



# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Mon., Tue, Thurs. 5 PM—Wed. 5:30 PM

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#))

and 5 PM.

**CONFESSION** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment with Fr. Larry at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY MAR. 18** 5 PM Mass—Margaret (Peg) Byrnes requested by the Crone Family

**SUNDAY MAR. 19** 10 AM Mass—Stephen E. Wiberley requested by the Rensselaer Newman Foundation

**SUNDAY MAR. 19** 5 PM Mass—Robert Hyde requested by MaryAnn Carey

Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Complete the form [here](#) or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

## 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.)
- Venmo: 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.
- THIS WEEKEND there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal. This national collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. More information can be found [here](#).

## RNF/CSJ LENT SPEAKER SERIES

Each Wednesday we'll begin with Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by a meatless pot-luck supper at 6 PM, and our speaker at 7 PM. Each evening will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel found [here](#).

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 22** Sr. Pat Connick, OP—[Seeing with Both Eyes: Science and Theology](#)

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 29** Mr. Michael O'Loughlin—[Hidden Mercy: Catholics, AIDS, and Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear](#)

## C+CC NEWS

**50 STATE QUARTER POEMS** Exhibit by Bill Amirault '81 is on display until Friday, **MAR 31**. More info [here](#).

**EMERALD MIND BODY & WELNESS** Yoga sessions 6-7 PM on Tuesdays in **MAR**. \$12/class, contact [info@emeraldmindbody.com](mailto:info@emeraldmindbody.com)

## THANK YOU

We received a thank you note from the Grafton Food Pantry at OLS to our Christ Sun of Justice parishioners for the recent donations.

Holy Week Schedule	
<b>Palm Sunday:</b> APR. 1: 5PM, APR. 2: 10 AM and 5 PM	<b>Good Friday:</b> APR. 7: 7:30 PM
<b>Holy Thursday:</b> APR. 6: 7 PM	<b>Easter Vigil:</b> APR. 8: 8 PM <b>Easter Sunday:</b> APR. 9: 10 AM and 5 PM

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings can be found in multiple ways:

- Web: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Sign-up for a daily email with a link to the day's readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
- On the Hallow app
- In the Bible

**Mar 19 Sun:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

**Mar 20 Mon:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Mar 21 Tue:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Mar 22 Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Mar 23 Thu:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Mar 24 Fri:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Mar 25 Sat:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

## NOTES

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The Knights would like to thank everyone who has participated in our CLYNK project. When you need a new bag, please check the black grocery bag with the CLYNK sign attached to it located above the coat rack. The required plastic bags, with our bar code label pre-attached, will be available for your use. Please help yourself. Your support is deeply appreciated.

**BULLETIN** Interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin? Sign up [here](#). At the bottom of the page, check "Weekly Bulletin".

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** Winter is still here! Please call the C+CC phone (518-274-7793) and listen to the voicemail message for any changes in Mass times. Also, if you see on TV that OLV Masses are cancelled, CSJ will also be cancelled.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If you would like to add a friend, loved one, or yourself to the Prayer of the Faithful intentions for the sick, please complete the form [here](#), or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS** Searching for a way to make your Catholic faith more visible? RPI Newman Catholic Fellowship apparel is now available! Visit this link to our merch store [here](#).

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## GROWING IN FAITH IN 2023

**HALLOW APP** The parish has acquired a group subscription making the app FREE until Easter 2023 (normally \$8.99/mo). This is a great opportunity to explore new ways to pray, and to make a deeper prayer life part of 2023 and particularly your Lenten preparation. To sign up, visit <http://hallow.com/holyday>. They'll walk you through the free sign-up.

**LENT** The 40 days of Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent began on Ash Wednesday. More info can be found [here](#).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are hosting a Rosary session on **Tue. MAR 23** and **Tue. APR 6** at 7pm at the C+CC. All are invited to join!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**HOT MUG OF FELLOWSHIP** Help is needed to host coffee hour. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to host a coffee hour on Sundays after the 10 AM and 5 PM Masses. It's easy! Help is provided!

**EASTER TRADITION** At Eastertime, our community gives a lily plant to those who are homebound 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. \$12 donation; cash or check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice with the notation "EASTER PLANT". To sign-up please contact Dee Dziejewski at 518-334-6825 or [dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com)

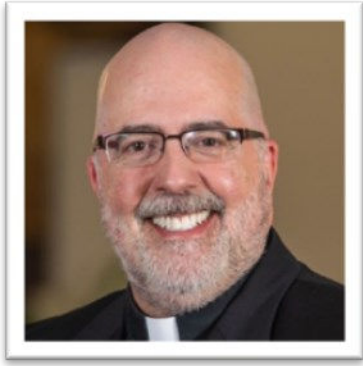
**STUDENTS:** We have funding available and will cover the cost of the plant and can arrange transportation. This is a beautiful ministry and your participation is a blessing.

Not able to deliver an Easter lily but wish to donate to the cost of the flowers? Please look for a basket in the C+CC hallway to help.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** CC Move drive through food distribution: **Fri. MAR. 31** at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Troy. More information can be found [here](#) or for a ride please email Fran at [lighthouse1@aol.com](mailto:lighthouse1@aol.com)



## ~Campus Connection~



### FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

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I'm sure most of you are aware that the Diocese of Albany filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization this week, as a result to the many lawsuits resulting from the Child Victims Act. I encourage you to look over the bishop's letter attached to this week's bulletin (also available on the diocesan web site: [rcda.org](http://rcda.org)).

