

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
Mailing address: RPI Chaplains’ Office, Rensselaer Union - Rm. 3514, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180
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Director of Music: Barbara Musial, musiab@sage.edu
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!

Joseph Romand, Deacon: romanj6@rpi.edu
 C+CC & Slavin House: (518) 274-7793 ext. 11 (voice mail)

Readings for the Week:

- (10 May: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 6:1-7; Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12.
- (Monday) Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26.
- (Tuesday) Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a.
- (Wednesday) Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8.
- (Thursday: Saint Matthias, Apostle) Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17.
- (Friday) Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17.
- (Saturday) Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21.
- (17 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21.



“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24–25

We may not be able to physically meet and celebrate Mass together but let’s continue to encourage one another! There are so many ways to do this: with a video chat, a phone call, a text message, a letter in the mail, or a wave from across the street. Our parish community is brimming with amazing people and we have each other to lean on. We have endured a boatload of change over the past year and this virus continues to rock that boat, but have faith! We will endure this change as well. You may have heard in the governor’s daily briefings that “It’s time to start ‘reimagining’ what life we be in New York” and

how we can use the opportunity to “make New York a better place when it does re-open”. Let's embrace these sentiments and take this time in prayer and consideration to improve our Parish. While there are many ways to go about this, one way is to consider joining the Pastoral Council. Once we resume holding Mass, we will also resume our Pastoral Council meetings. When that time arrives, please consider this note as a personal invitation to each and every one of you to join our next meeting! Feel free to contact the office or me if you have any questions about becoming a member or if you have issues or suggestions. We meet one evening per month at the C+CC to offer advice on all aspects of Parish activities including faith formation, liturgy, social action, church administration, and hospitality. Those attending the Pastoral Council meetings are the Pastor, Chaplain, Newman Foundation director, Newman Fellowship leadership, RPI Knights leadership, RPI students, and parishioners. All registered members of the Parish are allowed to be Council members. As a reminder, this does not have to be a long-term commitment; members are encouraged to rotate out after serving, but you are welcome to stay as long as you wish! Being on the Council is a great chance to get to know how the Parish functions, become aware of current issues, and ensure a purposeful and planned future direction. Past meeting minutes can be found on the website if you wish to review previous Council discussions. Parish leadership is essential as we move forward. The more people involved, the better our Parish will become. Lets reimagine it! We look forward to the day when we will all be together at Mass again. Until then, please continue to pray for our parish, our community, our state and the world that we “encourage one another to love and do good deeds” and to “reimagine” a better place as we transition toward “meeting together” again. Christine Relyea / crelyea28@gmail.com / 724-316-6664

We extend our deepest sympathy and promise of prayers to Brother Mickey McGrath who lost his brother, John, to COVID-19. Br. Mickey, whose artwork inspires us, posted the following about John: “My brother John, aged 69, died yesterday afternoon (26 April) of Covid-19. A true child of the 60's he loved the Beatles, Bob Dylan and just about all rock music. I designed a cover for his memorial service, whenever we will be able to celebrate one. I recognize Christ in the singing of the song as well as the breaking of the bread. As you pray, ponder words of wisdom in these difficult times.”



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>

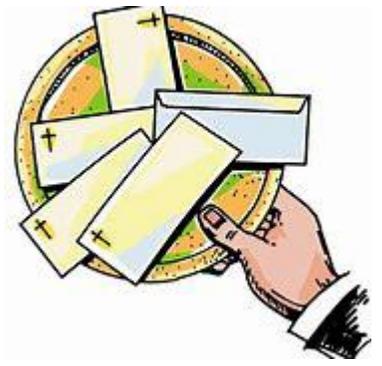
Register at the above link and you will be sent an e-mail with the Zoom log-in prior to the event.

Future booked guests include:

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

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.

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 are 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!

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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<https://www.facebook.com/ChristSunofJustice/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ChapelandCulturalCenter/>

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.

A Reflection shared by Barb Musial ~

Let Me teach you thankfulness. Begin by acknowledging that everything – all your possessions and all that you are – belongs to Me. The dawning of each new day is a gift from Me, not to be taken for granted. The earth vibrantly alive with My blessings, giving vivid testimony to My Presence. If you slow down your pace of life, you can find Me anywhere. Some of My most precious children have been laid aside in sickbeds or shut away in prisons. Others have voluntarily learned the discipline of spending time alone with Me. The secret of being thankful is learning to see everything from My perspective. My world is your classroom. My Word is a lamp to your feet and a light for your path.

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A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*

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Church bells throughout Troy will ring as a collaborative expression of solidarity and hope on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. 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.

