



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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Fourth Sunday of
Easter

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Registration and Health Survey
required

WEDNESDAY

Adoration and Confession 6-7 PM
and again following 7 PM Mass.

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 11 AM Mass:
www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass
for Our Lady of Victory livestream (M-F
8:30 AM & Sunday 9:45 AM) and other
Diocese livestreams:
www.rcda.org/livemass

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Are you interested in being a Lector or
Eucharistic Minister? Please email Rogerio
Rodrigues, if you'd like to become involved:
csj.ministry.scheduler@gmail.com

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.

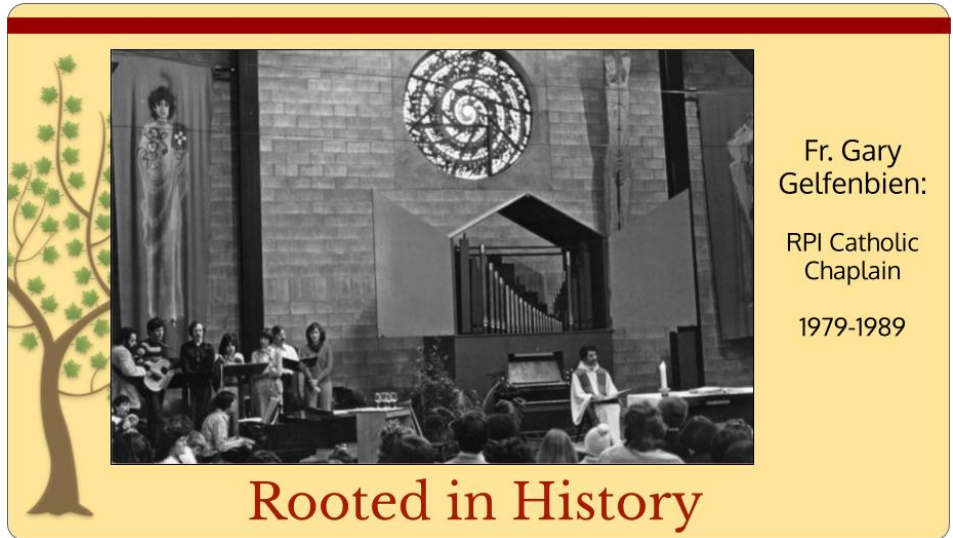
EVENTS OF INTEREST

SUNDAY, APR 25

You are invited to attend the next Zoom meeting of Women of
Christ Sun of Justice at 8 PM. For questions or further information,
contact Kate Tozzi. We hope you can join us!

SUNDAY, MAY 2

11 AM and 5 PM Memorial Mass



Fr. Gary
Gelfenbien:
RPI Catholic
Chaplain
1979-1989

Rooted in History

A NOTE FROM FR. BELLAFFIORE

Dear friends,

This week I received news from the diocese that Bishop
Scharfenberger is sending me to a new assignment.
Starting in May I will be the associate pastor of Our Lady
of the Annunciation (Queensbury) and Sacred Heart
(Lake George). My last weekend at our parishes will be
May 1-2. I have loved our time together. You have given
me love and welcomed me as one of your own. I cannot
express to you how much this has helped me as a new
priest. I hope that with God's help I've been able to offer
you a fraction of what you've given me.

As Father Patterson wrote in his announcement last
weekend, the diocese plans to send a priest and
administrator to assess our parish needs. My prayers will
be with you as my new assignment begins.

Peace,
Fr. Sam Bellafiore

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into
my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

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.
- Place in the collection basket by the church doors at Mass.
- Make an online donation ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18.
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10.
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30.
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50.
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
see 557; Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 11:25-30.
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6.
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-1 or
Mt 13:54-58.
Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8.



You might not know that:

"My soul lives in the ocean.
I love everything Irish.
I have been a religious ed teacher, lector &
minister of wine since the '80's."

Favorite CSJ Memory:

"When Fr. Gary Gelfenbien baptized my 1st
grandchild."



Kathryn Lonergan

WE are Church

NOTES

HOLY COMMUNION VISIT

To any ill/homebound/nursing home/hospitalized parishioners who would like to receive a friendly visit and/or Communion, please call Kathy Spain at (518) 273-7806. Kathy assists our University Parish in this area and would be happy to accommodate you.

WINE SALE & TASTING:

Let's get together to toast the feast day of St. Morand of Cluny (patron saint of wine growers)! Our friends at O-neh-da/Eagle Crest Vineyards are traveling in this direction from the Finger Lakes. They are excited to share their sale prices and free shipping to the C+CC. Orders must be placed by Fri. May 14th.

Please [click here](#) for order details.

In conjunction with this wine sale, let's gather via zoom to taste the wine and celebrate St. Morand of Cluny. **Zoom link [here](#) on May 25 at 8:00pm.**

All are welcome, even those that do not wish to purchase from the wine sale.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers those enrolled in April: Kiersten Spain, Irene Ostrowski, and Isabelle Lewis. They will be remembered at both Masses next week.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, Student Spiritual Advisor

View Tracy's 1-minute Spiritual Seeds video clips [here](#)

Hidden Figures

"Hidden in plain sight" and "out of sight, out of mind" were two of the variations on this week's theme that the Holy Spirit placed on my heart. And "Hidden Figures" seems to best apprehend the felt-sense I have: the essence of which is "*do I look for Christ already present in each and every person that I encounter?*" *Each and every person.*

Even and perhaps especially persons I judge to be different than I am.

Different on account of their socio-economic situation, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social location, relationship with religion, etc., etc., etc.

Can I find Christ already present in them too? And if I see that Christ being oppressed, being persecuted, being marginalized, am I courageous enough to become an *upstander* rather than a bystander?

And oh how squarely in my heart the words of Israeli historian and Shoah scholar Yehuda Bauer and Holocaust survivor Elie Weisel hit:

"Thou shalt not be a victim, thou shalt not be a perpetrator, but, above all, thou shalt not be a bystander." "Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim," Weisel said. "We must always take sides... Silence encourages the tormentor."

Dear Jesus, we ask for the grace to look more closely for you moment by moment- and once recognized, that we have courage to follow in your footsteps, and do what is right and just. Amen.

. ~Tracy (spiritual.advisorccc@gmail.com)

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam

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The scripture for this fourth week of Easter reminds us of how living as followers of Christ involves taking the road less traveled and acting in ways that diverge from the status quo. The Apostles understood this firsthand, as they worked and preached in Jesus' name, interacting with sinners and healing on the Sabbath. As the scripture underscores, a stone that is cast aside has the potential to become the cornerstone. Jesus' ministry established a stable foundation for our faith, but He knew that the Apostles would spread the Word far and wide. As being misunderstood, challenged, and cast away was inevitable, He left the Apostles with the gift of His Holy Spirit. This same Spirit lives in us and can guide us to expand our own ministry because after all, there are still many who have yet to know God. As God's children, let us seek to live and speak in a way that reflects who He is and what he came for.

May the zeal of the apostles be with us this week and throughout the seasons of our lives! The Newman Club continues to hold rosary nights on Mondays, as well as small group discussions on biblical characters, themes, and scripture on Fridays. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

by Andy Bouffard

Our mission: Grow in our love for Jesus and have fun doing it. Being a Knight is a great honor and a great way to spread your faith. Recently, two of our Brother Knights advanced to the Third Degree and more advancement opportunities are coming up. Join us and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Monday at 8pm! (Reach out for the Webex link). If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and what we do, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a College Knight please contact Andy at bouffa@rpi.edu