




University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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Second Sunday of
Advent

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MONDAY – THURSDAY 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM & 5 PM

LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 10 AM Mass
www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass

To view other Diocese livestreams,
visit: www.rcda.org/livemass

Confession - The Sacrament of
Reconciliation is available on Saturdays,
from 3:30 – 4:30 PM or by arrangement
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."*

THURSDAY, DEC 9:

[Catholic Charities Food Distribution](#) at
Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club
Email: volunteer@ccrcda.org. To view all Food
distribution sites, click [here](#).

Are you interested in being a Lector or
Eucharistic Minister? Please email [Rogerio
Rodrigues](mailto:RogerioRodrigues), if you'd like to become involved.

CSJ Enrollment –Membership
forms are available in the
hallway, or email Diane and she
can mail one to you. You can
also scan the QR code to submit
your parish membership form.
Either way of enrolling is
welcome!

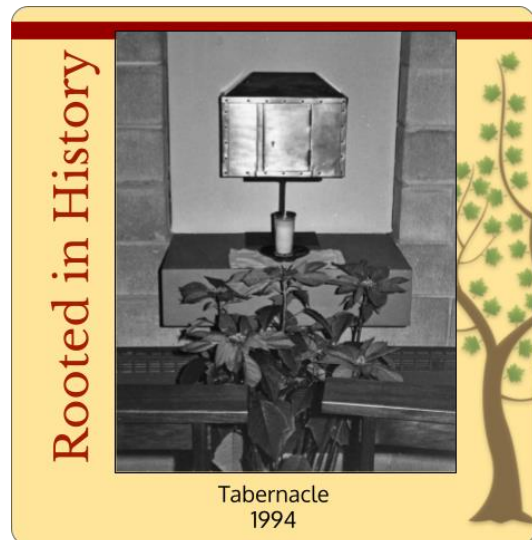


EVENTS OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY, DEC 8

Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

- Mass at the C+CC 12:15 PM
- Mass (Latin) at Our Lady of Victory 7 PM



NOTES

Daily Mass cancellations – Please note there will
be **NO** Daily Mass from Dec 6 – 9 and **NO**
Confession on Dec 11. Daily Mass will also be
suspended from Dec 20 through Jan 6 due to RPI
break.

Christmas/New Year Mass Times

Friday, Dec 24: 10 PM
Saturday, Dec 25: 10 AM
Sunday, Dec 26: 10 AM
Sunday, Jan 2: 10 AM

Hymnals are available. Please listen to the cantor who
will announce the hymn numbers.

Please continue to wear a mask that fully covers your
mouth and nose at all times in the C+CC and
maintain social distancing. If you are not fully
vaccinated, including children aged 2 to 12, you must
also fill out a [Health Survey](#).

Blue Books are available after Mass to help guide you
on your Advent journey.

Lector Books are still available. If you are a lector,
these are most helpful to practice your reading with.
Please see the Mass coordinator to get a copy. If you
are able, we are asking for a donation of \$15 to cover
the cost.

Thanks to all who helped with set-up and clean-up and
a very special **Thank You** to all our "cooks": Soup - Fr.
Larry, Ora Schongar, Marie Petry and MaryAnne Carey;
Bread - Robin Kraus; and Salad - Rosanne Rose

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.)
- Next week, Food for the Hungry of Troy Collection – monetary donations payable to Unity House or Bethany Center OR donate non-perishable food items for the OLS Food Pantry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6.
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26.
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 see 688:
Eph 3:8-12; Jn 10:11-16.
Wednesday: Immaculate Conception Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38.
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15.
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19.
Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13.
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18.

You might not know that:
"When St. Mary's in South Troy closed I started attending CSJ and what a nice choice I made! I like to be of service and help people out. For a short time I cooked in the Student Union's "Rathskeller" and attended many RPI hockey games."

Favorite CSJ traditions:
"I very much enjoy the CSJ Easter season activities."



William (Billy) Campana

WE are Church

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers those enrolled in November: Paul Fahey, Johannes & Hedwig Lukai, Konrad & Ruth Schubert, Anthony J. Murray, Claude Rankey and Francis Wiley. They will be remembered at all the Masses this week.

CHRISTMAS GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH

Each year, during this season of giving, our community supports Unity House through the gifts of Price Chopper Gift Cards. To donate to this collection, please place the Price Chopper Gift Card in an envelope, with your name, address and "Christmas Giving" on the outside of the envelope. Cards can be placed in the collection basket on Sunday or mailed in. Gift cards submitted with no identifying information will be considered anonymous.

