

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

Director of C+CC: Kevin Kroluk, 274-7793, krolik2@rpi.edu; Scheduling of C+CC for any function: 274-7793

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: (10 December: 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. (Tuesday: 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 or 707-712. (Wednesday) Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 see 692; 2 Cor 10:17-11:2; Mt 25:1-13. (Thursday) Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 see 693; 1 Cor 2:1-10a; Lk 14:25-33. (Friday) Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19. (Saturday) Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13. (17 December: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT) Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28.

THE END OF THE SEMESTER RACES ON - so we here at the Chaplain's Office, the C+CC, CSJ Parish and the Newman Foundation wish each of you a Happy Christmas and Healthy 2018!! Be well everyone.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR this week, after the 10:30 am liturgy. Take time out of your busy schedule to enjoy refreshments and community.

THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS AT THE C+CC ON FRIDAY, 15 DECEMBER.

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR 5 PM MASS UNTIL 21 JANUARY 2018.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available this week on Tuesday, 12 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.

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.

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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Saturday, 16 December, at 11:00 am, we will have our communal Advent Penance Service. It is a time for "honesty", awareness, acceptance and forgiveness. Please take this time for preparing to celebrate the Feast of "the Word made Flesh."

Do you have NEWS FOR THE BULLETIN? Just contact the Chaplain's Office at 276-6517 or send information to both Mary and Diane at holbrm@rpi.edu and waterd3@rpi.edu.

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!

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."

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.

NEXT 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.

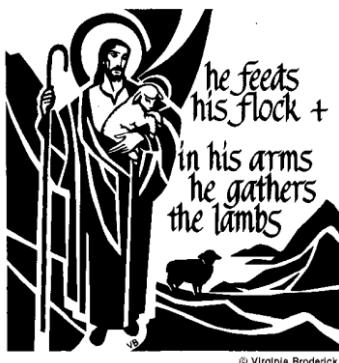
GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT): (Contact: Deacon Joe Romand, romanj6@rpi.edu)
Come join us today, 10 December, at 11:45 am for our next session of GIFT. All are welcome! Topics for this session: The importance of Biblical Scholarship/How to Read and Study the Bible. We continue our facilitated 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.

--WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are 19-21 Jan 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and 2-4 Feb 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at <https://www.wmnyalb.org>.



MUSIC FOR EUCHARIST

Gathering Song	#545 Sacred Silence
Advent Wreath Lighting	Silence
Responsorial Psalm 85	Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness
Gospel Acclamation	#73 Advent Alleluia
Preparation Hymn	#44 A Voice Cries Out
Communion	#402 There is a Longing
Recessional	#61 On Jordan's Bank

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