



UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE
MASS SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM
SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM

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: Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office.

Location and mailing address of the C+CC and CSJ Parish: 2125 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. (across from BARH dorms)

Office Hours of the C+CC: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

Fr. Randall Patterson, Pastor / Fr. Samuel Bellafiore, Associate Pastor
 (518) 273-7602 ParishOffice@olvols.org

Readings for the Week:

(Sunday: The Holy Family) Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40.

(Monday: The Holy Innocents) Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18.

(Tuesday) Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35.

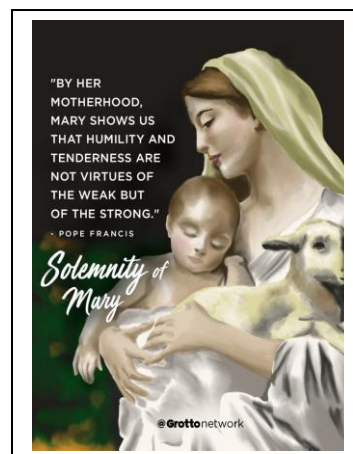
(Wednesday) Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40.

(Thursday) Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18.

(Friday: The Solemnity of Mary) Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.

(Saturday) Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 see 510: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 23:8-12.

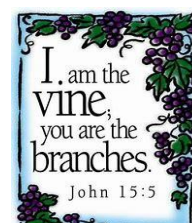
(Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord) Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.



**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 ON FRIDAY, 1 JANUARY, AT 11:00 AM.**

DURING THIS MONTH, MARY ELLEN CAREW, PETER COLLINS, KEVIN HALLORAN AND HARRY PROUT WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. Next Sunday, 3 January, they will be remembered at both Sunday Masses.

Women of Christ Sun of Justice will be holding a zoom gathering on Sunday, 17 January, at 8:00 pm. Anyone interested in participating should contact Christine Relyea (crelyea28@gmail.com) for the zoom invite link. Just pop in to say "hi" if that's all the time you have. It would be great to see faces of CSJ friends that we have not been able to see in a while!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS: We would like to keep everyone informed of some of the requirements for attending Mass here at the Chapel + Cultural Center so we all stay safe and healthy.



- PLEASE register for Mass each week and also fill out the Health Survey form in advance. If you need any information on how to do this, please see one of the greeters or ushers.
- PLEASE arrive 15 minutes before Mass.
- PLEASE wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose and keep it on throughout the Mass. The only exception is when receiving communion. You may momentarily lift or lower your mask at that time.
- PLEASE use hand sanitizer before entering the Chapel.
- PLEASE follow the usher's directions on seating, going to communion, and departing the Chapel. Receiving communion in the hand is encouraged for safety reasons. However, if you wish to receive communion on the tongue rather than in the hand, please be the last in line.
- WE WILL NOW BOTH ENTER AND EXIT BY THE FRONT DOOR TO ENSURE SAFETY UNDERFOOT FOR ALL.
- PLEASE do not congregate in the hallway, sacristy, or other areas inside the C+CC. If you need to speak with the priest, try to make arrangements in advance. Alternatively, make your need for a private meeting known to the priest after Mass and wait until he is available. We must maintain social distancing.

In the light of ongoing health risks to the most vulnerable among us, the temporary suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days during the pandemic remains in force for the moment (cf. CIC, canon 1247) although this provision is under constant review. That being stated, keeping holy the Lord's Day is of fundamental importance for every Christian and indeed, it is constitutive of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. Therefore, Catholics should use their prudential judgment based upon religious and medical considerations as to whether or not to attend Mass. Furthermore parishioners are reminded that:

- if they are sick, for example, if they are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms,
- if they are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness,
- or if they are in a "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions, respiratory conditions, etc.) they are NOT obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and, out of concern for others, ought not to attend. It would be good, therefore, for them to avail themselves of live-stream/recorded Masses.



LIVESTREAMED MASS: To view Livestreamed & Archived Masses, go to rcda.org/livemass.

Christ Sun of Justice - Sunday Mass at 11:00 am.

Our Lady of Victory Parish - Monday - Friday, at 8:30 am, and Sunday at 9:45 am.

Patrick and Máirín Quinn will present a dramatic adaptation of Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL online beginning 13 December through the end of the month. For further information, please visit: homemadetheater.org.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available every Wednesday, following the 7:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Patterson and/or Fr. Sam.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** Adoration before or after the Wednesday night Mass until after the students return to Campus.



THANK YOU! Your continued generosity to our Parish Weekly Mass collection is appreciated! Your support allows us to maintain our essential needs and expenses during these difficult times. We humbly ask that if you are able, to continue to use your offering envelopes. Your gift of treasure is very important and vital to the parish. You can mail your collection envelope and/or your check made payable to **Christ Sun of Justice** to: Christ Sun of Justice Parish, 2125 Burdett Ave, Troy, NY 12180.

The collection basket is located by the doors into the church when you enter, and again when you leave the church at the end of Mass. You can also make an online donation by visiting our website at <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back>, mention "Mass donation" in the Additional Comments section.



Help Needed – Catholic Charities is continuing Food Distributions through the winter and is seeking assistance on Thursday, 31 December, at 833 Broadway, which is just north of downtown Albany from 8:15 am until about 11:45 am (or for as long as you are able). Food will be packed and placed in the trunks of people’s cars when they drive through. Perhaps your organization could send a group. Please wear a mask, gloves will be provided. For further details or to volunteer, contact volunteer@ccrcda.org. Many thanks!



