



University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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18 July 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Health Survey required for non-vaccinated

Wed 7 PM Masses have been suspended until further notice

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 11 AM Mass

www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass

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

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.

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.

Thursday, July 22 - Catholic Charities Food Distribution at Macedonia Baptist Church, 26 Wilson Ave, Albany. .Email: volunteer@ccrcda.org. To view all Food distribution sites, click [here](#).

EVENTS OF INTEREST

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Coffee hour following the 11 AM & 5 PM Masses

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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:

- + I love to find God outdoors, in Creation- a constant all of my life. Rather than climbing trees or building forts and hideouts as I did with my brothers growing up, these days I relish time spent hiking, especially in the Adirondacks. And the building I feel called to by God is of circles of community!
- + Family: my relationship with my God has been profoundly deepened by my journey as a parent, and so often I have felt overwhelmed by God's love for me as I am overwhelmed by my love for my kids and grandkids!

My favorite CSJ memory:

I'm relatively new to the parish, so this is "under construction", and I am excited to make many awesome memories!



From left to right, my daughter Jasmine, me, son Michael, grandson Emmett, granddaughter Eden, daughter Jenna with Phoebe the pup.

Tracy Watson

WE are Church

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Welcome Picnic Volunteers/Planners Needed - We are looking for ideas and volunteers for the Welcome Picnic scheduled for September 5th at 6PM. 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.

Coffee Hour – We are continuing to have coffee hour after both the 11 AM and 5 PM Masses each Sunday. Plan to stay and catch up with old friends and meet some new ones! These are simple affairs: coffee, tea and some goodies after the morning Mass. After the 5 PM Mass, lemonade, iced tea and snacks. We need help making this happen each week. Please volunteer by contacting Mary Crangle Nagy at (518) 439-5547 or craglemary@gmail.com. Don't be intimidated. It's not difficult and assistance will be provided. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who helped! It makes a difference!

Soup Kitchen Bakers - In collaboration with the ICC and other church groups, CSJ will be providing desserts on the 2nd and last Thursdays of the month. There are spots for 2 people to make 25 servings each and these will be delivered to Joseph's House (74 Ferry St. Troy) before 2:30 PM on the dates provided. Click [here](#) for the sign up sheet. Don't have access to a computer? Please call temporary coordinator: Fran Hyde at (518) 271-7030 to make arrangements to bake and/or deliver. Store-purchased desserts welcome too!

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.

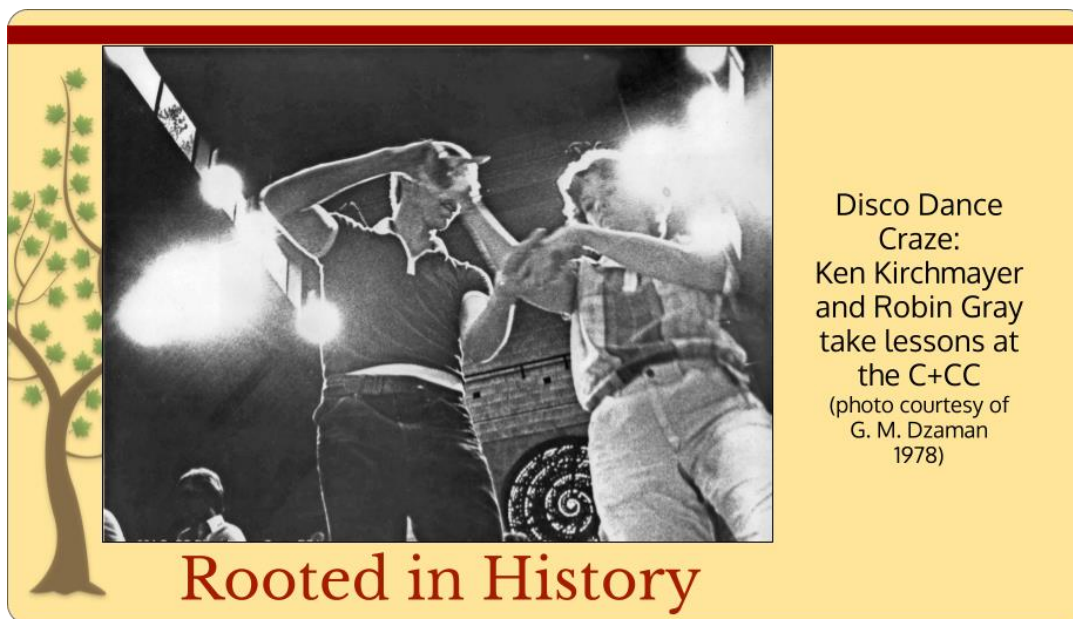
COLLECTIONS

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, "Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father" Please make **check payable to Christ Sun of Justice "Holy Father"** on the memo line of your check.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34.
Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42.
Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50.
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9.
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18.
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23.
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30.
Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15.



