

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

RPI Chaplains' Office: Rensselaer Union - Rm. 3514, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180

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When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

Fr. Randall Patterson, Pastor: (518) 273-7602 ParishOffice@olvols.org

Fr. Samuel Bellafiore, Associate Pastor: (518) 273-7602 ParishOffice@olvols.org

Readings for the Week:

(Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Ex 22:20-26; Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40.

(Monday) Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17.

(Tuesday) Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21.

(Wednesday: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles) Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16.

(Thursday) Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35.

(Friday) Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6.

(Saturday) Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11.



EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



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.**

DRIVE-UP PICK-UP TAKE OUT ICC SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Election Eve dinner to benefit the Soup Kitchen will be held on Monday, 2 November, From 4-7pm, for take out only. Cost is \$10. Adults/\$3. children. Drive-ups are welcome – no pre-ordering necessary. A big "Thank You" to all who have reached out to help with desserts as we have fulfilled our request for donations! Please consider supporting this fundraiser by picking up a delicious Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner that includes bread and dessert at the Italian Community Center, 1450 Fifth Avenue, Troy. COVID-19 guidelines for masks and social distancing will be in effect.



OUR OFFICE RECEIVED A NOTE OF THANKS from Lynette Saunders, Principal of St. James R.C. Primary School in South Africa, for our recent donation of \$1,041.50. Their community has been affected by the pandemic as many parents have lost their jobs. With our donation, they will support their most vulnerable families with food vouchers and additional support. Principal Saunders provided photos that are available on our website at <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/st-james-school/>, facebook page and in the hallway at the C+CC. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DURING THIS MONTH, JOAN COUGHLIN AND JOHN T. McELIGOTT WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. Next Sunday, 1 November, they will be remembered at both Sunday Masses.



DON'T FORGET ~ NEXT WEEK, CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR, AS WE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME!

A message from Father Patterson:



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP can be a challenge for us in this election year. Several people have approached me over the course of the last few weeks inquiring about the Church's teaching relative to voting. Faithful Citizenship is a document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that is intended to help us in our decisions relative to voting especially in national elections such as we have this year. The current issue of The Evangelist (pp.3, 6, 8") provides us with 3 informative articles on this subject. Preliminarily, it's important for us to remember that the Church cannot tell us who to vote for. The Church is a tax exempt organization and we would lose this status, were the Church to do so. Second, we must keep in mind that no political party aligns with all of the principles of our faith. So we have to do our homework, which includes knowing the candidates and what they stand for, knowing what our Church teaches, do the best that we can at making a prudent judgment, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. M. Cathleen Kaveny, a law and theology professor at Boston College, also points out that our bishops remind us that character and integrity of candidates counts. And this should be part of our decision making as well, not just their positions on the issues. "The introductory letter (to Faithful Citizenship reminds Catholics that 'we bring the richness of our faith to the public square' and that 'faith and reason inform our efforts to affirm both the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.' "The letter also says, 'The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself.... (but) we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity, such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty.'" (The Evangelist, Sept 24, p. 8, Faithful Citizenship). Faithful Citizenship can be downloaded as a free PDF from USCCB.org. Other resources at the same address explore Catholic social teaching and include reflective teachings of Pope Francis. The Evangelist has given us an excellent direction as we make our voting decisions this year. Please remember to vote and to do so faithfully, it's our duty.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: We would like to again remind you 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.
- PLEASE remember to enter by the front door and leave by the side door near the font.
- 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: Christ Sun of Justice is offering Livestreamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 am on the following link: rcda.org/livemass. Scroll down to Christ Sun of Justice Church, and click on "Watch livestream Mass & Archived Mass Online." You are also able to access and view Masses at a later time after the livestreaming.

Our Lady of Victory Parish is offering Online daily Mass, Monday - Friday, at 8:30 am, (except Wednesday) and Sunday at 9:45 am. To view, please visit rcda.org/livemass.



RPI FAMILY WEEKEND VIRTUAL TEA & COFFEE HOUR will be hosted by the Chapel + Cultural Center on Sunday, 25 October, at 6:00 pm. This Virtual Event will include conversation, a collaborative trivia game and tea or coffee from your home! If you have any questions, contact C+CC Director Kevin Krolik at krolik2@rpi.edu. To join, visit <https://rensselaer.webex.com/rensselaer/j.php?MTID=mbdfcebed08ff552dd7b250af5dd120e2>
Meeting number: 138 555 0360 / Password: RPICCC

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 be available every Wednesday, following the 7:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Patterson and/or Fr. Sam.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! We cannot say it enough! Thank you to everyone who has been so generous and thoughtful through the shutdown of Church. Your commitment has allowed us to maintain our essential needs and expenses. We humbly ask that if you are able, to continue to use your 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:



Thanks
for Your
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(Please note change of address)



The collection basket will be available 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.



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



Connect with us on Facebook to stay up to date with all the latest news!

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



CAMPUS CONNECTION, from Tracy Watson, Student Spiritual Advisor, spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com

Setting a "Reminder" - A few weeks ago, during his homily, Father Sam offered us a few suggestions of how to build prayer time into our day - even and especially in the face of project due dates, midterms, and full class schedules: (1) Offering the day to God as we open our eyes into awake mode and before our feet hit the floor! (2) Calling the Lord to mind periodically during our day. Have you gone ahead and set a "Reminder" on your phone that signals you to pause long enough to reconnect with your God? Be encouraged: "showing up" is an important first step! Let go and let God handle what comes next.

~Praying for you a good week. Tracy~

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: (Contact: Megan Adam, adam2@rpi.edu)

The Newman Catholic Fellowship welcomes RPI students to further engage in their faith by means of a close-knit community. From Mass on Sundays at 5 pm, to rosary nights, to meaningful discussions, and more, we are able to enhance our relationship with God and others. During these unprecedented times, having a welcoming community to turn to makes all the difference. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, and keep an eye out for updates in our GroupMe chat or by email!

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635: (CONTACT: Andy Bouffard 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. Join us for "Skypesary" online every week to pray, learn more of who we are and what we're about, and keep up with each other during these times. If you're interested in becoming a Knight or learning more about us, join our facebook page or shoot the club an email at rpi.knights@gmail.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HEALTH SURVEY FORM

(A separate form must be completed for each attendee)

Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Address: _____

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