



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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Assumption of
Mary

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Health Survey required for non-vaccinated

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 11 AM Mass
www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass

To view other Diocese livestreams, visit: www.rcda.org/livemass

NOTES

We welcome **Fr. Tom Morrette** as our shared Pastor with Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of the Snow. While Fr. Larry Rice will be saying our Masses, Fr. Morrette will oversee pastoral duties. We also welcome **Fr. Nathaniel Resila** as Parochial Vicar who will be assisting Fr. Morrette.

Bishop Scharfenberger invites you to a "[Diocesan Day of Prayer & Celebration](#)" for all the people of the Albany Diocese on Saturday, September 25, from 9 AM to 2 PM, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. Click [here](#) to see the bishop's letter. To register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation> or call The Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation at (518) 453-6670.

The **Mass schedule is changing effective August 21**. Masses will be at 5 PM on Saturday and at 10 AM and 5 PM on Sunday. Daily Mass will be at 5 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Important reminder - If you are not fully vaccinated, including children aged 2 to 12, you must wear a mask, fill out and turn in a completed health survey form, and maintain social distancing at all times when attending Mass.

Confession - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by arrangement with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Coffee hour following the 11 AM & 5 PM Masses

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Welcome Picnic - Join us after the 5 PM Mass!



You might not know that:
"I was president of the Newman Club at McGill University MANY years ago. The friendships I made there still endure."

Favorite CSJ memory:
"Perhaps not a 'favorite' memory but a profound one: the support of the parish through my husband's illness and then death."



Mary Crangle Nagy

WE are Church

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Matthew 10:8 "Freely you have received; freely give."

Coffee Hour – We are continuing to have coffee hours after both the morning and evening Masses each Sunday. Beginning in September, we will return to a once monthly coffee hour. The upcoming dates are the weekends of September 18-19 and October 16-17. If we have sufficient volunteers, we hope to have a coffee hour after each Mass. These are simple affairs: coffee, tea and some goodies after the morning Mass. After the 5 PM Masses, lemonade, iced tea and snacks. We need help making this happen. Please volunteer by contacting Mary Crangle Nagy at (518) 439-5547 or cranglemary@gmail.com. Don't be intimidated. It's not difficult and assistance will be provided. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who are helping! It makes a difference!

Soup Kitchen Coordinator - Our Parish is searching for a coordinator to ensure that the above bakers have the info they need and that spots are filled. No baking necessary! Please call our temporary coordinator: Fran Hyde at (518) 271-7030 for details.

Welcome Picnic Volunteers/Planners Needed - We are looking for ideas and volunteers for the Welcome Picnic scheduled for September 5th at 6 PM. This is a great event to not only welcome new and returning students to CSJ but our first opportunity to welcome back the entire CSJ Community to gather together once again. Please contact Traci Griffin (tagriffi@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining in the planning or volunteering for this great event or perhaps have an idea for an ice breaker or game.

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.)
- Next week, Diocese Special Collection, "Catholic Home Missions". 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal assists in forming vibrant faith communities. Please make your **check payable to Christ Sun of Justice, write "Catholic Home Missions" on the memo line of your check.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56.

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22.

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30.

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16.

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14.

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
see 625: Sir 15:1-6; Jn 17:20-26.

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
see 626: 1 Thes 2:2b-8; Jn 21:15-17.

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69.



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.

C+CC NEWS

In the Gallery: Silk Horizons *by Arlene Baker*
Arlene creates her mixed media paintings using gouache paint, paper, glue, foam core board, archival tape, household pins and many layers of see-thru silk. She uses this assemblage to create "horizons" that many people view as landscapes.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE, By Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com

Undoer of Knots

Knots- small ones, big ones, medium sized ones.

Author Jerry Spinelli's 1990 novel named after its main character *Maniac Magee* was a hit with the middle school students I encountered. And I loved the book too! We loved how Maniac could use his "incredible knot- untangling abilities" to undo every knot he was asked or challenged to undo, be it his siblings' shoelaces or even the famed Cobble's Knot.

Knots- small ones, big ones, medium sized ones.

I have encountered all- sizes of knots in my heart from time to time. And as I have grown in affection for *Mary, Undoer of Knots*, I have been graced to feel her gentle fingers work through some snaggy and snarly areas of my life- those spaces where reconciliation and healing were most needed, praise God!

Challenge: Identify a knot or two of your own, and bring it to prayer... "O *Mary, Undoer of Knots*, please [pray your intention]. Amen."

Follow this link to the Novena: <http://stanthonyofpaduacommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/Our-Lady-Undoer-of-Knots-English.pdf>

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

by Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu

All RPI students are welcome to join the Knights and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Wednesday at 8pm! (Email me for the Webex link). If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and

Newman Catholic Fellowship please feel free to join the Discord

at: <https://discord.gg/YxZNkDnTzV> where we chat and send announcements. Our council is currently looking for a new Financial Secretary (Financial Secretary cannot be a current RPI student). If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming involved with the council in this role, please

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam adamm2@rpi.edu

As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this Sunday, I feel called to reflect on Our Heavenly Mother as the epitome of our faith, our role model in life. The Canticle of Mary is something that I was exposed to early on, having attended Catholic school for 13 years prior to coming to RPI. Over the years, I have come to find that its words emanate truth not only about God's justice, mercy, and promises, but also beautifully articulates Mary's understanding of His presence throughout all ages. At my elementary school, it was a tradition for the 8th graders to sing this proclamation of Mary each year at our May Crowning Mass. The words of this song we learned parallel those in the Gospel this week; however, the refrain that was added to these verses always inspires me to reflect on what it means to live for God and how Mary understood this, even so long ago. The memory of singing these words with my classmates reminds me of where I came from and how my faith will guide me where I am to go next. I'll invite you to reflect on these words, what they mean to you, and how they define our faith: "All that I am / sings of the God who brings new life / to birth in me; my spirit soars / on the wings of my Lord." Have a blessed week everyone and stay tuned for updates for next semester!

FR. LARRY RICE, CSP



From Fr. Larry

Expect the unexpected.” “Ready for anything.” These sorts of phrases offer advice that seems nearly impossible to follow in times like these. As we’ve been scrambling to prepare for the return of Rensselaer’s students in 10 days (TEN DAYS!!!), I’ve found it very challenging to formulate actual plans. Public health advisories seem to be constantly evolving. Our various constituencies and stakeholders don’t seem to be reading from the same playbook. And what we plan today may be unworkable in two weeks. After nearly 18 months of this cycle, there’s a real temptation to hunker down and wait to see what the next wave will bring. It can feel futile to plan for events that may not happen.

And yet, I know that life goes on, and plan we must. For everything we plan, there must be a Plan “B.” The only way to start to feel like we’re moving toward a more normal life is to make our plans with flexibility and with a willingness to adapt. As I read recently, “The plan isn’t the goal. The goal is the goal.” Our goal is to build a welcoming, vibrant community of faith for RPI and its students, faculty, staff, and neighbors.

What this calls for is resilience—the ability (and willingness!) to accurately assess our situation and creatively keep moving toward our goal. What does our faith have to teach us about resilience?

The founder of the Paulist Fathers, Servant of God Isaac Hecker, counseled us to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, to read the signs of the times, and to respond with courage and trust in Divine Providence. When we work together as a community of faith to meet the challenges of these times, we can trust that God’s love and mercy will not fail us, as we work for the common good locally and globally. If we have to move to our Plan “B,” we can trust that it was God’s Plan “A” all along.

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