

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE ALBANY DIOCESE MANDATE ON THE CORONA VIRUS, ALL MASSES AND PARISH GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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 or Deacon Joe.

Location of C+CC: 2125 Burdett Ave. (across from BARH dorms) Open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Christ Sun of Justice Trustees: Mary Crangle Nagy and Paul Kraus

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:

(3 May: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10.

(Monday) Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18.

(Tuesday) Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30.

(Wednesday) Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50.

(Thursday) Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20.

(Friday) Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6.

(Saturday) Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14.

(10 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 6:1-7; Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12.



Good Shepherd Sunday



This weekend the Church continues to celebrate Easter with Alleluias and images that speak of Resurrection faith. Although we will not be present to each other in our worship space, the Chapel + Cultural Center continues to look festive with the Risen Christ celebrated with vibrant colorful material and plants. It would be a gift to yourself to visit our space while the flowers are still blooming and speak of this Easter springtime-- new life!

Liturgically this fourth Sunday of Easter has been known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Scriptural passages include Psalm 23, 1Peter2: 20b-25 and John 10: 1 – 10. Each of these readings offers images of God's caring love and compassionate presence as depicted by the pastoral presence of the shepherd.

We do not live in an agrarian society but artists and writers have painted scenes that have been influential in giving us a sense of the tenderness of a shepherd toward his flock and the embrace of finding the lost sheep. That imagery seems to speak volumes to many of us! Are we not all moved as we pray "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."?

Recently I received an e-card from a friend. It was one of those 38 second animated videos where the wonder of spring unfolded and the sheep were romping with delight in the abundance of new life! One of the sheep strayed and fell off a precipice. Suddenly this little creature realized its plight -- fear and helplessness transformed its world in an instant.

Seconds later we see the feet of someone who leans over and gently lifts up and embraces this little creature! Imagine the tenderness of the scene!! It is the same scene John paints as he discloses Jesus' words about being the shepherd and gatekeeper for the flock. "The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them"; this shepherd-God speaks: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

These pandemic days seem to be filled with precipices and niches -- spaces where we can find ourselves and others much in need of the Good Shepherd. As we pray as church, may we remember those who are experiencing a real need for the compassionate Shepherd-God. May we each, on our part, mirror God's tenderness and love to others.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." -Psalm 23

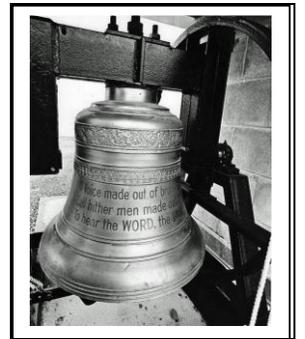
Alleluia

--Chris Partisano csj



As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, please know that we are keeping you, your families and loved ones in our prayers. We are trying to stay connected online through our website and Facebook page, as well as keeping up our weekly bulletin. If you are in communication with other parishioners, ask them if they know the weekly bulletin is still in production and on our website, and if they'd like, they can receive it by email. You can just send a name and email address to waterd3@rpi.edu, or use the new feature on our webpage to sign up. If you have any news you would like to share with us, or would like to include an announcement in the bulletin, contact Diane Waters at waterd3@rpi.edu. Thank you!

On Thursday, 30 April, at 7:00 pm, and every week, the bells of churches throughout Troy will ring as a collaborative expression of solidarity and hope. The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice will join in this symbolic event. The time, which on the 24 hour clock is 1900 hours, is chosen to remind us of the COVID 19 virus.



Pints with Priests: Enjoy a pint of your favorite drink or ice cream, socialize and partake in an engaging online conversation with a priest. Expect an enlightening Q&A filled with both wit and wisdom. Pints with Priests is your chance to get to know our clergy more personally. Questions can range from light-hearted to practical to theological. Get to know the man behind the collar!

Date: Pints with Priests will debut on **Thursday, 30 April, from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm** with our first guest --- Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, then every other Thursday. **Platform:** Online gatherings will be hosted on Zoom

Register: <https://forms.gle/BE5GpAy97g6V3c8f8>

Register at the above link and you will be sent an e-mail with the Zoom log-in prior to the event.

Future booked guests include:

- Bishop Ed: 4/30
- Fr. Sam Bellafiore: 5/14
- Fr. Kyle Eads: 5/28
- Fr. David Mickiewicz: 6/11

Remember Your Offerings ~ As we go through this period of time, with all of our Masses and parish activities being cancelled, please remember that our day-to-day operations and expenses continue – they are: heat, lights, phone, etc. We ask our parishioners, that if you are able, to please continue to use their weekly Sunday 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
10 Tom Phelan Place
Troy, NY 12180

You can also make an online donation by visiting <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back> and in the additional comments section, write “Mass donation”.

THANK YOU to all of our parishioners that have mailed in or made their Mass donations online!
Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Would you or someone you know, like a friendly phone call from someone from CSJ Parish? Just contact Kathy Spain at sausse@verizon.net or Diane Waters at waterd3@rpi.edu and we can arrange a phone visit!



LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS: The Diocese of Albany sponsors a wide range of support groups throughout the greater Capital Region. If you or a loved one is seeking assistance and support in the areas of Bereavement, Cancer Support, Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Separated & Divorced, Hospice, Suicide, 12 Step Addiction, Widow & Widowers, know that you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website at www.rcda.org under the tab “Offices” go to “Mental Health” and click on “Resources” to learn about the ongoing support groups and material available.

- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s phone number is 1-800-273-8255.
- Alcoholics Anonymous has an online AA meeting room open 24/7 and have 5+ scheduled online AA meetings every day. Visit <https://www.12step-online.com/meetings/online-aa-meetings>.
- Samaritan Hospital - Behavioral Mental Health Services, is a Psychologist facility at 2215 Burdett Avenue in Troy. Contact (518) 271-3374 to get more information, or make an appointment.

Sunday Live Online Mass is available at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, every Sunday at 11:00 am. Visit rcda.org/livestream. Our Lady of Victory in Troy is also offering Online daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 am, and Sunday at 9:15 am. To view, please visit rcda.org/livemass.

The Diocese of Albany has compiled an abundance of information for people who want faith at home resources: Please visit: <https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources>

This webpage has access to:

Online and TV listings for live Masses, Daily Scripture Readings, Saint of the Day, Daily Mass with Pope Francis, and Simple Suggestions for Prayer During Time of Anxiety



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Below is an excellent resource for you to follow through Liturgy Training Publication:

https://ltp.org/loh?utm_source=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+at+Home&utm_campaign=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+for+3%2F22%2F20&utm_medium=email.



Until we can come together as a community of faith and celebrate the Mass, let us join in prayer, each of us from our homes, for our country, our state, our area, our parish and all of our parishioners and loved ones.

