



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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First Sunday
of Lent

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Registration and Health Survey required

WEDNESDAY 7 PM

ADORATION resumes this Wednesday from 6pm-7pm and again for a time after Mass.

LIVESTREAM

Lenten Wednesday 7 PM and 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

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

THURSDAY FEB 25:

Catholic Charities Food Distribution at Boys and Girls Club of Southern Rensselaer County. Email: volunteer@ccrca.org. To view all Food distribution sites, click [here](#).

Are you able to help at either the 11am or 5pm Sunday Mass? Training is provided to be a Greeter, Usher or Sanitizer. Email [Mary Crangle Nagy](mailto:MaryCrangleNagy) or [Fran Hyde](mailto:FranHyde) if you can lend a hand.

NOTES

INCLEMENT WEATHER If weather causes Mass to be cancelled, the C+CC phone voicemail message (518-274-7793) will announce the cancellation at least an hour and a half before Mass.

BLACK BOOKS to assist you on your Lenten journey are available after Mass or upon request.

CONFESSION during Lent can be made by arrangement.

LENTEN MESSAGE from Bishop Scharfenberger: [Our God of Surprises](#)

EVENTS OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY, FEB 24

Lenten Wednesday Speaker Series
Brother Mickey McGrath Register [here](#)

SUNDAY, FEB 28

Women's Zoom Gathering 8pm link [here](#)

My favorite hobbies:
"I enjoy quilting, beekeeping, gardening and spending time on the water."

Favorite C+CC memory:
"Walking into the chapel my first time (Summer 2014). I knew right away that this was where I belonged!"

Christine Relyea

WE are Church

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.)
- St. James School, South Bay, South Africa – ongoing collection.
- Feb 21 - Diocesan Special Collection: see Bishop Scharfenberger's letter [here](#)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

THE CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER
1968
HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Ten Year Anniversary of the C+CC being listed on the National Register of Historic Places
Feb. 22, 2011-2021

Rooted in History

LENTEN MESSAGE

Behold the wood of the cross...

Lent has begun!

This is a sacred season for us as Christ-followers.

For the next almost six weeks we will hear the words 'renewal, reconciliation and re-form' call us to live well our baptismal commitment more meaningfully. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer will hopefully punctuate our days as we grow stronger in faith and God-centered living. The cross stands before us as a reminder!



In *The Little Blue Book* that accompanied many of us during Advent, we read about the Cathedral of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan transforming its Christmas tree into the cross for Lent. We at the C+CC are doing the same this year! The wondrously decorated Christmas tree that adorned our chapel space as we celebrated Jesus' birth, now stripped stands before us as reminder of His death and the Pascal Mystery.



One of my favorite expressions for Lent is 'Springtime of the Soul' because it signifies new life emerging from the dead of winter. The cross, our tree, is both sign of death and new life --the agony of Calvary birthed the victory of Easter Sunday -- resurrection!

As we behold our tree being transformed and re-formed into something new, what invitation or nudge to newness am I/are you being called to?

Happy Lent! ~Chris Partisano csj

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.

C+CC NEWS

The C+CC is presenting our Virtual Lenten Wednesday Speaker Series that will include live-streamed Mass at 7 PM, followed by the guest speakers at 8 PM. Our theme this year is WHAT IS IT TO BE CHURCH. Click [here](#) to register and learn more about each of our speakers. Join us on Wednesday, February 24, as we kick off this year's Series with Br. Mickey McGrath.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.
Monday: Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19.
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15.
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32.
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12.
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26.
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48.
Sunday: (Second Sunday of Lent) Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10.

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.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, Student Spiritual Advisor

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

Lenten Upkeep: a reflection

Earlier this week I decided to clean my laptop keyboard, and so I grabbed a can of dusting air and went to work. Wow- I was shocked at how many particles of dust, etc. came flying out! Who knew so much stuff had accumulated in those nooks and crannies!

Next I took a soft cloth and gently but firmly began to wipe off the smears and smudges that had gathered on my screen. All in all I was humbled by this simple upkeep process, and have committed to being better at it!

And so it is for me with Lent too: as I slow down and examine my daily rhythms, what is it that I notice? Are there places that could use some honest, humbled attention? Will I allow Jesus to gently yet firmly wipe away my smudges day in and day out? Am I willing to make **and** take time to tend to my heart, my spiritual upkeep? And so we pray, O Jesus, be with us as we make this Lenten journey.

Lenten Upkeep: students in action

Be on the lookout for

- (a) a weekly link to Virtual Stations of the Cross offerings from a variety of places! As you engage in prayer, take time to notice the richness and diversity of the Stations.
- (b) one or two Troy area service-oriented opportunities each week. Provided that Covid protocols and your schedule allow you to participate, become aware of Christ in all whom you encounter. And please pray that as the semester rolls on that we will be able to engage in service as a larger group!
- (C) ways to "fast" from plastic items that are so tough on Mother Earth. As you become more aware of ecojustice and sustainability, be attentive to spreading this "good news" too.
- (D) Adoration will resume beginning this Wednesday from 6pm-7pm and again for a time after Mass. Come away and rest awhile with the Lord.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam

As we enter Lent, we are called to draw close to God and reflect on our shortcomings. I believe this call for repentance is not only tied to receiving forgiveness, but also so we can enhance our faith. What does it mean for us to repent and believe in the Gospel? By seeking forgiveness for our sins and then acting upon our call to spread God's love, we can truly begin to live as Jesus' disciples. A church of disciples, we are united in our love of God and our calling to make Him known; the Lenten Speaker Series webinar at the C+CC strives to achieve this very unity of our church. Looking to our community during this Lenten Season, we can collectively celebrate our faith and fellowship.

If you have any questions about our Newman Club at RPI, feel free to reach out to me by email (adamm2@rpi.edu)!

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