



UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE ALBANY DIOCESE MANDATE ON THE CORONA VIRUS, ALL MASSES AND PARISH GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Our 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.

Our Vision Statement: The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice – Responding to God’s love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.

Parish Membership: Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains’ Office or Deacon Joe.
Location of C+CC: 2125 Burdett Ave. (across from BARH dorms) Open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
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Director of Music: Barbara Musial, musiab@sage.edu
Christ Sun of Justice Trustees: Mary Crangle Nagy and Paul Kraus
When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

Joseph Romand, Deacon: romanj6@rpi.edu
 C+CC & Slavin House: (518) 274-7793 ext. 11 (voice mail)

Readings for the Week:

(19 April: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Acts 2:42-47; Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31. (Monday) Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8. (Tuesday) Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15. (Wednesday) Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21. (Thursday) Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36. (Friday) Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15. (Saturday: Saint Mark, Evangelist) Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20. (26 April: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 2:14, 22-33; Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35.



The Name of God is Mercy

As members of the human family, rituals and celebrations are common and important. We celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and even funerals. Liturgically we and other religious traditions have yearly cycles that help us keep in mind what is of the essence of our faith life. We are called to ‘remember, celebrate and believe’. Easter is at the center of our liturgical year. Its celebration with *Alleluias* continues for 50 days!!! This is the second Sunday of Easter and 20 years ago it was designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Its celebration is meant to help us focus on the mercy of God as it is manifested in time and eternity. Even though the designation may be new to the liturgical calendar the understanding and experience of God as mercy is anything but new! God’s mercy is evident throughout the Scripture narrative and hopefully recognized in our life experience. Recall the story of the Prodigal Son (Loving Father)--Lk 15:11-32; pray the words of today’s Psalm 118 response—‘*God’s mercy endures forever*’. Reflect on today’s Gospel (Jn 20:19-31)! We all know the story of doubting Thomas who says he will believe only if he puts his hand in the wounds of Jesus. Jesus accommodates Thomas’ request! Is that not God’s merciful love poured over a struggling believer? God among us, is merciful! Today, during this pandemic time, mercy has many names and faces. As we watch the news we see it manifested in compassion, listening, presence to the sick and loved ones. We see mercy incarnated in friends calling and FaceTime visits. We see it in the more than 200 RPI students and families from China who joined together to send 10,000 surgical masks to hospitals in NY, and in members of our Christ Sun of Justice Parish who are medical workers and administrators, researchers and essential workers providing needed services. We also see it in the gift of social distancing or mask wearing so as not to endanger the other. We know God’s mercy as dependability and as sacrifice for the sake of the other, and we see its face in the other who we can name as sister and brother. To be Christian is to be Jesus’ disciple/follower in the here and now. God’s mercy manifested itself in the sending of Jesus to be one among us. Jesus in turn told us to be Christ to one another. May it continue to be so!

Chris Partisano, csj



Women of Christ Sun of Justice will be holding a virtual meeting via video-conference during this time of social isolation in an effort to preserve our community during these unprecedented times. We will meet this coming **Wednesday, 22 April, at 8:00 pm** via Zoom. Anyone interested in participating should contact Kate Tozzi (kate.e.tozzi@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon. We hope you can join with us!



Until we can come together as a community of faith and celebrate the Mass, let us join in prayer, each of us from our homes, for our country, our state, our area, our parish and all of our parishioners.

Remember Your Offerings ~ As we go through this period of time, with all of our Masses and parish activities being cancelled, please remember that our day-to-day operations and expenses continue – they are: heat, lights, phone, etc. We ask our parishioners, that if you are able, to please continue to use their weekly Sunday offering envelopes. Your gift of treasure is very important and vital to the parish. You can mail your collection envelope and/or your check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice to:

Christ Sun of Justice Parish
10 Tom Phelan Place
Troy, NY 12180



You can also make an online donation by visiting <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back> and in the additional comments section, write "Mass donation".

Would you or someone you know, like a friendly phone call from someone from CSJ Parish? Just contact Kathy Spain at sausse@verizon.net or Diane Waters at waterd3@rpi.edu and we can arrange a phone visit!

The Diocese of Albany has compiled an abundance of information for people who want faith at home resources: Please visit: <https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources>

This webpage has access to:

Online and TV listings for live Masses, Daily Scripture Readings, Saint of the Day, Daily Mass with Pope Francis, and Simple Suggestions for Prayer During Time of Anxiety



Below is an excellent resource for you to follow through Liturgy Training Publication:

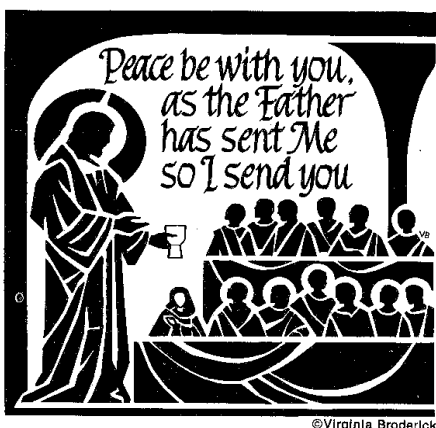
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Prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday

Most merciful Jesus,

I turn to You in my need.

You are worthy of my complete trust.

You are faithful in all things.

When my life is filled with confusion,
give me clarity and faith.

When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope.

