




University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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25 July 2021

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Health Survey required for non-vaccinated

LIVESTREAM

Sunday 11 AM Mass

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CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

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.

CONFESSION

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

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.

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 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.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

SUNDAY, JULY 25

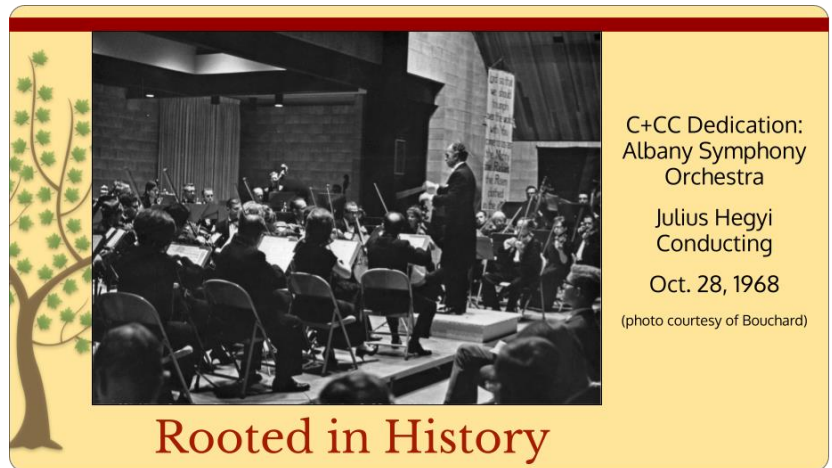
Coffee hour following the 11 AM & 5 PM Masses

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

11 AM and 5 PM Memorial Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Fr. Larry is hosting an **open house from noon to 3 PM** at his residence. All are welcome!



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

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 cranglemary@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.

Thursday, July 29 - Catholic Charities Food Distribution at Martin Electric, 164 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer. Email: volunteer@ccrcda.org. To view all Food distribution sites, click [here](#).

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.

MEMORIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers those enrolled in July: William Carey, Sr., Angelina Stephens and Eugenia Codru. They will be remembered at both Masses next week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

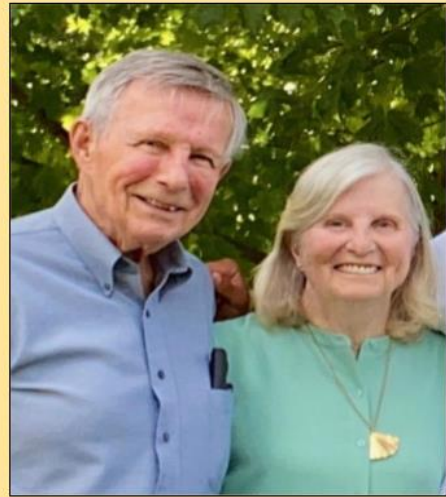
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15.
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35 see 606: Sir 44:1, 10-15; Mt 13:16-17.
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43.
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46.
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 see Jn 4:7-16.
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58.
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12 see 609: Cor 10:31-11:1; Lk 14:25-33.
Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35.

You might not know that:

Peter and I have been members of the community since we arrived at RPI in 1965 when he joined the Chemical Engineering faculty. At that time, we met at the Fifteenth Street Lounge for Sunday liturgy until the C+CC was built and dedicated in 1968. I had the pleasure of being involved in some of the early fund-raising efforts for the Chapel. Our daughter was one of the first babies Baptized in the font. All three of our children received their first Communion and Confirmation at the Chapel. Our daughter's son was one of the last babies Baptized by Father Tom Phelan.

My favorite CSJ memory:

One of my fondest memories that still makes me smile is when at the dedication ceremony in 1968, The Albany Symphony Orchestra was performing in grand and very loud splendor. Since I was more than six months pregnant with Elizabeth, my daughter delighted in the sound and exuberantly danced and kicked to show her appreciation. She's a fine dancer today.



Donna Wayner

WE are Church

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE, By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?

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.)
- Our second collection this week will be for Peter's Pence which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous in this collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please make your **check payable to Christ Sun of Justice and put "Holy Father" in the memo line of your check.**

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.



~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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

Our Footprints and the Gospel

If you are able to, stop and take a look at your **left foot**. Now your **right foot**. What sort of surface were you last walking on? Was it *durable and sustainable*? Have your footsteps left little wear and tear on good ol' Mother Earth as you go about your day?

What about your **carbon footprint**? Is it time to recommit to your Lenten intention *to eliminate or at least reduce your consumption of single-use plastics*?

If composting at home isn't an option for you, did you know that by dropping off your **compostable food waste** at the *Troy Farmer's Market* you can help to **reduce methane emissions and your carbon footprint**? <https://www.troymarket.org/compost>

Have you heard of the **Zero Waste Movement**? "*Zero Waste is a movement to reduce the amount one consumes and consequently throws away.*" For more ideas, please take a look at this link: <https://www.centerforecotechnology.org/zero-waste-lifestyle/>

I encourage you to check out **RPI's Food Recovery Network** Student-led organization dedicated to **reducing food waste**: <https://poly.rpi.edu/opinion/2021/04/food-waste-is-a-choice-we-dont-have-to-make/> Might there be ways to team up with this group for service and ministry projects within our Troy community?

And what does the **Gospel** have to do with all of this?

Be listening this Sunday for Jesus to tell **us**, his disciples, "*to waste nothing*" as our Gospel scene draws to a close.

For prayer: ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you strive to live into a zero-waste lifestyle.

~Tracy

P.S. I will be on vacation July 26th - 30th. Have a good week!

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

In this week's Mass readings, themes of God's dedication and fatherly care are prevalent. It's amazing to read how in 2nd Kings, in the times of the prophet Elisha and Kings, a parallel to Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is mentioned. A prophet in the times of corruption in Israel and Judah where many of the Kings did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, Elisha reminds his servant of how with God, twenty loaves of barley would be sufficient for a crowd of one hundred. God had made this promise; He would undoubtedly follow through and answer the people's needs. The fulfillment of the scriptures, Christ Jesus himself, again turned to God the Father in performing his miracle of the five thousand; "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted" (Jn 6: 11). Further, at the end of this Gospel portion in verse 14, Jesus is referred to as the "Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." I feel that these readings go hand in hand in terms of physical nourishment, but also spiritual. In times when the people hundreds of years before the coming of Christ were doubtful and even worshipped other gods, God's loyalty remained, and he eventually sent His Son to bring new life to the world. This same God was working through Jesus and is here with us today; He truly is all that we could ever need! The Newman club continues to meet regularly for rosary nights, small group, and summer-themed events at the C+CC. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions!

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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