



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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First 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."*

Soup Kitchen Bakers - In collaboration with the
ICC and other church groups, CSJ provides
desserts on the 2nd and last Thursdays of the
month. There are spots for 2 people to make
25 servings each and these will be delivered to
Joseph's House (74 Ferry St. Troy) before
2:30 PM on the dates provided. Click [here](#)
for the sign up sheet or call Christine (724-316-
6664) to make arrangements to bake and/or
deliver. Store-purchased desserts are
welcome too!

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

SUNDAY, NOV 28

You are invited to attend the next Zoom meeting of Women of Christ Sun of Justice at 8 PM. For questions or further information, contact Kate Tozzi. We hope you can join us!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 1

- 7:00 PM Join Fr. Larry Rice, CSP at Our Lady of Victory for an Advent evening of reflection: "Praying through Advent with Social Media"
- 7:30 PM Capital Pride Singers Concert at the C+CC

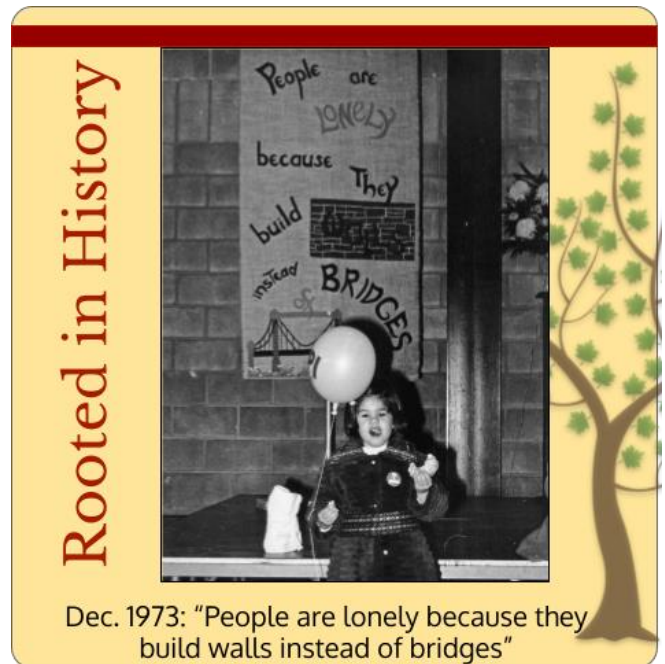
THURSDAY, DEC 2

American Red Cross Blood Drive at the C+CC
10:30 AM–4:30 PM. [Click here to make an appointment](#)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 8

Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

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



NOTES

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

Thank you to Rosanne Rose and Mary Ann Carey for coordinating the Thanksgiving Eve soup & salad meal and thanks also to their soup and bread makers and all those who helped make it a success!

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.

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.)
- This week, Special Diocesan collection "Catholic Charities" for those less fortunate in our diocese. Please make your **check payable to Christ Sun of Justice, write "Catholic Charities" on the memo line of your check.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11.

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22.

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37.

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27.

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31.

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6.

You might not know that:

"-I'm an Eagle Scout! I've been a Scout since first grade in 2006, and finally earned my Eagle on January 2nd, 2020.

-I'm an avid Model Railroader! In addition to having a large personal collection of trains at 1:160 scale, I am also the president of the RPI Model Railroad Club, who models at 1:87 scale!

-I'm a Type 1 Diabetic! I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in 2017, and I now have an insulin pump with a continuous glucose monitor that beeps when my blood sugar is out of normal range, so if you hear me beep during Mass, sorry in advance!!"

Favorite CSJ memories:

"My freshman year, we had a Halloween party at the C+CC where we hung out and carved pumpkins, followed by a Midnight Mass for All Saints Day. Since there were only about 10 of us there, we held the Mass around the altar instead of in the usual seats, and I got to read the second reading for the ceremony. It was one of the coolest Masses that I have ever attended!"



Dennis Colucci '24

WE are Church

NOTES (continued)

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

Thank you to Dee and Dave Dziejewski, Ora Schongar, and Fran Hyde for providing us with hospitality after the Masses last Sunday.

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.

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 Masses next week.

C+CC NEWS

Upcoming student performances at the C+CC:
Friday, Dec 3, 7:00 PM – Partial Credit Concert
Saturday, Dec 4, 2:30 PM – Student Recital
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

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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

Greetings to you!



As you are aware Newman Club has had a busy Fall semester, thank God! That trend has continued in November, and looks to continue in the first few weeks of December.

Newman Club Upcoming Events

Tuesday Evening Bible Study will continue after Thanksgiving. We will meet at 7 PM on November 30th, December 7th and 14th in the C+CC Lounge.

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

Wednesday, December 15th Join us for a **Movie (Elf) with Theological Reflection @ C+CC** with a 6 PM 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: stay tuned for details...

Have a great week!

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 adam2@rpi.edu



This weekend we begin a New Year in the church with our season of Advent, a time for preparation, celebration, and hope. It's this time of year where although the weather gets colder and the sky doesn't stay bright for as long, an

undeniably warm and comforting spirit is present in the air. To me, music has always been a way in which I feel this very peace and connection to others. There are certain radio stations which are notorious for playing holiday music the day after Thanksgiving, and I'm sure many of us have catchy holiday tunes we listen to (or might deem as a little overplayed). As my life has progressed, I've begun to see more value in songs that embody a sense of solemnity and seek to capture these deeper meanings of celebration, expectation, thankfulness, and petition that come along with the season of Advent. Maintaining a balance between these holiday songs, as well as those more fitting to this Church season, reminds us of the reasons we celebrate and why this type of year is so meaningful. Two of my favorite "Advent-esque" songs are for King & Country's version of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle. Have a blessed week everyone!

FR. LARRY RICE, CSP



Happy Thanksgiving! Like so many of our holidays, Thanksgiving seems to have expanded from one day to at least a week. Students began leaving campus on Tuesday, and most will be gone all weekend. And, of course, the Black Friday / Cyber Monday sales started weeks ago. An extended season of giving thanks isn't a bad thing. I often think that a little more gratitude for God's goodness would go a long way toward shifting our cultural attitude away from entitlement and grievance, giving us the chance to practice joy and generosity. I have so much to be thankful for this year! I've moved from Texas and I'm much closer to my family (in Niskayuna, Syracuse, and Rochester NY). While the pandemic and its effects are still very much with us, we now know precisely what we need to do to stop its spread: vaccines and masks. (Now, if only we'd all take those steps!....) Mostly I'm tremendously grateful to be here at Rensselaer and Christ Sun of Justice. After a harrowing year and a half of uncertainty, I'm glad (and more than a little relieved) to be at a place where I've received a warm welcome, where the mission is clear, and where my gifts, interests, and enthusiasm for campus ministry are a good match for the campus and the community. I'm grateful for the dedicated staff I'm privileged to work with. I'm especially thankful for all the individuals who taken the time to get to know me, and allowed me into their lives in so many ways. And I thank God for the Rensselaer Newman Foundation, who have been such a great support to the ministry here, and to me personally.

I am greatly blessed, and you all are a blessing to me.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Fr. Larry

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