



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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

EVENTS OF INTEREST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Welcome Picnic - Join us after the 5 PM Mass!
Memorial Mass – celebrated at all Weekend Masses

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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



You might not know that:

"I have dreamed about cantoring since I was very little and feel so blessed to have the opportunity to do so now."

My favorite thing about CSJ:

"My favorite thing about CSJ is undoubtedly the people and community. There has always been such a strong spirit of love and support."



Kate Tozzi

WE are Church

NOTES

The **Reopening Committee** met and decided we could safely maintain our current procedures so long as parishioners continue to follow the recommendation to wear a mask and socially distance in church. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Important reminder - If you are not fully vaccinated, including children aged 2 to 12, you **MUST** wear a mask at all times in the Chapel and it must fully cover your mouth and nose. You must also fill out a **Health Survey**.

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.

Enrollment Reminder – Please submit your parish membership form or scan the QR code.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received; freely give."

Coffee Hour – This will be the last weekend for weekly coffee hours after Mass. Beginning in September, we will return to a once monthly coffee hour. The upcoming dates are the weekends of September 18-19 and October 16-17. If we have sufficient volunteers, we hope to have a coffee hour after each Mass. These are simple affairs: coffee, tea and some goodies after the morning Mass. After the 5 PM Masses, lemonade, iced tea and snacks. We need help making this happen. Please volunteer by contacting Mary Crangle Nagy at (518) 439-5547 or cranglemary@gmail.com. Don't be intimidated. It's not difficult and assistance will be provided. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who are helping! It makes a difference!

Music Ministry - Singers and instrumentalists! All are invited to join the choir or serve as cantor, and for those who play an instrument, you are most welcome to play at any one of the Masses. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 7, at 7:00 PM at the C+CC. Please see Barbara Musial after Mass or call (518) 366-6381 if you have any questions.

Welcome Picnic Volunteers/Planners Needed - We are looking for ideas and volunteers for the Welcome Picnic scheduled for September 5th at 6 PM. This is a great event to not only welcome new and returning students to CSJ but our first opportunity to welcome back the entire CSJ Community to gather together once again. Please contact Traci Griffin (tagriffi@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining in the planning or volunteering for this great event or perhaps have an idea for an ice breaker or game.

