



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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Seventh Sunday
of Easter

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Registration and Health Survey required

Wed 7 PM Masses have been postponed until further notice

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 11 AM Mass
www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass
for Our Lady of Victory livestream
(M-F 8:30 AM & Sunday 9:45 AM) and other
Diocese livestreams: www.rcda.org/livemass

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.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

7 PM Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 20

American Red Cross Blood Drive at the C+CC
11:30 AM–5:30 PM. [Click here to make an appointment](#)

NOTES

MASS SCHEDULE

Please note there is no Wednesday evening Mass until further notice.

REMINDER

We are reaching capacity for Mass, so please remember to register here or you can call the C+CC at 518-274-7793 and leave a message on ext. 13 with the Mass time and number attending. Telephone sign up must be done no later than 3:00 PM on the Friday prior to the Mass.

WINE TASTING

Let's get together to toast the feast day of St. Morand of Cluny (patron saint of wine growers)! Zoom link here on May 25 at 8:00 PM. All are welcome, contact Teresa Brennan with questions: 518-469-2261 or tbrennan@nycap.rr.com.

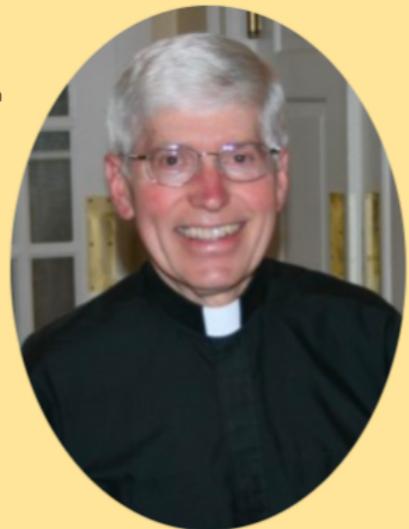
CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before or after Masses or by arrangement.

You might not know that: "Whenever I enter the Chapel and Cultural Center, Christ Sun of Justice, I

am mindful of my childhood days growing up in Benson VT. Benson was a small farming community that was too small to support a parish church, however, a gentleman by the name of Graham Carey used his skill and resources to build a small chapel there that was used only in the summer months. The church was named Christ Sun of Justice. It was built over a waterfall that supplied energy to operate a sawmill. Therefore, it too had the sound of running water all the time. Worshipers loved it. Graham Carey was a close friend of Tom Phelan, who collaborated on this project. Each Sunday, one would expect to find the Phelan family who vacationed in the area during the summer months, taking their customary spot in the church. I do not believe that Tom was present because he was in seminary or summer camp at this time. The architecture and design of the chapel was simple and direct and very unique for the early 1950's because it was designed in the shape of a cross. Therefore, worshipers could see the elements on the altar and the priest's face from 2 sides of the church. This made a significant impression on those who were accustomed to worship according to the traditional directive of the time, i.e., with the priest's back to the people. Only after the church was completely built was it turned over to the Diocese of Burlington that continued to supply priests for worship on Sundays for many years. Had the Diocese been involved in developing the architectural plans, I doubt that a worship space such as this would have been permitted because all of this took place prior to the Second Vatican Council that permitted and encouraged Mass facing the people. Christ Sun of Justice Chapel is still standing in Benson. I do not believe the Diocese of Burlington is able nowadays to supply priests for Sunday worship. For a few years, it became the home of a community of Benedictine monks. At present, they are no longer there. Graham Carey and his wife are buried near the outside walls of the chapel. Both Fr. Tom Phelan and his dear friend Graham Carey were well-read and extraordinarily knowledgeable of liturgy and its development from earliest times. One can well understand why and how they could bring such an ambitious project to fruition.

My family was part of this farming community until 1955 when we moved to Albany. I attended St. Patrick's Church and School on Central Avenue in Albany and then Vincentian Institute, from which I graduated in 1962. I then went to Mater Christi Seminary and afterward to Christ the King Seminary on the campus of St Bonaventure University. I was ordained a priest in May of 1970 and was assigned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Bishop Scully High School in Amsterdam as a religion teacher. Following this I was assigned to Albany Medical Center Hospital as a chaplain where I remained for 2 years. In 1977, I was assigned to St. Catherine of Siena Parish (now Mater Christi) as associate pastor. In 1980 Bishop Hubbard asked me to chair the Priests Personnel Board which I did for 10 years. After this I was Chancellor of our diocese until 1996 when I was assigned pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish. I have enjoyed greatly these years of pastoral ministry and I am looking forward to my retirement years at St. Clement's Parish in Saratoga where I will be able to continue assisting with pastoral responsibilities. I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome and able assistance that Christ Sun of Justice has given to me this past year. Please be assured of my warmest wishes and a remembrance in my daily prayers."



