



UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE
 MASS SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM
 SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM

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.

Location and mailing address of the C+CC and CSJ Parish: 2125 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. (across from BARH dorms)

Office Hours of the C+CC: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

RPI Chaplains' Office: Rensselaer Union - Rm. 3514, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180

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Web site: (C+CC) <http://www.chapelculturalcenter.net> (PARISH) <http://www.christsunofjustice.org>

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Director of Music: Barbara Musial, musiab@sage.edu

Student Spiritual Advisor: Tracy Watson, spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com; (518) 274-7793 ext. 11; (518) 233-4514

Christ Sun of Justice Trustees: Mary Crangle Nagy cranglemary@gmail.com and Paul Kraus csj@kraus-haus.org.

When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

Fr. Randall Patterson, Pastor / Fr. Samuel Bellafiore, Associate Pastor
 (518) 273-7602 ParishOffice@olvols.org

Readings for the Week:

(Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord) Is 55:1-11; Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11.

(Monday) Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20.

(Tuesday) Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28.

(Wednesday) Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39.

(Thursday) Heb 3:7-14; k 1:40-45.

(Friday) Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12.

(Saturday) Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17.

(Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time) Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35- 42.



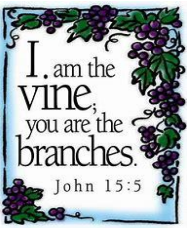
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Jesus comes forward as one of the many people who heard John, as one just like any other person. John knows that the one to come is at the same time different from all other people. Jesus's baptism was a moment of intense revelation: he saw the Spirit descend upon him; he heard the voice of the Father say, "You are my beloved Son..." (Mark 1:11). He will show us the way to the Father by walking it himself. It is the feast that proclaims the Baptism that elevates believers to the status of daughters and sons of God.

We will be taking down the Chapel Christmas decorations on Wednesday, 13 January, beginning at 1:00 pm. If you are free, any assistance would be most welcome!



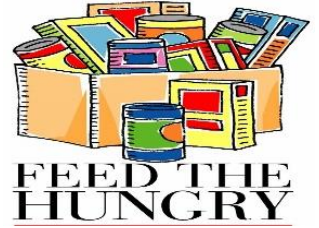
If weather concerns cause either the Wednesday or Sunday Masses to be cancelled, a notice to that effect will be placed on the Chapel + Cultural Center telephone by at least an hour and a half before Mass times. Please call 518-274-7793 to access the message.





Women of Christ Sun of Justice will be holding a zoom gathering on Sunday, 17 January, at 8:00 pm. Anyone interested in participating should contact Christine Relyea (crelyea28@gmail.com) for the zoom invite link. Just pop in to say "hi" if that's all the time you have. It would be great to see faces of CSJ friends that we have not been able to see in a while!

This week, **FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY** – Please remember to donate to our local area food banks. There will be a basket in the hallway for food items that will benefit Our Lady of the Snow Food Pantry. We had a **SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR LADY OF THE SNOW** that there is a need for shampoo and conditioner, and dish and laundry soap. You can also make monetary donations for Bethany Center and Unity House with checks payable to Unity House or Bethany Center. Thank you for your generosity!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS: We would like to keep everyone informed of some of the requirements for attending Mass here at the Chapel + Cultural Center so we all stay safe and healthy.



- PLEASE register for Mass each week and also fill out the Health Survey form in advance. If you need any information on how to do this, please see one of the greeters or ushers.
- PLEASE arrive 15 minutes before Mass.
- PLEASE wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose and keep it on throughout the Mass. The only exception is when receiving communion. You may momentarily lift or lower your mask at that time.
- PLEASE use hand sanitizer before entering the Chapel.
- PLEASE follow the usher's directions on seating, going to communion, and departing the Chapel. Receiving communion in the hand is encouraged for safety reasons. However, if you wish to receive communion on the tongue rather than in the hand, please be the last in line.
- WE WILL NOW BOTH ENTER AND EXIT BY THE FRONT DOOR TO ENSURE SAFETY UNDERFOOT FOR ALL.
- PLEASE do not congregate in the hallway, sacristy, or other areas inside the C+CC. If you need to speak with the priest, try to make arrangements in advance. Alternatively, make your need for a private meeting known to the priest after Mass and wait until he is available. We must maintain social distancing.

In the light of ongoing health risks to the most vulnerable among us, the temporary suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days during the pandemic remains in force for the moment (cf. CIC, canon 1247) although this provision is under constant review. That being stated, keeping holy the Lord's Day is of fundamental importance for every Christian and indeed, it is constitutive of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. Therefore, Catholics should use their prudential judgment based upon religious and medical considerations as to whether or not to attend Mass. Furthermore parishioners are reminded that:

- if they are sick, for example, if they are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms,
- if they are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness,
- or if they are in a "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions, respiratory conditions, etc.) they are NOT obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and, out of concern for others, ought not to attend. It would be good, therefore, for them to avail themselves of live-stream/recorded Masses.



LIVESTREAMED MASS: To view Livestreamed & Archived Masses, go to rcda.org/livemass.
Christ Sun of Justice - Sunday Mass at 11:00 am.
Our Lady of Victory Parish - Monday - Friday, at 8:30 am, and Sunday at 9:45 am.

We are in need of additional help with live streaming. Training will be provided. Thank you for considering volunteering for this important ministry!



