



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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12 September
2021

24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Find us on

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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.chapelculturalcenter.net/mass

To view other Diocese livestreams,
visit: www.rcda.org/livemass

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.

Mass Envelopes - If you haven't requested church envelopes but want to use them, we have more available. Please contact Mary at (518) 439-5547 or cranglemary@gmail.com.

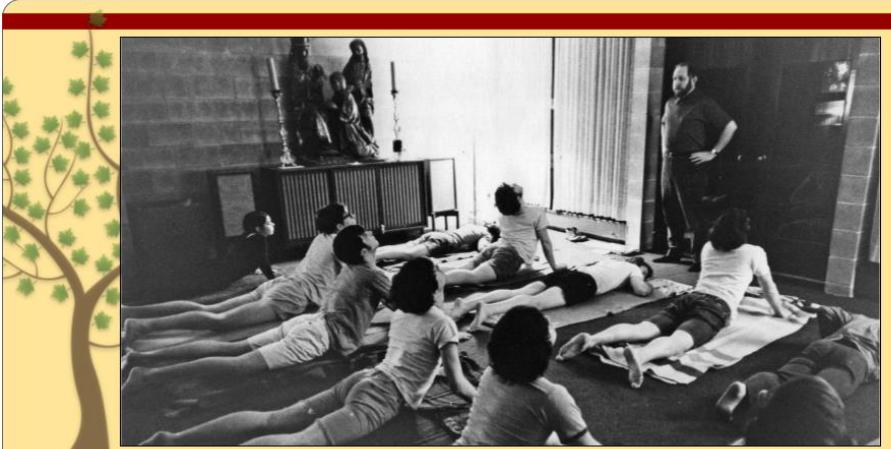
Enrollment Reminder – Please submit your parish membership form or scan the QR code.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

SEPT 18/19 WEEKEND – All are welcome to attend Coffee Hour following all Masses next weekend!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 22 7 PM [Zoom Pastoral Council Meeting](#)



Rooted in History

Fr. Tom Phelan conducts a yoga class in the lounge (1972)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Host a Coffee Hour - September 18-19 and October 16-17. If we have sufficient volunteers, we hope to have a simple coffee hour after each Mass: drinks and a small snack. Sign up sheet is located on the C+CC board or contact Mary Crangle Nagy at (518) 439-5547 or cranglemary@gmail.com. Don't be intimidated. It's not difficult and assistance will be provided.

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 began 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.

Wednesday, Sept 22 - [Catholic Charities Food Distribution](#) at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 501 4th Avenue, Troy. Email: volunteer@ccrcda.org. To view all Food distribution sites, click [here](#).

Chicken BBQ – The Women's Guild of St. Michael's Church, 175 Williams Road in North Greenbush is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ on Friday, Sept 17 from 4 – 6 PM. The cost is \$12 and includes ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, corn on the cob, roll and brownie. Drive through only. Dinners should be pre-ordered by [Sunday, Sept 12](#). For tickets, call or text Ann (518) 573-3951 or call Teresa at (518) 283-3604.

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.)
- This week, Food for the Hungry Collection – **monetary donations payable to Unity House or Bethany Center** OR donate non-perishable food items for the OLS Food Pantry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35.
Monday: Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10 see 637: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 4:1-10, 13-20 or 4:1-9.
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17.
Wednesday: Tm 3:14-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 see Heb 5:7-9.
Thursday: Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 see 640: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Jn 17:11b-19.
Friday: Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3.
Saturday: Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15.
Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37.

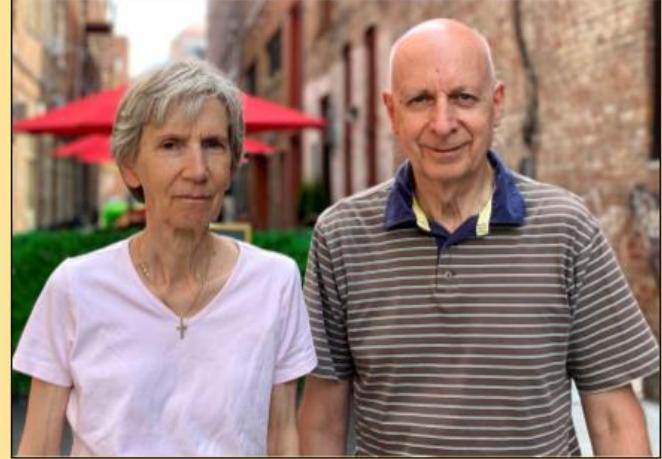
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You might not know that:

"We are basically neighbors of Christ Sun of Justice, living just one block away on Eaton Road. We are grateful for being so close, in geography and spirit, to CSJ and all its wonderful parish members. Although living in the United States since 1985, our accent reveals where we were born. Fred teaches Electrical Engineering at RPI educating students in electronics and smartphones. He also takes care of the house, yard and cars. Jutta, who in her younger years dedicated herself to raising three children, now loves being with grandchildren, four of them. She also enjoys knitting for them, hats, sweaters, and little animals."

