



# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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September 25,  
2022,  
Twenty-Sixth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

MON. – THUR. 5 PM

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM (livestream) and 5 PM

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY SEPT. 25, 5:00 p.m. Mass

In memory of Jennifer Gutman Tyne requested by Fran and Jim Hyde.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### MONDAY SEPT. 26

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the choir, serve as cantor, or play an instrument. Rehearsals are held every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Please see Barbara Musial after Mass or call 518-366-6381.

**Parish Visioning Retreat Day: Please join us on Saturday October 1, at 10am** (coffee & doughnuts at 9:30), as we gather for a time to reflect on the Mission of our parish, and where we see ourselves in the coming months and years. The last few years have seen some tremendous changes in all our lives; this will be a day of listening to begin a process of planning for our future. We would love to have a wide diversity of voices represented, and all are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Sr. Chris Partisano CSJ will facilitate the process for us; We'll wrap up by 2pm. Please RSVP on the bulletin board in the C+CC, or email Fr. Larry at [lrice@paulist.org](mailto:lrice@paulist.org). Thank you!

## COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

### A NEW WAY TO GIVE!

Acknowledging that most people under forty do not carry cash anymore, we are now prepared to accept gifts to the parish using Venmo. The most popular money-exchange app among university students, Venmo makes it easy for people to support the parish and our ministries. At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "**csjparish**". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box. Note that Venmo contributions are treated like cash: if you need a record of your contributions for tax purposes, you would be better off giving by check, or through our web site: [rensselaernewman.org/give/](https://rensselaernewman.org/give/). However, you choose to support the parish... thank you!!

Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place it in the collection basket.

If you would like offertory envelopes, we have additional ones available. Please contact Mary Crangle at [cranlemary@gmail.com](mailto:cranlemary@gmail.com) or 518-439-5577.

Make an **online donation** ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)

**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/3hbaqDJ>

This weekend, September 24 and 25, there is a special diocesan collection in support of the Catholic University of America. Please be as generous as possible. **Checks should be made payable to Christ Sun of Justice with "diocesan collection" on the memo line.**

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Drive-through food distribution: Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club, 504 Fourth Avenue, Troy. Volunteer and food pick-up info [here](#).

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?

## Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday Oct. 2 1:00 p.m. at C + CC**

Join us for the traditional Blessing of the Animals for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

## C+CC NEWS

The C+CC is looking for student receptionists to greet visitors and guests. There are various daytime and evening shifts available. Please email Kevin at [krolik2@rpi.edu](mailto:krolik2@rpi.edu) for more information.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7, Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10, 1Tm 6:11-16, Cf. 2 Cor 8:9, Lk 16:19-31, Lk 16:10-13

Monday JB 1:6-22, PS 17:1BCD, 2-3, 6-7, MK 10:45, LK 9:46-50

Tuesday Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8, Mk 10:45, Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Jb 9:1-12, 14-16, Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15, Phil 3:8-9, Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Ps 103:21, Jn 1:47-51

Friday Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Ps 95:8, Lk 10:13-16

Saturday JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130, MT 11:25, LK 10:17-24

Sunday Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, 2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14, 1 Pt 1:25, Lk 17:5-10

## LIVINGSTREAMING UPDATE

CSJ Parish has a new YouTube channel, and we are looking forward to transitioning the Sunday Mass Livestream in mid-October. Consider being a subscriber on the platform [here](#).

## 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.

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# ~Campus Connection~



**FR. LARRY RICE, CSP**

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As you may have heard, Pope Francis last year called for a broad consultation in (and outside of) the Church: a Synodal process of listening in which people were encouraged to come together and openly share their needs and concerns with the church and with each other.

The intent of the process was not just to gather the “usual suspects,” the folks who are in the pews every Sunday, who are active in their parishes, and who come to everything. The preparation documents were clear that the intent of the process was to listen to those who were only marginally Catholic, “former” Catholics, and those who feel excluded from the community of the Church.

This has been a fraught process, and one that has been implemented in various ways and with varying success. In many dioceses, the bishop(s) seemed profoundly disinterested in the synodal process and may have done the absolute minimum to comply with the Holy Father’s expectations. In other places, the process itself has been a path toward dialogue, healing, and renewal.

