



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MONDAY – THURSDAY 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM
SUNDAY 10 AM & 5 PM

LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 10 AM Mass
www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass

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

NOTES

The parish recently received a note from **Fr. Randy Patterson** thanking us for our retirement gift. He tells us he is settling in well in Saratoga and enjoying retirement.

The **Reopening Committee** met this past week to discuss whether changes in protocols were needed in light of the increase in covid cases and the CDC guidelines. It was decided we could safely maintain our current procedures so long as parishioners continue to follow the recommendation to wear a mask and socially distance in church. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Health Survey required for non-vaccinated.

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 on Saturdays, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm or by arrangement with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Live music concert at the C+CC by *Fermata* at 8 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Welcome Picnic - Join us after the 5 PM Mass!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

American Red Cross Blood Drive at the C+CC
11:30 AM–5:30 PM. [Click here to make an appointment](#)



You might not know that:

"Even though we now live in Florida, CSJ has been our spiritual home base for nearly 50 years. We are blessed to be part of a community that ministers to the many needs of RPI and especially its extraordinary students."



David & Katie Haviland

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.)
- This 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: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69.

Monday: Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:22.

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51.

Wednesday: Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32.

Thursday: Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51.

Friday: Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13 see 632:

Sir 26:1-4, 13-16; Lk 7:11-17.

Saturday: Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30 see 633:

Jn 4:7-16; Mt 23:8-12.

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

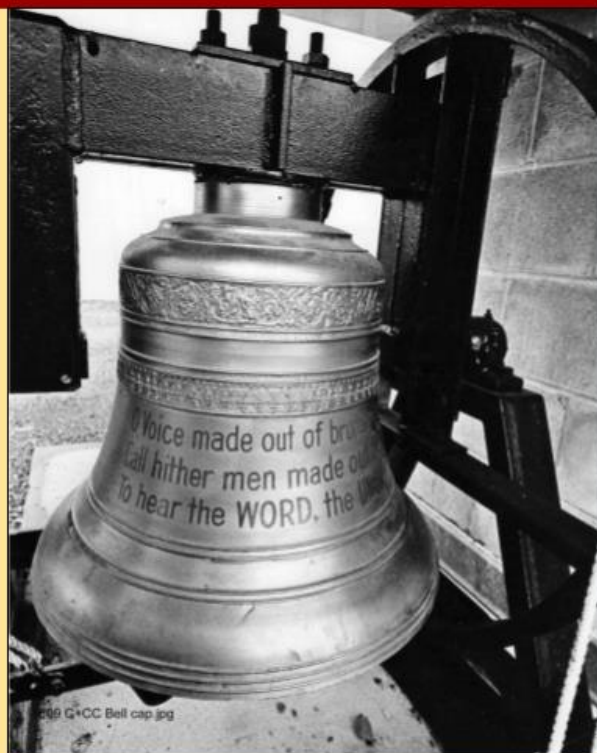
C+CC Bell

"O Voice made out of bronze by man
Call hither men made out of clay
To hear the WORD, the UNCREATED."

(Photo courtesy of Robert Peley 1967)

See video of the
bell ringing [here](#).

Rooted in History



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

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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

Loving Ruth

I don't know about you but sometimes I am grabbed by our daily readings more than I am our Sunday ones. And our Hebrew Scripture readings from Ruth for Friday and Saturday (08/20 & 21) in the light of news out of so many corners of our world especially Afghanistan has pierced my heart, and brought me back to a reflection written by Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ that I had been deeply moved by a few years back and am now too.

“Why should I, a foreigner, be favored with your notice?” Ruth asks Boaz. *The question reverberates through the centuries to our own time.*

According to a 2016 United Nations report, there are over 65 million migrants, refugees, and forcibly displaced persons in the world. Ruth found in Boaz a compassionate host. He gave her work and protected her, telling the men to do her no harm. Caring for the foreigner was steeped in Jewish memory. Boaz would remember that his people were once foreigners in the strange land of Egypt, migrating there to avoid famine, only then to flee from Pharaoh's persecution.

There are so many Ruths today, crossing deserts, climbing mountains, and navigating perilous seas [running desperately after planes on airport tarmac]. They are fleeing violence or, like Ruth, looking for work. Sometimes they receive hospitality and protection like Boaz gave Ruth. Many, however, are not afforded food or drink, and many others become victims of sexual violence.

Jesus commands us to serve in humility. He knew the migrant's burden, having fled Herod's terror with his family to exile in Egypt. Jesus' command to humble service risks devolving into pious sentimentality unless we specify it. Today, let us consider what serving migrants and [other] displaced persons means for us: in how we talk about them, how we pray for them, how we vote and advocate for them, and how we help them materially. Let images from our media and their stories form our moral imagination.

To return to Ruth's question, why should we care for migrants and refugees? They are Ruth to us. *They are Jesus and Mary and Joseph to us.* They are our family on the run and in exile, in need of our protection and mercy.”

How we respond becomes both our political dilemma and moral imperative.

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 adam2@rpi.edu

This week, as the summer semester is drawing to a close, this idea of a change of season and phase in life has been on my mind. In the midst of the pandemic and the progress we've made with the vaccine, this upcoming school year is planned to apply a higher degree of in-person instruction. This change in season in particular offers us a great deal of hope, but the uncertainties of the COVID variants and regulations can leave us feeling worried or unsettled. In times like these, I have found hope in turning to the Bible; reflecting on God's word in times of season change can assure us that his promises are unchanging, despite what the circumstances might claim. Though things might not be happening within our own time frame, we must keep our eyes on Him and His will.

The verses I'd like to unpack begin in the book of Ecclesiastes, with chapter 3, verse 1: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Our Creator is with us during every season of life; when the future seems unclear, we can trust that He is in control of the situation, working things out for our good. The second verse comes from the book of Psalms, with chapter 1, verse 3: "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Rooted in God's teachings and a personal relationship with Him, we will be in a proper place to produce good fruit. Establishing a firm foundation backed by a trust in God through every season will allow us to not sway in times of change and uncertainty.

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, 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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