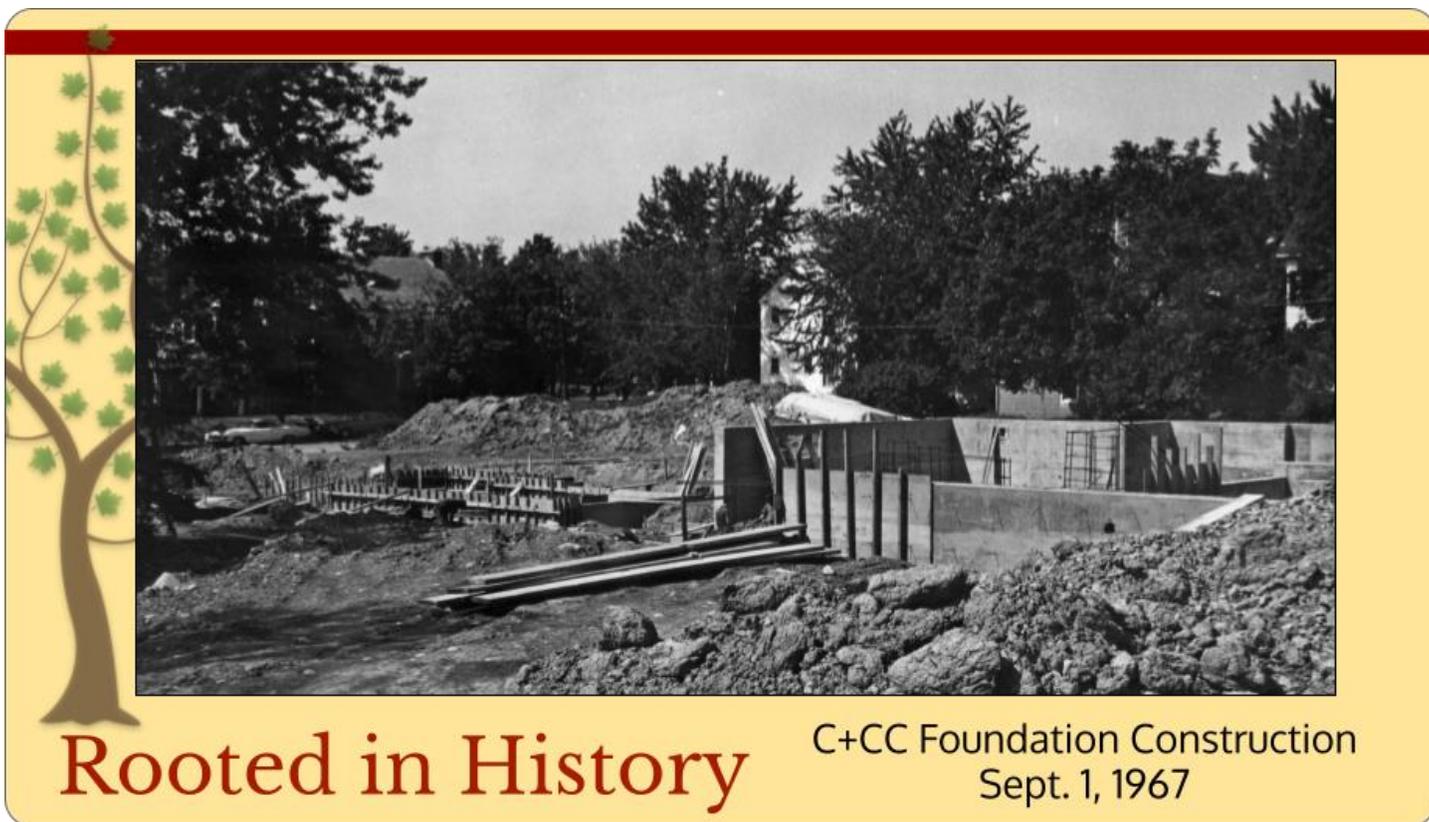
COLLECTIONS

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.)
- Collection for Haiti - next week we will have a special collection for relief following the devastating earthquake, as requested by Bishop Scharfenberger.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.
Monday: Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30.
Tuesday: Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37.
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44.
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11.
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39 see 635: Cor 4:1-2, 5-7; Lk 22:24-30.
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5.
Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37.



MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers those enrolled in August: Helen Howe, Pat Conte, Michael Garrigan, William Schongar and Joseph Donovan. They will be remembered next week at the weekend Masses.

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.

C+CC NEWS

In the Gallery: Silk Horizons *by Arlene Baker*
Arlene creates her mixed media paintings using gouache paint, paper, glue, foam core board, archival tape, household pins and many layers of see-thru silk. She uses this assemblage to create "horizons" that many people view as landscapes.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE, By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's "Ride for Kids" – Martin Kaiser is raising funds for the ride taking place on September 25. Go to <https://team.curethekids.org/fundraiser/3107086> to visit his ride page. Due to the COVID situation, the foundation is trying to get their accounting done early. If you have the ability to address this soon, please do. If you prefer to mail a check, made out to the PBTF, you can send it to: Martin Kaiser, 398 Moonlawn Road, Troy, NY 12180-6975. Thank you very much!



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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

Building our faith community together



Welcome back, students!!! We are so happy for you to be here!!

And we are super excited about the programming Father Larry and I are cooking up this Fall semester- from concerts to hikes, movie and pizza nights to glow in the dark disc golf, Bible study, student liturgy, prayer and retreat opportunities...

Three things to know now:

#1: Mass times: Daily Mass Monday -Thursday at 5pm; Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm; Sunday Mass at 10am and 5pm

#2: Hike around Peebles Island, Cohoes this Sunday, August 29th! Meet at C+CC at 12:30, returning by 3:15

#3: Parish Welcome Back Picnic is Sunday, September 5th immediately after 5pm Mass

Know that your university parish is praying for you as you begin a new academic year!

~Tracy

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 week, as the summer semester is drawing to a close, this idea of a change of season and phase in life has been on my mind. In the midst of the pandemic and the progress we've made with the vaccine, this upcoming school year is planned to apply a higher degree of in-person instruction. This change in season in particular offers us a great deal of hope, but the uncertainties of the

COVID variants and regulations can leave us feeling worried or unsettled. In times like these, I have found hope in turning to the Bible; reflecting on God's word in times of season change can assure us that his promises are unchanging, despite what the circumstances might claim. Though things might not be happening within our own time frame, we must keep our eyes on Him and His will.

The verses I'd like to unpack begin in the book of Ecclesiastes, with chapter 3, verse 1: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Our Creator is with us during every season of life; when the future seems unclear, we can trust that He is in control of the situation, working things out for our good. The second verse comes from the book of Psalms, with chapter 1, verse 3: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Rooted in God's teachings and a personal relationship with Him, we will be in a proper place to produce good fruit. Establishing a firm foundation backed by a trust in God through every season will allow us to not sway in times of change and uncertainty.

FR. LARRY RICE, CSP



From Fr. Larry

Expect the unexpected.” “Ready for anything.” These sorts of phrases offer advice that seems nearly impossible to follow in times like these. As we’ve been scrambling to prepare for the return of Rensselaer’s students, I’ve found it very challenging to formulate actual plans. Public health advisories seem to be constantly evolving. Our various constituencies and stakeholders don’t seem to be reading from the same playbook. And what we plan today may be unworkable in two weeks. After nearly 18 months of this cycle, there’s a real temptation to hunker down and wait to see what the next wave will bring. It can feel futile to plan for events that may not happen.

And yet, I know that life goes on, and plan we must. For everything we plan, there must be a Plan “B.” The only way to start to feel like we’re moving toward a more normal life is to make our plans with flexibility and with a willingness to adapt. As I read recently, “The plan isn’t the goal. The goal is the goal.” Our goal is to build a welcoming, vibrant community of faith for RPI and its students, faculty, staff, and neighbors.

What this calls for is resilience—the ability (and willingness!) to accurately assess our situation and creatively keep moving toward our goal. What does our faith have to teach us about resilience?

The founder of the Paulist Fathers, Servant of God Isaac Hecker, counseled us to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, to read the signs of the times, and to respond with courage and trust in Divine Providence. When we work together as a community of faith to meet the challenges of these times, we can trust that God’s love and mercy will not fail us, as we work for the common good locally and globally. If we have to move to our Plan “B,” we can trust that it was God’s Plan “A” all along.

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