This week the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a document synthesizing the results of these listening sessions. The contents of the document are not very surprising, but its candor certainly feels unprecedented. In an age when it feels like there are so many things we can’t talk about with our Church leadership, and so many concerns that can’t be openly addressed, the synthesis document is a remarkable reflection of the pressing issues which the Church must address if we are to maintain any relevance in the world and carry on the mission of Christ’s disciples.

Among the issues presented in the synthesis are:

- The enduring wounds of the sexual abuse crisis
- The on-going effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Toxic polarization around political and social ideologies, especially as these have become reflected in people’s experience of the liturgy and local parish life.
- Polarization and lack of unity among the Church’s bishops as a source of scandal.
- Marginalization in the Church of women, immigrants, minorities, LGBTQ+ people, and those who have divorced.
- A desire for better liturgical life: better preaching, music, and liturgical catechesis.
- A strong desire for a more welcoming Church, with fewer gatekeepers and less emphasis on policies and doctrine over people and their lived experiences.

One paragraph is of particular importance to us at Christ Sun of Justice:

Practically all synodal consultations shared a deep ache in the wake of the departure of young people and viewed this as integrally connected to becoming a more welcoming Church. As one synthesis noted, “Young people also want the Church to speak out about issues that matter to them, especially justice, race, and climate change.” Young people themselves voiced a feeling of exclusion and desired to participate more fully as members of the parish community. The feeling of exclusion also manifested itself in some youth seeking a sense of belonging in the Church’s ancient tradition of faith, prayer, and devotion. “Youth who participated in synodal sessions, however, stressed that they should not be seen and spoken of mostly as the future of the Church, but should be recognized for their importance now and given a significant voice in the present. They want to be both seen and heard and included more in Church life, especially by participating meaningfully in parish and diocesan councils and ministries.”

The synthesis document will be sent to Rome to be included with similar syntheses from the rest of the world. When the bishops meet in 2023, these will form the working documents of their consultation. I encourage you to read the whole document, which you can find here: <https://tinyurl.com/387axsa>



## SPIRITUAL SEEDS

By Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain  
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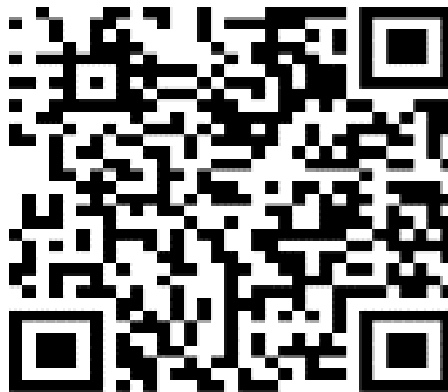
Hi all!

### Student~University parish registration:

A few of you have wondered why we ask students to complete the parish registration form, and what does it mean for your parish back home. Great questions!

First off, rest assured that by “registering” with the University Parish, Christ Sun of Justice it does not cancel out nor replace your membership in your home parish.

As a University parish, the heart of our mission is to serve students, and one method for us to assess our effectiveness is by evaluating how many students are indicating they are a part of the parish during each academic year. Please take a few moments this weekend to scan the QR Code below. Thank you in advance!



We have a FULL lineup of programs again this week so check your calendar and try your best to make it to at least one of them!

**Tuesday, September 27th**: Theme: *Breakfast for Supper*

Our conversation will focus on qualities that make for healthy friendships. the Hospitality House will be open around 5:45pm, with supper at 6:30pm. RSVP using the QR code on posters and on Discord.

**Wednesday, September 28th @ 7pm**: Bible Study in the C+CC lounge  
Father Larry continues a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke

**Thursday, September 29th @ 7pm**: Knights of Columbus meeting in the C+CC lounge. Contact student leader Andy Bouffard ([bouffa@rpi.edu](mailto:bouffa@rpi.edu)) for more information.

**Saturday, October 1st @ 10am-3pm**: be a part of the parish visioning retreat; lunch will be included. See the bulletin for details.

**Tuesday Nite Newman Oktoberfest October 11th**: as our students were brainstorming supper themes for October, the idea of celebrating German foods came up. We are hoping that CSJ parishioners might have a favorite recipe and/or dish that you would like to share with us. Please contact Tracy Watson for further information. Thank you in advance.

**Got a question?** Contact Associate Catholic Chaplain Tracy Watson ([spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com](mailto:spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com)) or student leaders Megan Adam ([adamm2@rpi.edu](mailto:adamm2@rpi.edu)) and Andy Bouffard ([bouffa@rpi.edu](mailto:bouffa@rpi.edu))