERS BRADLEY, AL SCHONGAR, MARIE CEBULA, AND MARY KOSINSKI WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. The 10:30 am liturgy has, as its principle remembrance, those enrolled this month, as well as all who have been enrolled.

"Why We Get So Religious About Star Wars"- Please join us on Tuesday, 5 December, at 7:00 pm at the C+CC for our next Fall Speaker Series. RPI alumnus and Vox.com staff film critic ALISSA WILKINSON '05 will lead us in a dialogue about the ways our engagement with Star Wars resembles religion in our culture, and what that means. You will not want to miss this event a week before the premiere of *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. We will have refreshments available after the talk. This event is free and open to the public.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available this week on Wednesday, 6 December, at 4:30 pm. Confessions can also be arranged by email fred@rpi.edu, phone 274-7793, ext. 13 or 20 minutes before Mass.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER, IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. It is a holy day of obligation. Our Mass times will be 12:10 pm and 6:00 pm. Join us!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTING SIGNUP time is here again! We are in need of a minimum of three hosts per month for our Coffee Hour held after the 10:00 am Mass (Summer Schedule)/ 10:30 am Mass (Full Schedule), on the second Sunday of each month. If you haven't already, try this beautiful ministry of hospitality for the whole community. Please, sign up today! The next COFFEE HOUR is on 10 December, after the 10:30 am liturgy, graciously hosted by members of the CSJ PASTORAL COUNCIL. All are welcome to join us!

AN HOUR OF REFLECTION: Tuesday, 12 December, at 7pm in the Chapel. All are welcome! Cut away from the distractions of the secular holiday season and open your heart for Advent. Advent is a time within the liturgical year in which the church makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Christ's first coming, we the faithful renew our ardent desire for His second coming. Join Al Censullo, deacon candidate, who will lead us in a holy hour celebrating the memorial of St. Lucy, virgin, martyr and child of Light. As the patron saint of blindness - physical and spiritual - she pulsates with light, a living symbol amid the winter darkness.

CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH - Each year, during this season of giving, our community supports Unity House through Price Chopper Gift Cards. To donate, please place the Price Chopper Gift Card in an envelope, with your name, address and "Christmas Giving" on the outside of the envelope. You can find envelopes on the cabinet. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous.

THE SAGE SINGERS will present a concert of Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* and other seasonal selections on Wednesday, 13 December, at 7:30 pm as part of the C+CC's 50th Anniversary celebration. The Sage Singers, directed by Michael Musial and accompanied by Barbara Musial, was founded in 1995 and is a 70-voice chorus consisting of Russell Sage College students and New York Capital Region community members presenting performances of a wide and varied repertory of choral music. The concert is free and open to the public.

THE CRAFT SALE last weekend yielded \$1,126 for St. James School in Kalk Bay, South Africa. It was converted to 13,6645 Rand and this will be a truly significant contribution to support their educational programs. Thank you to all who helped make this effort an outstanding success.

LECTOR BOOKS: The Lector books used to help in preparation for proclaiming "The Word" are now available. If you can, we ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost. This request should not keep anyone from obtaining a book. Cycle B begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent (3 December 2017). The books are in the sacristy.
BLUE BOOKS - A page a day, to help us focus on The Seasons we are passing through. Please take one and allow yourself to re-focus, be renewed and celebrate well "The Word Made Flesh."

THIS WEEKEND, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY. Please consider making a donation to assist our local food pantries. Checks may be made payable to Bethany Center or Unity House.

If you're interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, or if you haven't celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, RCIA is for you! For more information, contact Fr. Ed, or Rosanne Rose at rose.fr@verizon.net or 518-785-6253.

PRE-CANA (Marriage Preparation) - 3 March 2018 - This program is intended to serve as basis for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. It meets all basic requirements set by dioceses around the country. A certificate is issued and sent to those who are working with other priests. If you have any questions, please talk with Fr. Ed. To sign-up, please call the Chaplains' office at 518-276-6517. The time is 9am - 9pm. Everything is provided for the day - this includes food.

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT): (Contact: Deacon Joe Romand, romanj6@rpi.edu)

Come join us Sunday, 10 December 2017, at 11:45 am for our next session of GIFT. All are welcome! Topics for this session: The importance of Biblical Scholarship/How to Read and Study the Bible. We continue our facilitated DVD series using materials published by Little Rock Scripture Study (Little Rock, Arkansas) in connection with Liturgical Press (Collegeville, Minnesota).

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635: (Contact: Eric Lowden, lowdee@rpi.edu)

--The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic fraternal service organization focused on building and growing our faith, brotherhood, and communities. We host a variety of regular events including our monthly Movie Knight on the first Saturday of every month, study hours at 6:30 pm, on the 1st floor of the Folsom Library every Wednesday, and Adoration and theological discussion every Friday. Contact GK Eric with any questions.

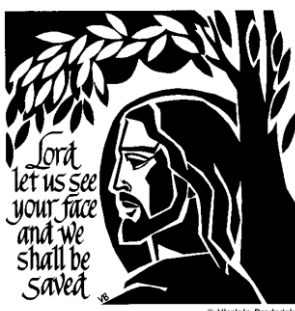
NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (Contact: Edwin Cruz Aguirre, cruzae@rpi.edu)

--The Newman Catholic Fellowship is RPI's Catholic student group, focusing on faith, fellowship, and service. While classes are in session, all are welcome to join Newman for weekly dinners on Sundays after the 5:00 pm Mass, and Thursday meetings at Hospitality House at 8:00 pm. For more information, contact Edwin.

CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER: (Contact: Kevin Krolik, krolik2@rpi.edu)

--In the Gallery: History of the C+CC: The First 25 Years.

--Partial Science - Partial Credit's Fall Show! Join Partial Credit A Cappella on Saturday, 2 December, from 8-10 pm, as we host a night filled with science and song, featuring *Pitch Please* from UAlbany. Tickets are \$6 at the door, \$5 in advance available at the DCC the week of the 27th.



MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

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| Gathering Song | #545 Sacred Silence |
| Advent Wreath Lighting | Silence |
| Responsorial Psalm 25 | To You, O Lord, I Life My Soul |
| Gospel Acclamation | #73 Advent Alleluia |
| Preparation Hymn | #491 Come, Lord Jesus |
| Communion | #70 Maranatha |
| Recessional | #39 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus |

♪ Please consider joining the Choir ~ Speak with our Director, Barb Musial, after Mass or at musab@sage.edu ♪