Father Randall Patterson

WE are Church

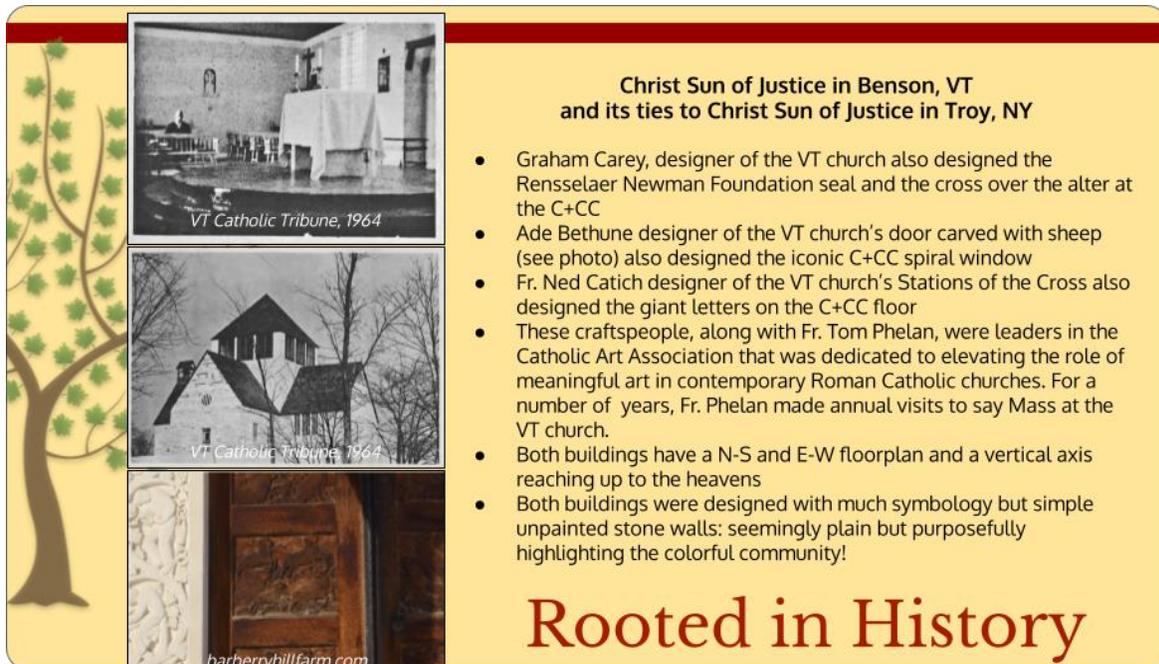
COLLECTIONS

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.
- Place in the collection basket by the church doors at Mass.
- Make an online donation ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Next week, Diocese Special Collection – 2021 Central and Eastern European Collection

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Jn 4:11-16;
Jn 17:11b-19.
Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33.
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a.
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19.
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26.
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19.
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25.
Sunday: Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11;
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15.



**Christ Sun of Justice in Benson, VT
and its ties to Christ Sun of Justice in Troy, NY**

- Graham Carey, designer of the VT church also designed the Rensselaer Newman Foundation seal and the cross over the altar at the C+CC
- Ade Bethune designer of the VT church's door carved with sheep (see photo) also designed the iconic C+CC spiral window
- Fr. Ned Catich designer of the VT church's Stations of the Cross also designed the giant letters on the C+CC floor
- These craftspeople, along with Fr. Tom Phelan, were leaders in the Catholic Art Association that was dedicated to elevating the role of meaningful art in contemporary Roman Catholic churches. For a number of years, Fr. Phelan made annual visits to say Mass at the VT church.
- Both buildings have a N-S and E-W floorplan and a vertical axis reaching up to the heavens
- Both buildings were designed with much symbology but simple unpainted stone walls: seemingly plain but purposefully highlighting the colorful community!

Rooted in History

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

BORDER COMPANIONS PROJECT

Last year, through the support of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, our Spiritual Advisor, Tracy Watson, witnessed first-hand the tragedies and heartbreak that occur daily on our Mexican border in the Rio Grande Valley. Since Tracy's return, she has been involved in projects that show immigrant children and families at the border that they are welcome and loved. With Tracy's help, CSJ is asking all those willing in this month of May to WRITE A NOTE OF WELCOME (a Spanish script is provided) that will end up in the hands of a family in the Rio Grande Valley. Notes can be dropped off or mailed to the C+CC. Click [here](#) for more details.

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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

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, Student Spiritual Advisor

View Tracy's 1-minute Spiritual Seeds video clips [here](#)

*Just 'cause I'm leavin'
It don't mean that I won't be right by your side
When you need me
And you can't see me in the middle of the night
Just close your eyes and say a prayer
It's okay, I know you're scared when I'm not here
But I'll always be right there
Even though I'm leavin', I ain't goin' nowhere*

Those words are from Country music artist Luke Combs' song "I ain't goin' nowhere", and that refrain has grabbed me moving me to tears each time I have heard it these past couple of days. The song itself is full of the sweep of life, from the relationship between a scared little boy and his tender dad, through their middle years, and finally, as dad readies to go Home...

And oh how that refrain just grabs me and holds me gently and assuredly. It's as if I can hear Jesus whispering those words to my heart...lean in- can you hear Him reassuring the disciples with those words? Lean in a little closer...can you hear Jesus telling you that He is right here with you? Friend, keep listening... keep listening with the ear of your heart for that felt-sense of Jesus with you to grow stronger and stronger.

Have a great week. ~Tracy
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NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP by Megan Adam adamm2@rpi.edu

The culmination of Jesus' mission is presented in the readings for this week, as we reflect on the Ascension of Christ Jesus into Heaven. It was finally time for the Apostles to live as disciples and spread the Good News, without having their teacher physically at their side. Undoubtedly a daunting reality, the disciples were faced with a task no other humans had ever been assigned. Nonetheless, "they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs" (Mk 16:20). In times when our faith is tested or we feel alone, let us reflect on this week's Word and promise: the Spirit of God was sent to work alongside us and we have been gifted with His grace. As reiterated in chapter 28 of Matthew's gospel, "Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world" (Mt 28:19-20). Stay tuned for updates regarding Newman Club activities as we transition into the summer semester. Have a blessed week everyone!

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635 by 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. Recently, two of our Brother Knights advanced to the Third Degree and more advancement opportunities are coming up. Join us and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Monday at 8pm! (Reach out for the Webex link). If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and what we do, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a College Knight