



# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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August 6,

2023:

Feast of the  
Transfiguration

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

Mon.—Thurs. 5 PM

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

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

The Sunday 5 PM Mass will resume on August 27.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 12:15 PM

([livestream on YouTube](#)) and 5 PM

**CONFESSION** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu) (Saturday Confession will resume AUG. 26)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, AUG 5** 5 PM Mass—Sr. Chris Partisano, 60th Anniversary of Vows

**SUNDAY, AUG 13** 10 AM Mass—Dick Purcell requested by Ora Schongar

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.

## C+CC NEWS

**BARBARA RICE EXHIBIT** — showing through September. More info found [here](#).

**ARTIST RECEPTION**—Barbara Rice on Saturday, SEPT. 2 Time: TBA

## 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.
- **NEXT** week we will be collecting items for the hungry and income insecure in our community through the OLV/OLS food pantry. The greatest need for **August** includes small jars of mayonnaise, whole peeled tomatoes, canned fruit, chili with beans, tuna, peanut butter, cake mix, frosting mix, Kleenex, and canned pasta. They are grateful for the support from our parish community.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**WELCOME PICNIC** The Welcome Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd, after the 5:00pm Mass. Sign up sheets are posted in the hallway of the C+CC for set up, clean up, cooks, and food contributions. Please use the sign up sheet for food contributions so we have a variety of offerings. If you have any ideas or questions regarding the event, please contact Traci Griffin at [griffin.traci.a@gmail.com](mailto:griffin.traci.a@gmail.com). If you have always wanted to volunteer and didn't know what to do, this event is for you. It takes all of us to welcome the students of RPI back for the semester and it is also a great time for all of us to get to know each other and help grow our church community.

**COFFEE HOUR** Join us for coffee hour after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, August 13. Help is always needed and a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Drive through food distribution: Tuesday, AUG. 29 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. More information can be found [here](#) or for a ride please email Fran at [lighthouse1@aol.com](mailto:lighthouse1@aol.com)

## NOTES

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** are available for those who need them. They contain .001% gluten and are authorized for use in the Catholic Mass. If that amount of gluten still presents a problem, Fr. Larry will arrange for you to receive the consecrated wine at communion time. Please see the Mass coordinator or Fr. Larry before Mass to make arrangements.

**PARISH MAILING** Next month we will be mailing out Parish Registration forms. We request that all Mass attendees (students and non-students) complete the form and return. This is the time to ensure the parish has your correct contact information as well as a way to meet our newcomers!

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

## THANK YOU

As a parish, we collect funds throughout the year to benefit the St. James Roman Catholic Primary school in Kalk Bay, South Africa. This fiscal year we collected over \$500! Lynette Saunders, Principal, added to her acknowledgement "Your generosity goes a long way to enable us to provide a quality Catholic education for our learners."

## 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

**Aug 6 Sun:** Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2Pet 1: 16-19; Matt 17: 5; Matt 17: 1-9

**Aug 7 Mon:** Num 11: 4b-15; Ps 81: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matt 4: 4; Matt 14: 13-21

**Aug 8 Tue:** Num 12: 1-13; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Jn 1: 49b; Matt 14: 22-36 or Matt 15: 1-2, 10-14

**Aug 9 Wed:** Num 13: 1-2, 25 – 14: 1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106: 6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Lk 7: 16; Matt 15: 21-28

**Aug 10 Thurs:** 2Cor 9: 6-10; Ps 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 8: 12bc; Jn 12: 24-26

**Aug 11 Fri:** Deut 4: 32-40; Ps 77: 12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Matt 5: 10; Matt 16: 24-28

**Aug 12 Sat:** Deut 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51; 2Tim 1: 10; Matt 17: 14-20

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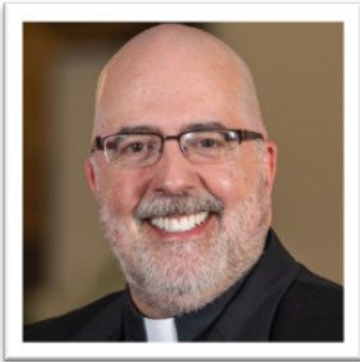
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## ~Campus Connection~



### FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

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Since the earliest days of human civilization, people have looked up at the skies at night, observe the motion of the stars and planets they saw there, and believed that the heavens -- meaning the physical home of the stars and beyond -- were where the gods dwelt. It is no accident that the planets of our solar system, with the exception of Earth itself, are named after ancient Greek and Roman gods.

Even with the spread of Christianity across the globe, humanity has still named objects in the skies for important religious figures. Since the year 1919, the international astronomical Union has governed the naming of celestial objects. The discoverers of new asteroids, comets, and moons are permitted to name the objects they find, which are also identified by number.

