



## Second Sunday of Advent

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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**Web site:** (C+CC) <http://www.chapelandculturalcenter.net> (PARISH) <http://www.christsunofjustice.org>

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**Christ Sun of Justice Trustees:** Mary Crangle Nagy [cranglemary@gmail.com](mailto:cranglemary@gmail.com) and Paul Kraus [csj@kraus-haus.org](mailto:csj@kraus-haus.org).

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](mailto:ParishOffice@olvols.org)

### Readings for the Week:

(Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent) Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8.

(Monday) Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26 see 688; Eph 3:8-12; Jn 10:11-16.

(Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception) Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38.

(Wednesday) Is 40: 25-31; Mt 11:28-30.

(Thursday) Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15.

(Friday) Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11:16-19.

(Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe) Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47.

(Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent) Is 61:1-2a; Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28.

Then the glory of the  
 Lord shall be revealed,  
 and all people shall  
 see it together.

Isaiah 40:17



DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER JOAN COUGHLIN, KIERSTEN SPAIN, AND NATALIE STEWART WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. Today's liturgies has those enrolled in November as its principal intention, and all enrolled. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on  
 Tuesday, 8 December, at 5:15 pm. Join us!



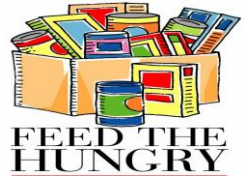
PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held via zoom on Thursday, 10 December, at 7:00 pm. Please contact Christine Relyea at (724-316-6664) or [crelyea28@gmail.com](mailto:crelyea28@gmail.com) for the zoom link if you are interested in attending.



**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.

Next Sunday, 13 December, our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Please be generous in this time of great need. Please make your check payable to Christ Sun of Justice, and in the memo portion notate Catholic Campaign for Human Development. You can bring your contribution to Mass or mail it in to the parish. Thank you!

Next week, **FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY** – Please remember to donate to our local area food banks. There will be a basket in the hallway for food items that will benefit Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of the Snow Food Pantry. We had a **SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR LADY OF THE SNOW** that there is a need for shampoo and conditioner, and dish and laundry soap. You can also make monetary donations for Bethany Center and Unity House with checks payable to Unity House or Bethany Center. Thank you for your generosity!



**PLEASE REMEMBER** to donate to **ST. JAMES SCHOOL** with a \$1 donation a month. The "Treasure Chest" is on the cabinet in the corridor. Please put your donations there. Thank you for your continued support!

**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:

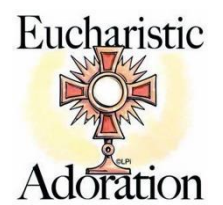
- if they are sick, for example, if they are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms,
- if they are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness,
- or if they are in a "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart 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](http://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.

**ADORATION:** You are invited to come spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available on Wednesday's from 6:15 pm - 6:50 pm and again for a half hour following the 7:00 pm Mass. Please consider setting aside some time Wednesday evenings to reconnect with the Lord and our faith community.

**\*\* All COVID-19 protocols will be in place.\*\***



**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 Avenue, 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.



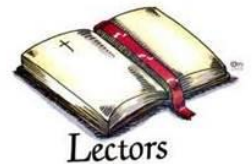
### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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

**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](mailto:krolik2@rpi.edu)**

The Chapel + Cultural Center 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.

**ADVENT 2020 --** Advent has begun and the Diocese of Albany has a section on their webpage including a message from Bishop Scharfenberger, music, reflections, and ideas on how to celebrate the weeks leading up to Christmas. Visit <https://www.rcda.org/advent> to access these resources.

### A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again.  
Amen.

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### *A Family Perspective, by Bud Ozar*

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.





## ~CAMPUS CONNECTION~



from Tracy Watson, MDiv, Student Spiritual Advisor, [spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com](mailto:spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com)

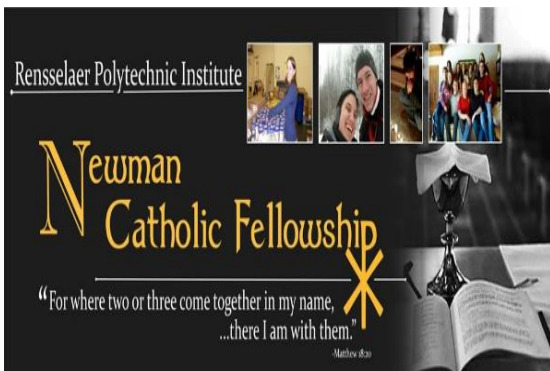
### Go Light the World

Almost like clockwork, I find myself captivated by the interplay between darkness and light at this time of the year. Perhaps that's why the lyric "take your candle- go light the world" grabbed me when Newman Club student leader Megan Adam used it during our virtual small group faith-sharing meeting last Friday evening. We spoke of finding and creating "bright spots" during these strange pandemic times too.

Hmmm- in what ways might Holy Spirit of God, so often recognized in both cloud and light, be inviting you to take your candle of faith, of kindness, of healing, of love out to your corner of the world so in need? Join the conversation Friday evenings. Reach out to Megan Adam for the Webex link.

Praying for you Advent blessings, Tracy

### NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (Contact: Megan Adam, [adamm2@rpi.edu](mailto:adamm2@rpi.edu))



On 13 November, the Newman Club hosted a Pizza and Movie Night at the C+CC, where we screened "Inside Out" and had great conversation! Bonding over delicious pizza and a heartfelt movie provided a nice end to a hectic week of classes for the students. On Friday, 27 November, the Newman Club held our first virtual small group/ theological discussion over Webex (<https://rensselaer.webex.com/meet/adamm2>). The topic of our first meeting was "The Light of Life." The next meeting will be held on Friday, 18 December. Stay tuned for further information on future dates! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION AND HEALTH SURVEY FORM**

(A separate form must be completed for each attendee)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**