Disco Dance
Craze:
Ken Kirchmayer
and Robin Gray
take lessons at
the C+CC
(photo courtesy of
G. M. Dzaman
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NOTES

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by arrangement with Fr. Larry at lrice@paulist.org.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE EVANGELIST?

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE, By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

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

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.

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SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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Rule of life

A few Friday nights ago, our Newman student faith sharing group got to meet Father Larry, and we had a great time getting to know more about him!

In the course of Q&A conversation, Father Larry mentioned having a “Rule of life”. What, pray-tell, is a “Rule of life” you might be asking? I’m so glad you asked!

Rev. Marjorie J. Thompson summarizes it this way: *“A Rule of life is a pattern of spiritual disciplines that provides structure and direction for growth in holiness...it is like a **trellis**, (it) curbs our tendency to wander and supports our frail effort to grow spiritually.”*

I share with you “Watson’s Rule of life” that I put into writing as a St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry student for our Spiritual Formation class. Keep in mind that while the framework holds true, it is 7 years old, and, thank you Jesus, Spirit-led nuances have taken root.

Anchor passage: Matthew 22: 36-40

1. Cherish this day
2. Slow down- take time to recognize God in the midst of this day
3. Respond accordingly- be it through action, prayer, etc
4. Continually seek to deepen my relationship with the Lord
5. Maintain balance in all areas of life
6. Know my role
7. Share my joyful soul-felt smile that comes from resting in the promise of the Lord

Challenge: by August 1st, jot down the elements/ingredients for **your** Rule of life.

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 adammm2@rpi.edu

Interacting and praying with my fellow students this week after returning back to campus for the remainder of the summer semester has been quite refreshing for me. Taking time to be present in the moments of conversation and prayer is extremely important, especially in our fast-paced lives. I have come to find that these simple interactions allow us to gain an appreciation not only for others, but the world around us. Especially while attending mass each week or sometimes a few times during the week, being focused on connecting with God and His Word makes the worries and inconveniences of our everyday lives seem miniscule. As I have gotten older, reflecting on the words of the “Glory Be” prayer has made all the difference for me; we can all rest in the fact that God is, has, and always will be there for us. This week, I encourage us all to think about how we have seen the truth in these words: “Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.” The Newman Club has changed our weekly online rosary nights to Wednesdays at 8 pm. Stay tuned for upcoming events!

WELCOME FR. LARRY!



From Fr. Larry:

After 16 months of COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, restrictions, struggles, and tragedy, we are at long last seeing some light at the end of this very long tunnel. To be sure, we're not at the end of this, and in fact no one really knows what the "end" of this pandemic will look like. As much as we'd love to be able to put a stake in the ground and say, "we're done with this!" that seems very unlikely. Instead, we'll probably see additional waves of illness among unvaccinated people, some limited infection even among the vaccinated, and— unless more of us are vaccinated— the evolution of more unpredictable variant strains of the virus.

And yet.... we are still making progress, and are returning to a somewhat more normal life. As a community of faith, Christ Sun of Justice parish is starting to revive. More people are returning to in-person worship (Nice to meet you!!). We're singing again. And we're able to feel a little more normal when we gather for worship. Of course, not everyone is feeling that. Some people still need or prefer to stay masked in public spaces. And for our kids who thus far cannot be vaccinated, masks are still required. This is a significant additional burden for some of our families, and one that I don't know how to accommodate easily. It's hard enough for our youngest kids to sit through Mass; staying masked is really difficult for them. I'm open to suggestions about making it easier for kids and parents.

On so many levels, this pandemic experience is a big reset. We've been forced to examine how we've structured our lives, and how we might want to live differently. Home, work, school, family, and church will all look a little different in the coming months. It's hard to anticipate what that restructuring will bring, but I'm hopeful that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can chart a new course together, faithful to the mission that has been entrusted to us.

Peace. - Fr. Larry

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