C+CC NEWS

Upcoming student performances at the C+CC:

Saturday, Dec 14, 2:00 PM – Music Ensembles
Sunday, Dec 19, 2:00 PM – Student Recital

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.

VISION STATEMENT

The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice – Responding to God's love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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



Greetings to you in this first week of Advent!

With the end of the semester rapidly approaching, believe it or not, we are already in the process of scheduling a few events for January!

Mark your calendars **now** for these two Newman Fellowship events:

Friday Night Dinner and Board Games Friday, January 14th, 2022

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Volunteer Service Day Monday, January 17th, 2022

We are also exploring the possibility of playing some *human foosball*, and will be adding a variety of other programs and events in the coming weeks so stay tuned...!

Don't forget these upcoming events:

Tuesday Evening Bible Study will meet at 7pm on December 7th and 14th in the C+CC Lounge.

Sunday, December 12th 6pm (after Mass) will find us **Christmas Caroling** on campus with hot cocoa and cookies to follow!

Wednesday, December 15th Join us for a **Movie (Elf)** @ C+CC with a 7pm start. Of course, snacks will be provided.

Students: Once again your University Parish Christ Sun of Justice faith community will be putting together **Final Exam Care Packages** for you, and we will be distributing them after Masses next weekend (December 11th & 12th)! Have a great week ~Tracy

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

by Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu



All RPI students are welcome to join the Knights and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Wednesday at 8pm! (Email me for the Webex link).

If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and Newman Catholic Fellowship please feel free to join the Discord at: <https://discord.gg/YxZnKdNtZV> where we chat and send announcements. Our council is currently looking for a new Financial Secretary (Financial Secretary cannot be a current RPI student). If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming involved with the council in this role, please contact me!

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam adamm2@rpi.edu



Attending a Catholic school all my life prior to attending RPI, I've heard many lectures and discussions about the preparatory season of Advent and what its purpose really is. However, this past weekend at my home parish, our pastor discussed Advent in a different way than I had been used to hearing about; he framed this time of waiting not just as a season of the church year,

but foremost as a "disposition of the heart requiring vigilance, as the Lord himself tells us." This attitude of vigilance equips us not just for the coming of Christ at Christmas, but also for the immediate context of our lives, and as we collectively hope for Jesus's second coming on the last day. Yes, Advent sets before us the date of December 25 in which we celebrate Christ's coming as a human being, but throughout past ages, in our current day, and as we look to the future, the coming of Christ is always relevant. This Savior that we all love and honor comes to us today, in Word, Eucharist, and through those around us. He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary some 2000 years ago, and continues to come into our divided and broken world, offering salvation and renewal. If in the midst of our lives we develop a longing for something greater, Christ is the perfect place to turn. This longing for a Savior and renewal in Jesus can offer us something not only this Advent, but each day of our lives. My pastor concluded his homily referring to a notion proposed by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, which I'll offer to all of us at Christ Sun of Justice: "Perhaps the question is backwards. Maybe it's not about what we are waiting for at all. Maybe it's about what God is waiting for. He is waiting for us, to come home and be reconciled, to experience for ourselves what salvation and renewal can be in Jesus, to encounter and serve Christ in His suffering brothers and sisters, to be reawakened to hope, which our times are so in need of."

FR. LARRY RICE, CSP



Tomorrow is the feast of St. Nicholas of Myra. Most of what we know of him is legend and myth, and the only written biographies we have were written centuries after his death. We are reasonably certain he was a bishop of Greek descent in the city of Myra (today that's Demre in Turkey), and died on December 6, 343. According to Wikipedia, Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, prostitutes, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, unmarried people, and students in various cities and countries around Europe.

One legend tells of St. Nicholas attending the Council of Nicea in 325, and getting so worked up he slapped an Arian heretic in the face. Later versions of the story say that Arius himself was the target of the righteous assault, and that it was more of a punch than a slap.

Many medieval depictions of St. Nicholas show the legend of his rescue and resurrection of three children who had been murdered and put in a pickling barrel. See Wikipedia for more bizarre and entertaining legends.

How did we get from a 4th century legendary bishop to Santa Claus? The Dutch had a history of veneration of St. Nicholas (Sinterklaas), and brought that to the New World when they established the colony of New Amsterdam, now known as New York! It was apparently not a big stretch from the Dutch colonists of the Hudson Valley to the guest of honor at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

One St. Nicholas tradition I think is worth preserving: On the eve of his feast day (that's Sunday!), children place their shoes outside their doors, and St. Nicholas comes overnight to leave a few treats in them. Think of it as a down payment on his Christmas Eve visit.

Happy Feast of St. Nicholas!

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