




# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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27 March  
2022:

4th Sunday  
Of Lent

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

MON. TUE. & THUR. 5 PM  
WED. 5:30 ([livestream](#))

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM  
SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream](#)) & 5 PM

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SUN APR 9/10: Palm Sunday Masses  
MON APR 11: Stations of the Cross 7PM  
THUR APR 14: Holy Thursday Mass of the  
Lord's Supper with the washing of feet 7PM  
FRI APR 15: Good Friday Commemoration of  
the Lord's Passion 7PM  
SAT APR 16: Easter Vigil Mass 8PM  
SUN APR 17: Easter Sunday Masses 10 AM  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt) and 5PM

To view other Diocese livestreams,  
visit: [www.rcda.org/livemass](http://www.rcda.org/livemass)

**CONFESSION** - The Sacrament of  
Reconciliation is available by appointment  
with Fr. Larry at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu).

## NOTES

**MASKS** must continue to be worn and social  
distance maintained at the C+CC given the  
current guidelines in place at RPI. If you are  
not fully vaccinated you must also fill out a  
**Health Survey**.

**THANKS** - Sister Kate Lawler sent thanks to  
the many dedicated volunteers who helped  
with the Catholic Charities drive through food  
distribution event at the Lansingburgh Boys &  
Girls Club. Hundreds of families in Troy  
received this incredible service due to the hard  
work of many volunteers. Stay tuned for the  
upcoming drives in April.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### SUNDAY MARCH 27

You are invited to attend the next Zoom meeting of  
Women of Christ Sun of Justice Church at 8 pm.  
The topic of our meeting will be "Lent." We hope you  
can join us! [Zoom Link](#)

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

Mass at 5:30, Potluck at 6:00, Penance Service at  
7:00

### SATURDAY APRIL 2

(8pm) The Rensselyrics are proud to present their  
spring a cappella concert! Featuring RPI's Duly  
Noted and the Rusty Pipes. Tickets are \$4 presale or  
\$5 at the door. *For more information on presale  
tickets, please contact us at [renselyrics@gmail.com](mailto:renselyrics@gmail.com)*

## C+CC NEWS

### LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

5:30 PM Mass / Potluck Dinner / 7 PM Speaker  
([livestream](#)). Please pick up a brochure in the  
C+CC hallway for more details.

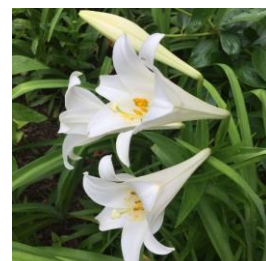
MAR 30 Communal Penance Service  
APR 6 *Fr. Ron Franco, C.S.P.*

### UPCOMING CONCERTS:

April 2, 8pm – Rensselyrics  
April 9, 8pm – Partial Credit  
April 30, 8pm – Duly Noted

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

The C+CC has an open call for artists to present  
their works on display at the C+CC Gallery. All  
forms of Art: Painting, Sculpture, Mixed Media,  
and Photography are considered. The booking  
process is arranged by contacting Kevin at the  
C+CC Office 518-274-7793 or by  
email: [krolik2@rpi.edu](mailto:krolik2@rpi.edu). Exhibits are booked in  
two-month intervals and we are looking to fill the  
Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 schedule.



### You might not know that:

- I'm from Nigeria.
- I'm a PhD student in the Chemical and Biological Engineering department.
- My research involves achieving Smart Manufacturing for Chemical Industries using artificial intelligence.
- My favorite hobbies include playing the piano, biking, watching soccer games from European competitions, English premier league fantasy football, and having a FaceTime with my family and friends.

### Favorite C+CC memories:

"Personally, every Tuesday Bible study is a wonderful experience and a memory not to be forgotten."



Lucky Yerimah

## 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** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an **online donation** ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- This week (Mar. 26/27) is the Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Currently there are special relief efforts underway within CRS that are helping Ukrainian families. Please make checks payable to Christ Sun of Justice with "Diocesan Collection" on the memo line of your check.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent? The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families, there are those who do not live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Do not cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**UKRAINE RELIEF:** Bishop Scharfenberger urges us to support emergency relief for Ukraine as the humanitarian crisis grows. Catholic Relief Services is working with its partner, Caritas Ukraine, to respond. Here is how people can help: <https://bit.ly/3hbagDJ>.

**SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS** are organized by vicariate. Our parish is in the Taconic Vicariate and that listening session will be held June 1 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Michael the Archangel in Troy.

**EASTER TRADITION:** At Eastertime, our community gives a Lily plant to those who are housebound or who have lost a relative during the past year. PLEASE SIGN-UP and share the joy of Easter. We will give you a name, address, and phone number so you can be in touch and visit at a mutually convenient time during Easter Week. Contact Dee Dziejewski to sign up at 518-334-6825 or [dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com)

**STUDENTS:** We have funding available and will cover the cost of the plant and we can arrange transportation. This is a beautiful ministry and your participation is a blessing.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday *Jos 5:9a, 10-12, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

Monday *Is 65:17-21, 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4:43-54*

Tuesday *Ez 47:1-9, 12, 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16*

Wednesday *Is 49:8-15, 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30*

Thursday *Ex 32:7-14, 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Jn 5:31-47*

Friday *Wis 2:1a, 12-22, 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

Saturday *Jer 11:18-20, 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, Jn 7:40-53*

Sunday *Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11*



## ~Campus Connection~



### FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

Father Larry Rice may be contacted at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu).