Our fondest CSJ memory:

"Singing again after the long pause created by the pandemic."



Jutta and Fred Schubert

WE are Church

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.

Fr. Larry Rice, CSP was recently featured in an article of the Evangelist. Click [here](#) to read the article entitled "Catholic Voices".

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

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone.

Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

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



Gathering the Graces

Part One: Thank you to all who had a hand in the planning of this year's CSJ Welcome Picnic, especially Traci Griffin: a good time featuring delicious food and fellowship was had by all! Our students have shared just how welcome they truly felt as they followed their noses towards the hot dogs and hamburgers and joined in the fun on the C+CC lawn: yay for being about Gospel hospitality!

Part Two: I share with you a reflection I wrote when encountered by this week's Gospel a few years ago. "Now let Me tell you who you are to Me" became the phrase that resounded in my heart as I prayed with Mark 8:27-33 recently. This prayer period began like many others in which I slowly read and reread a passage of Scripture in such a way that it begins to "read me"...and as I prayed with Jesus'

well-known words that ask us "But who do **you** say that I am?" unexpectedly our conversation turned Scripture on its head as I the ear of my heart heard the words "**now let Me tell you who you are to Me**"...Sisters and brothers, why not let Jesus whisper in the ear of your heart who you are to Him? It's Love-filled, I promise. Jesus, *You have known us from the beginning of time, You have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame, You know us as your beloved. Help us to rest in that core identity more and more in this season of repentance and mercy. Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith and love in us as we seek the same in you. Amen.*

~ Author Unknown, adapted"

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 adamm2@rpi.edu



This past week, I have been reminded of the power and impact that a community of faith can have on us as followers of Christ. The ability to reunite with many students and parishioners last Sunday at our Welcome Picnic, as well as meet new members of our church family, filled me with joy and confidence for the school year ahead.

Having been two years since the last picnic, the community was able to bond through conversation, games, great food, and music. The challenges presented by the pandemic did keep members of our church apart for a good deal of time, but have allowed us to come back stronger than ever. I believe that the times in which mass had mostly been virtual and when in-person interactions were limited, were ways in which God called us to focus on and develop our individual relationships with Him. Trusting in God's plan during the pandemic is not always easy; however, remembering His faithfulness and love for us reinforces in our own hearts why we hope in Him. As normalcy begins to return slowly this Fall, we are more equipped to serve others with zeal and partake in more faith-filled works. As St. James reminds us in this week's second reading, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?...So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Let these words of sacred Scripture and also our own encounters with other believers inspire us to act on this calling we share. The Newman Club will hold our virtual weekly rosary nights on Wednesdays at 8 pm, using this link <https://rensselaer.webex.com/meet/adamm2>. The Chapel + Cultural Center is holding several in-person events and performances this Fall, stay tuned for updates in the bulletin and also announced at mass. Have a blessed week everyone!

FR. LARRY RICE, CSP



From Fr. Larry

It seems hard to believe that the events of 9/11 were twenty years ago this weekend. Harder still to realize that a majority of our RPI students weren't alive on that fateful day. For those of us who felt our world shift in some irreversible ways, it's important to remember that for anyone younger than their mid-twenties, this is the only world they've ever known. For those of us with friends or family members who were lost in those terrorist attacks (in my case, my sister-in-law's aunt and uncle, David and Lynn Angell), the sense of loss is personal and everlasting. May God grant rest and peace to all those whose deaths we remember this weekend. But for all of us— young and older alike— we are still grieving the loss of peace, the diminished sense of security, the rise of wide-scale surveillance, and the emotional toll of constant vigilance and fear. Twenty years later, as we are facing multiple events that again shift our understanding of the world (principally the COVID pandemic and climate change), I hope that our experiences of these 20 years since 9/11/2001 will cause us to pause and reflect on what we want our society to be, and how we want to live. My God give us the grace to live courageously, intentionally, and with a commitment to the common good of all people. May we work through our fear and start to build structures that work for all the people of the Earth.

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