You're probably curious what this turn of events will mean for the parish of Christ Sun of Justice. The short answer is: not much. Parishes in our diocese are independently incorporated, so they are legally and financially independent from the diocese. We are not named as codefendants with the diocese as some 70 parishes are. In any case, CSJ doesn't own any property; the Chapel + Cultural Center is owned and operated by the Rensselaer Newman Foundation. The parish has no significant assets-- no investments, no property, and very small cash reserves. My expectation is that our parish life and mission won't be impacted much on a practical level.

On an emotional and spiritual level, however, I share the disappointment, anger and sadness people are expressing. This past Wednesday-- the same day as the bankruptcy announcement-- we hosted Dr. Brian Flanagan, who brought us insights from his book [Stumbling in Holiness: Sin and Sanctity](#) in the Church. I'm grateful for his timely reflection on the challenges of living with the Church's (i.e. our) sinfulness, without losing sight of the holiness, compassion, and mission of this pilgrim people.

In the midst of all this dismaying news, I hope we will continue to pray-- and act-- in solidarity with victims/survivors, and to demand that our leaders act with transparency, accountability, and integrity as we come to terms with the consequences of our past and present sins.



### SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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#### Sleeves Rolled Up

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph. A holy man- with his sleeves rolled up ready for action, come what may. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, working people, and engineers! For engineers, strong foundations and integrity go hand in hand. For Joseph, too.

Pope Francis reminds us "Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture."\* St. Joseph, pray for us.

**Tuesday Nite Newman, March 21st:** Adoration with music. Lite snacks at HH at 6:30pm; Adoration at 7pm. See Discord for sign up: hope to see you there!

**Tuesday, April 4th:** A Holy Week pilgrims' fellowship supper and prayer: RPI Newman will be hosting Sisters Lin and Robert Rita and UAlbany Newman here at the C+CC. Fellowship begins at 6pm with prayer around 7pm. Stay tuned for more details!





Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany  
Office of the Bishop

March 15, 2023

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you may know by now, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has made the difficult yet necessary decision to file for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese are separately incorporated under New York State's Religious Corporations Law and are not part of the filing.

It is very important for me to point out that the mission and ministries of the Diocese and parishes will continue during the reorganization proceedings.

We maintain global mediation would have provided the most equitable distribution of the Diocese's limited financial resources but as more Child Victims Act (CVA) cases reached large settlements, those limited funds have been depleted. The Chapter 11 filing is the best way, at this point, to ensure that all Victim/Survivors with pending CVA litigation will receive some compensation. The decision to file was not arrived at easily, but we, as a Church, can get through this and grow stronger together.

To date, the Diocese has been named in more than 400 CVA lawsuits which were filed between Aug. 15, 2019, and Aug. 14, 2021. With the assistance of the Court and demonstrating its ongoing good faith commitment to Victim/Survivor claims, the Diocese has separately settled more than 50 CVA cases.

As a result of the Chapter 11 filing, the collection of debts and legal actions against the Diocese will stop, allowing the Diocese to develop a reorganization plan that will determine the available assets, along with the participation of its insurance carriers, that can be used to negotiate reasonable settlements with Victim/Survivors in addition to other creditors.

This filing also puts on hold the lawsuits involving the St. Clare's pensioners. That was not our purpose for filing. While many questions remain regarding the St. Clare's pension fund, the plight of the pensioners is of great concern to me. The St. Clare's pensioners are certainly close to my heart and, as I would do with anyone in a difficult situation, I offer my pastoral care.

I understand this filing causes uncertainty, but as a Church and a community of faith, we must recognize that Victim/Survivors are our sons and daughters, and our brothers and sisters, and all of us, without exception, must work together to find ways to help them. It's a natural thing for us to do, especially for those who have been hurt by an institution we are all called to be a part of. We must reach out to all and journey with them through the healing process.

I know many of you have questions. We want to provide answers. To that extent, a special section has been developed on the Diocesan website: [www.rcda.org/reorganization](http://www.rcda.org/reorganization). It includes reorganization details, a “What You Need to Know” section that answers frequently asked questions, Protecting Children and Safe Environment resources, information on how to report sexual abuse, and contact information for the Diocese’s Victim Assistance Coordinator, Noelle Marie. This site will be updated as new information becomes available.

I apologize to the Victim/Survivors and their families for the inexcusable harm that was done to them by those in positions of trust. The Diocese is committed to enhancing and strengthening its Hope and Healing programs for Victim/Survivors. That includes facilitating mental health services, opportunities for spiritual healing, and continued training and screening of Church personnel through the Diocese’s Safe Environment Program for protecting children, including continued enhancement of child protection safety protocols to ensure that they continue to meet the highest standards. You can learn more about the Diocese’s Hope and Healing effort at <https://www.rcda.org/hopeandhealing>.

This continues to be an extremely challenging time for our Church, but Christ Himself has shown us how difficult situations can lead to new life, that struggles can make us stronger, make us better. As a Church, we must help the healing process, doing what we can for Victim/Survivors. They are part of our community in Christ and as a Church we are called to share His love, to be His heart in the world today.

As we journey through Lent, please continue to pray for all involved that God’s peace and healing can prevail.

Lovingly in the heart of Jesus,

*+Edward B. Schaeferberger*

Bishop Ed