

THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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10 April 2022:

Palm Sunday

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MON. TUE. & WED. 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM SUNDAY 10 AM (*livestream*) & 5 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SUN APRIL 9/10: Passion Sunday Masses MON APRIL 11: Stations of the Cross 7PM THUR APRIL 14: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet 7PM FRI APRIL 15: Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 7PM SAT APRIL 16: Easter Vigil Mass 8PM (with

reception following)

SUN APRIL 17: Easter Sunday Masses 10 AM (followed by Easter Egg Hunt) and 5PM

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament will be held following the Holy Thursday Mass until 11 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the C+CC hallway.

CONFESSION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at *chaplain@rpi.edu*.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

9:30-3:30 Red Cross Blood drive at the C+CC. Register here.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7pm Pastoral Council **Zoom** meeting.

NOTES

THANK YOU to the Rose and Petry families who donated this year's Paschal Candle in memory of Frankie.

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*.

C+CC NEWS

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

RMA Small Groups Performances Friday, April 29·4:00 – 5:00pm

Duly Noted Acapella Saturday, April 30, 8pm

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. Exhibits are booked in two-month intervals and we are looking to fill the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 schedule.

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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 at Mass (April 9/10) there will be a food collection for the OLS Food Pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted payable to Unity House or Bethany Center. The greatest need for the month of April is to renew the supply of the pantry items that have been depleted (see list below). Thank you in advance for being as generous as your means allow:

Vegetable Oil Vinegar Ketchup Mayonnaise Flour, Sugar Coffee, Tea Baking Soda Pork & Beans Red Kidney Beans Diced Tomato Canned Fruit Apple Sauce Instant Potato Peanut Butter Beef Stew Tuna Fish Chunky Soup Tomato Soup Cereal Jelly

Good Friday (April 15, 2022) Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Holy Land Collection. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. Please make checks payable to Christ Sun of Justice with "Diocesan Collection" on the memo

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

DECORATING - Come join the fun! Decorating the Chapel for Easter will happen Saturday April 16 at 9:30 AM.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Drive through food distribution: April 22 at Grafton Lakes State Park. Volunteer and food pick up info here. Students, parishioners want a ride together to volunteer? Contact Christine or by text: 724-316-6664.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

You might not know that:

"I was born and raised in the Dominican Republic which is located in Central America or the Caribbean.

I got into the architecture program at RPI in 2019 (I will be graduating in MAY 2023 GOD WILLING!)

I love playing the piano and the guitar."

Thoughts on the C+CC:

"It has definitely been a spiritual home for me. Being far from home is too overwhelming sometimes, and this is the place I go to when I want to feel at peace.



Brianda Valerio '23

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

line of your check.

Sunday Lk 19:28-40 ls 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56

Monday Is 42:1-7, Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14, Jn 12:1-11 **Tuesday** Is 49:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a, Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34, Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27, Rv 1:5-8, Lk 4:16-21

Friday Is 52:13—53:12, Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a, Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22, Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11, Ex 14:15—15:1, Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18, Is 54:5-14, Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, Is 55:1-11, Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6, Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19, Rom 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Lk 24:1-12

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Col 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9



~Campus Connection~





FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

Father Larry Rice may be contacted at chaplain @rpi.edu.

Each year at around this time, as Lent draws to a close, and Easter nears, Catholics everywhere look at their parish bulletins, missalettes, and publications, and wonder why the last Sunday in Lent is called "Passion Sunday" and not "Palm Sunday." The formal designation changed in 1970; still, many people are much more accustomed to calling it "Palm Sunday."

The palms, of course, are a commemoration of the ancient custom of covering the path of an honored person as he passed by. In many parts of the Near East, this was among the highest honors, often reserved for royalty. All four of the Gospels speak of Jesus receiving this honor as he entered triumphantly into Jerusalem, days before his execution. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the crowds are said to have laid their cloaks in the street, as well as cut rushes. Only John's Gospel specifically mentions palm fronds.

It's the custom in Catholic churches to give people palms that are blessed at the beginning of the liturgy, and carried in procession at the start of the Mass. It is many people's private custom to weave these palms into crosses or other shapes during the liturgy. I would like to believe that they're not doing this during my homily, but experience tells me they are.

Ultimately, the celebration of this day isn't about the palms, any more than the celebration of Christmas is about decorated evergreen trees. As the prayers and scripture readings make clear, the liturgy is really about Christ's passion-- his willingness to suffer for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins. By the end of the reading of the passion narrative, the palms seem sad and ironic, as the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem would be transformed into the crowd shouting "Crucify him!" during his trial. Human fickleness and frailty are contrasted with Jesus' integrity and courage.

So, it makes sense to call it "Passion Sunday." Still, old customs and old terminology don't change easily.



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

By Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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To be in the world

As some of you know, in addition to ministry here I am a first year DMin student at Catholic Theological Union (Chicago) with a concentration in

"Educating for Witness". But what does that mean?

Our program is "designed for those who assume leadership in educating believers both in knowledge and in the practice of their faith. It combines religious education, communications, proclamation, and catechesis with the study of key religious values and practices (e.g., peace building, the promotion of justice, etc.)"*

In other words, learning to become more and more fully a disciple of Christ on mission to share the Good News of God's great Mercy and Love. Or as RPI Newman Fellowship student leader Megan Adam puts it "To live for God, to teach others about him, and to bring glory to His name always has and always will formulate the core of the Christian life." Amen.

*Curious about CTU? https://ctu.edu/academics/dmin-program/#1509998866840-1b5c185b-dd0a

Praying for this Holy Week. ~Tracy



NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

By Megan Adam adamm2 @rpi.edu

Throughout last year and into this current one, I have adopted a habit that has truly changed the way I view the world: listening each day to the "Bible in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Progressing from the book of Genesis to Revelation and everything in between, each day presents its listeners with the

Word of God, a prayer, followed by priestly commentary. The end of March into April brings listeners throughout the book of Judges, two works I had not been as familiar with prior to my engagement with the podcast. The book of Judges in particular presents the stories of individuals who judged (i.e. guided) the Israelites after the deaths of waymakers Moses and Joshua. Despite the zeal for the one true God and leadership that these two demonstrated, things quickly fell apart among the people after their deaths; idolatry and immorality begin to rule to land in a sense. An understanding of the book and its main lessons can be noted in its final verse, Judges 21:25: "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Reflecting on these words unveils to us the undeniable parallels between this time in the Bible history and our world today, which is driven by relativism and a "me-culture." As the Bible itself reminds us, also appropriate as we begin Holy Week, God's Word and actions are in fact absolute. To live for God, to teach others about him, and to bring glory to His name always has and always will formulate the core of the Christian life.



COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635 By Andy Bouffard 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:

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