Today there are six minor planets named for religious figures. 89 Julia is named for St. Julia of Corsica a fifth century martyr. 1840 Hus was named for a Czech religious reformer Jan Hus. 13th century saint Zdislava Berka lived an austere and generous life, founded a Dominican convent, and is commemorated in the name of the minor planet 5275 Zdislava. Lutheran theologians Martin Luther and Dietrich von Bonhoeffer also have minor planets named after them.

Even Pope Benedict the 16th has an asteroid named after him. 8661 Ratzinger was discovered on October 14, 1990, by Lutz D. Schmadel and Freimut Börngen of Tautenberg Germany. Just this year, the Working Group for Small Bodies Nomenclature (WGSBN) of the International Astronomical Union named three asteroids for Jesuit priests who worked at the Vatican Observatory: "562971 Johannhagen" honors Jesuit Father Johann Hagen (1847-1930), director of the Vatican Observatory from 1906 to 1930. "551878 Stoeger" honors Jesuit Father Bill Stoeger (1943-2014), a cosmologist and theologian at the Vatican Observatory. Finally, "565184 Janusz" honors Jesuit Father Robert Janusz (b. 1964), currently on the staff of the observatory. (NC Register, 2/22/23)

Although contemporary scientists don't often name the celestial objects they discover after deities, it's reassuring to note their occasional interest in placing saints and theologians in the heavens.



### SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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Greetings- and happy August!

Continuing last week's thread, here is this week's featured student response to the prompt Favorite thing(s) about Newman & the parish:

"Newman provides an intentional community that welcomes anyone and everyone. For me, Newman provides a time in my week to reflect, pray, and have a great meal with friends! The parish and parishioners are all so welcoming and understanding of the busy schedule of a college student, and I love that there is a 'come as you are and when you can' mentality."

"Welcoming and understanding" are two characteristics Jesus models for us to be as church: may we continue to be and do as disciples of Christ!

Have a good week. ~Tracy

Click the image below for information on the challenge!





Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany  
Office of the Bishop

*"Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble."*  
1 Peter 3:8

August 1, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You may or may not have yet heard that Bishop Howard Hubbard has confirmed he was recently married in a civil ceremony (his statement is attached). This certainly is unexpected news and like many of you, I am just now beginning to process it. While he is not permitted to represent himself as a priest or perform the sacraments in public, Bishop Hubbard remains a retired bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. The Church does not acknowledge his marriage as valid. He remains a retired Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church and therefore cannot enter into marriage.

I urge you to pray for all survivors of sexual abuse and their families. Pray for all of the faithful in the diocese. Pray for our priests, deacons, the men, and women religious, many of whom depended on Bishop Hubbard for their vocations. Also pray for Bishop Hubbard and all in his close circle, that they can help to guide him to act in accordance with God's will.

This is a challenging time for many, but we are not alone. Let us remember that through the turmoil, the one constant for all of us is the comforting presence of Jesus, who shepherds us with the promise of everlasting life. Let us journey together, as a people of faith, believing that with God, in God and through God, healing is possible.

Yours in Him,

  
Bishop Ed

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August 1, 2023

#### **A Letter to My Dear Colleagues and Friends**

Last fall, after prayerful consideration and consultation, I applied to the Vatican to be returned to the lay state and to be relieved of my clerical obligations. In March, I received notice from the Vatican that my request had been denied. I was encouraged to wait patiently and prayerfully and to continue to abstain from public ministry until seven civil lawsuits against me alleging sexual misconduct had been adjudicated.

Shortly thereafter, the Diocese of Albany declared bankruptcy, as have six of the eight other Dioceses in New York State. I have been advised that it may be several years before the Albany bankruptcy case is settled and all of the Child Victims Act civil lawsuits adjudicated. Presently, I am 84 years of age and will turn 85 in October. I could be 91 or 92 before these legal matters are concluded.

In the meantime, I have fallen in love with a wonderful woman who has helped and cared for me and who believes in me. She has been a loving and supportive companion on this journey. After much prayerful reflection, we decided to marry and did so in July in a civil ceremony. As I look to the future, I hope and pray for four things: (1) That survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families will find the peace, healing and reconciliation to which they are entitled; (2) That I will have the opportunity to prove my innocence to the allegations against me before a court of law, (3) That with whatever time God continues to grant me on this Earth, our marriage will be one of fidelity, love and service, and (4) that the Vatican will eventually grant me laicization and recognize our marriage.

I want to express my profound gratitude to my friends and colleagues and the people of our diocese for the love, care and concern you have shown me in my nearly 60 years of priestly service, 46 as a bishop, and for the wonderful fraternal bond I have enjoyed with my brother bishops and priests, deacons and the religious women and men who have served in our diocese, the laity and the interfaith and civic leaders with whom I was privileged to serve. As I enter this new phase of my life as a retired private person, I humbly ask that the news media and others respect our privacy as a couple. My life on the public stage has come to an end. To all of you, I thank you with the words of my episcopal motto, "Rejoice, we are God's people."

God bless you all.

Howard J. Hubbard