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



LECTOR BOOKS: The Lector books used to help in preparation for proclaiming “The Word” are still available. If you can, we ask for a donation of \$15 to cover the cost. This request should not keep anyone from obtaining a book. Year B began with the 1st Sunday of Advent (29 November 2020). Please see the Mass coordinator to obtain your book.

Chapel + Cultural Center, Director: Kevin Krolik, krolik2@rpi.edu

The C+CC welcomes Virginia Bryant back for her second exhibition here entitled, “Practice & Composition”. This exhibit is made up of two bodies of work, drawings from the first decade of the century and diminutive paintings serving as color and compositional experiments. The drawings are preparatory, similar to a ballet bar before class or performance. They are utilized to prepare the hands and explore compositional possibilities.

A Family Perspective, by Bud Ozar

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren’t “perfect” parents. If you have ever been “amazed” and “astonished” at what came out of your child’s mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you “didn’t understand” your children or felt “anxious” about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.



Holy Family of Nazareth, make us more mindful of the sacredness of the family and its beauty in God’s plan.

Pray with us that our families will be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious **Virgin Mary**, that never was it known that anyone who **fled** to thy **protection**, **implored** thy **help**, or **sought** thine **intercession** was left **unaided**.

Inspired by this **confidence**, I fly unto thee, **O Virgin of virgins, my mother**; to thee do I **come**, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. **O Mother of the Word Incarnate**, despise not my **petitions**, but in thy mercy **hear and answer me**. Amen.





~CAMPUS CONNECTION~



from Tracy Watson, MDiv, Student Spiritual Advisor, spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com

~Encuentro~

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ!

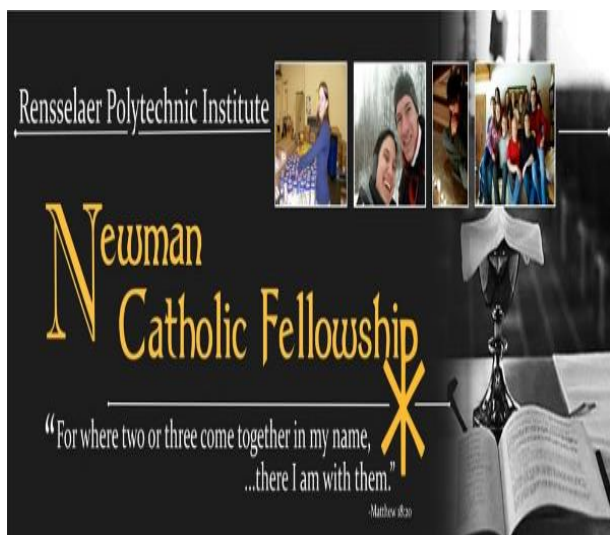
As God would have it, this week I have been struck by a sense of “encounter”, and have come across it in an amazing variety of places- both in written word and in action. But it continues to be the Spanish word “*encuentro*” that holds my attention as it seems to get to the heart of it in a much deeper and fuller way, acknowledging that there is a dynamic invitational aspect, and therefore a necessary reception of this invitation for it to bloom and grow...

As Catholic Worker Thomas Eggleston puts it, “to see the world through the lens of *encuentro* is to realize the presence of God all around us and that we are connected to each other through ties both visible and invisible... To put it another way: to encounter a living-breathing friend, to embrace a child, or to share a meal with a hungry person is to have a relational experience which is in essence the way which we intimately encounter the intangible and invisible God”

[<https://cjd.org/2015/07/01/what-pope-francis-means-by-a-culture-of-encounter/>]

As we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, may we open our hearts in new and deeper ways so that we may encounter Christ more profoundly than ever before. Amen?

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (Contact: Megan Adam, adamm2@rpi.edu)



Through the birth of Christ Jesus, “the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Reflecting on this passage, as we celebrate the Christmas season, we can come to realize that God is near and that He loves us, so much that He sent his only son to save us. This hope and trust in God’s truth and promises is epitomized through the Holy Family, whose feast we celebrate this Sunday. This family humbled themselves before God and willingly obeyed his messages, even if they didn’t coincide with what they had expected. May we strive to live like Mary, Joseph, and Jesus each day. Our next Newman Fellowship small group meeting will be on Friday, 1 January, at 8pm Eastern time. All are welcome. The link to the call is <https://rensselaer.webex.com/meet/adamm2>.

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635 (Contact: Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu)



Our mission: Grow in our love for Jesus and have fun doing it. Being a Knight is a great honor and a great way to spread your faith. Recently, two of our Brother Knights advanced to the Third Degree and more advancement opportunities are coming up. Join us and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Monday at 8pm! (Reach out for the Webex link). If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and what we do, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a College Knight please contact Andy at bouffa@rpi.edu!

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HEALTH SURVEY FORM

(A separate form must be completed for each attendee)

Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

HEALTH SURVEY

Have you had ANY symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 Days? Symptoms include: FEVER, CHILLS, LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, TROUBLE BREATHING, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHES, SORE THROAT.

_____ Yes

_____ No

Have you had ANY close contact with persons suspected of OR having COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

_____ Yes

_____ No

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE HEALTH SURVEY WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO REMAIN ON THE PREMISES