Help Needed – Catholic Charities is continuing Food Distributions through the winter and is seeking assistance on Wednesday 20 January, at HVCC, 74 Vandenburg Avenue, and on Wednesday, 27 January at the ICC, 1450 5th Avenue, from 8:15 am until about 11:45 am (or for as long as you are able). Food will be packed and placed in the trunks of people's cars when they drive through. Perhaps your organization could send a group. Please wear a mask, gloves will be provided. For further details or to volunteer, contact volunteer@ccrcda.org. Many thanks!



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available every Wednesday, following the 7:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Patterson and/or Fr. Sam.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Adoration before or after the Wednesday night Mass until after the students return to Campus.



TAX STATEMENTS: If you wish to have a statement of contributions for tax purposes, please email Diane Waters at waterd3@rpi.edu with your request and we will send out the letter as soon as possible.



THANK YOU! Your continued generosity to our Parish Weekly Mass collection is appreciated! Your support allows us to maintain our essential needs and expenses during these difficult times. We humbly ask that if you are able, to continue to use your 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

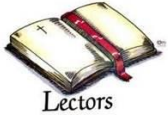
Christ Sun of Justice to: Christ Sun of Justice Parish, 2125 Burdett Ave, Troy, NY 12180.

The collection basket is located by the doors into the church when you enter, and again when you leave the church at the end of Mass. You can also make an online donation by visiting our website at <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back>, please mention "Mass donation" in the Additional Comments section.



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



LECTOR BOOKS: The Lector books used to help in preparation for proclaiming "The Word" are still available. If you can, we ask for a donation of \$15 to cover the cost. This request should not keep anyone from obtaining a book. Year B began with the 1st Sunday of Advent (29 November 2020). Please see the Mass coordinator to obtain your book.

Chapel + Cultural Center, Director: Kevin Krolik, krolik2@rpi.edu

The C+CC welcomes Virginia Bryant back for her second exhibition here entitled, "Practice & Composition". This exhibit is made up of two bodies of work, drawings from the first decade of the century and diminutive paintings serving as color and compositional experiments. The drawings are preparatory, similar to a ballet bar before class or performance. They are utilized to prepare the hands and explore compositional possibilities.

A Family Perspective, by Bud Ozar

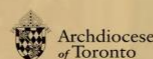
In today's gospel, Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors, we can overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.



TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

MARK 1:9-11



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~CAMPUS CONNECTION~



from Tracy Watson, MDiv, Student Spiritual Advisor, spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com

Dear Ones,

Sometimes we face events that leave us dumbfounded and almost speechless. Yesterday, Wednesday, 6 January, was that for me. And as I pray with it all, Spirit reminded me yet again of this profound poem~prayer of Maryknoll Sister Joan Metzner. May it offer what you need today.

~What is power?

I think of power as loud-

But sometimes power is quiet...like the persevering "peck peck" of the baby bird boring its way to freedom.
OR the silence of an understanding heart.

I think of power as unyielding-

But sometimes power is supple... like the bent weeds, bowing in breeze and tempest.
OR the heart-rending glance of a forgiving face.

I think of power as big-

But sometimes power is small... like the little snowflake, tired but intact after a long journey.
OR like the joy-releasing touch of tenderness.

I think of power as rule-

But is not power service...like the selfless apple tree that never eats its own fruit?
OR the worth-restoring moment of being called by name?

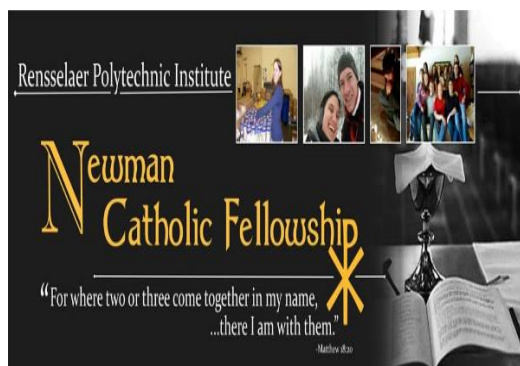
I think of power as rich-

But is not power poor...like the empty cup, open to be filled with pure, crystal water?
OR Assisi's peace- producing Saint who talked with trees?

I think of power as knowing much-

But is not power believing, even a little... like the mountain-moving seed?
OR the faith-filled Virgin who brought forth Jesus?

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (Contact: Megan Adam, adamm2@rpi.edu)



On this Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. This picture of Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the world's sins points directly to Jesus's mission on Earth. God the Father's iconic statement, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," was spoken after Jesus was baptized by John and the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. As a result of his anointing, as told by Saint Peter, "He went about doing good and healing these oppressed by the devil, for God was with him (Acts 10:28)." Jesus invited all types of people to know God the Father 2000 years ago, and this legacy also carries on to us today, as the Holy Spirit lives

within us. Let us be inspired this week to act uprightly and live out our baptismal promises, for these please God very much. This Friday, 15 January, we will have a small group discussion at 8 pm Eastern time and talk about some of the great authors of the bible. Everyone is welcome to join!

<https://rensselaer.webex.com/meet/adamm2>.

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635 (Contact: Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu)



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!

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HEALTH SURVEY FORM

(A separate form must be completed for each attendee)

Name: _____ (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

HEALTH SURVEY

Have you had ANY symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 Days? Symptoms include: FEVER, CHILLS, LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, TROUBLE BREATHING, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHES, SORE THROAT.

_____ Yes _____ No

Have you had ANY close contact with persons suspected of OR having COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

_____ Yes _____ No

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE HEALTH SURVEY WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO REMAIN ON THE PREMISES