Next Wednesday we will be hosting a communal Reconciliation service, as part of our Lenten preparation for Easter. If you have not had the opportunity to confess for a while-- understandable, because of COVID, this will be a good opportunity. We will have several priests helping.

Several years ago, I answered a question on Quora.com (a social question-and-answer site) that asked, "What's it like to be a priest hearing confessions?" My answer has had more than 74,000 views, and 550 up-votes! Here is what I said:

In my experience, it can be both very humbling, and an amazing movement of God's grace. That said, it is not usually as interesting as people think it must be. Sin is banal. It's commonplace and boring. Everyone tends to think that their sin is special, unique to them, and (sometimes) particularly awful. But we've heard it all before. It has been many years since someone surprised me in confession.

It isn't quite like knowing someone's secrets, because whatever you hear, you can't ever disclose. Ever. In fact, we can't even disclose if someone has ever approached us for confession. I take that "seal of confession" VERY seriously; to violate it means excommunication for a priest.

These days I don't often hear the old "laundry list" confessions. Instead, people tend to approach the sacrament with a somewhat more adult understanding of temptation, sin, repentance, and forgiveness. Nevertheless, it's important to welcome and accept each penitent "where they are." It is not up to me to judge what people confess, nor how they approach the sacrament.

Importantly, the role of the confessor isn't to be a scold, nor to give advice, nor to judge people. Instead, we are to be welcoming, compassionate, and to announce God's mercy and forgiveness to penitents who are genuinely sorry, and want to return to God's grace. As a confessor, I am privileged to be a witness to people's reconciliation. I get to pronounce God's forgiveness, and see them depart with a deep sense of renewal and freedom.



### SPIRITUAL SEEDS

**By Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain**

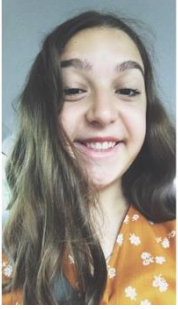
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Three Things

Greetings to you! Wow- can you believe that we are already half way through our Lenten journey?!

This past Wednesday evening our University parish community welcomed RIT Campus Minister and author Nora Bradbury- Haehl, and I share with you three things that have left their imprint on me as she shared her wisdom about Life Transitions in general and specifically for college-bound young adults.

1. Grandparents: you and your expressions of unconditional love matter! Do not underestimate your positive influences on your grandkids!
2. HALT!: Don't let yourself get too Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired. (borrowed from recovery work)
3. Dig for Bedrock: especially in times of turmoil and transition, be attentive to those trusted people, practices and core values that root and ground us so that we are better able to navigate these unsettled waters.



## NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam [adamm2@rpi.edu](mailto:adamm2@rpi.edu)

In the spirit of Lent, I've recently been searching for different artists and songwriters who articulate a passion for faith and a desire to teach about God in their work. The other day, I came across a Christian artist who exceeded this intention of mine, both through his vocals and lyrics. Phil Wickham has an amazing collection of work, and one song in particular sticks out to me for our current context within the liturgical year: "Battle Belongs." Wickham references God's good will for us and just how wonderful and almighty our creator is: "When all I see is the battle / You see my victory / When all I see is the mountain / You see a mountain moved / And as I walk through the shadow / Your love surrounds me / There's nothing to fear now / For I am safe with You." Lent is a time for us to reflect on our faith and work toward habits which bring us closer to God; as we grow in these ways, the battles seem less daunting and it becomes easier for us to trust God, unveiling the truth in Wickham's lyrics. We're reminded that "When all I see are the ashes / You see the beauty (thank You God) / When all I see is a cross / God You see the empty tomb." I'm a big advocate for religious media and believe it truly has a place in our faith journey and development. Below is a link to a page with numerous instances of Christian art, many of which are applicable to Lent and the Easter season: [Christian Art](#). It is an amazing source! Have a great week everyone!

## COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635



by Andy Bouffard [bouffa@rpi.edu](mailto:bouffa@rpi.edu)

The Knights of Columbus published the first installment of their '[Let's Build a Better Lent](#)' series on Ash Wednesday. Emphasizing the importance of renewing and reforming your heart during this season rather than making a sacrifice for show or because you feel you have to, the article reminds us that one way we are called to reform our own lives is to become involved in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves: "In the Gospel, Christ echoes the prophet: fast and give alms, but with sincerity and not for show (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). To give alms to the poor is a **Spiritual Work of Mercy** as well as a precept of the Church, so be mindful of parish appeals, special collections and other worthy charities. Just writing checks or dropping cash in a basket can still keep us at arm's length from the poor, so consider taking things a step further by seeking opportunities to offer direct service to those who need it most. Volunteer to assist personally the "least among us" in your community – the homeless, the incarcerated, nursing-home residents, or that lonely neighbor on a fixed income. In this way, you'll put your heart *and* your body into renewing your spirit!"

On that note, the RPI Knights would like to highlight this opportunity for parishioners and students to volunteer in community service this Lent:

**C+CC Easter Lily Ministry**: At Eastertime, our community gives a Lily plant to those who are housebound or who have lost a relative during the past year. PLEASE SIGN-UP and share the joy of Easter. We'll give you a name, address, and phone number so you can be in touch and visit at a mutually convenient time during Easter Week. Contact Dee Dziewulski to sign up at 518-334-6825 or [dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com). STUDENTS: We have funding available and will cover the cost of the plant and we can arrange transportation. This is a beautiful ministry and your participation is a blessing.