

THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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2nd Sunday of Lent

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MON. TUE. & THUR. 5 PM WED. 5:30 (livestream)

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM SUNDAY 10 AM (*livestream*) & 5 PM

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

CONFESSION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at *chaplain@rpi.edu*.

C+CC NEWS

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

5:30 PM Mass / Potluck Dinner / 7 PM Speaker (*livestream*). Please pick up a brochure in the C+CC hallway for more details.

MAR 16 Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS

MAR 23 Nora Bradbury-Haehl

MAR 30 Communal Penance Service

APR 6 Fr. Ron Franco, C.S.P.

Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 schedule.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The C+CC has an open call for artists to present their works on display at the C+CC Gallery. All forms of Art: Painting, Sculpture, Mixed Media, and Photography are considered. The booking process is arranged by contacting Kevin at the C+CC Office 518-274-7793 or by email: *krolik2 @rpi.edu*. Exhibits are booked in two-month intervals and we are looking to fill the

EVENTS OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

Meatless Potluck Meal following the 5:30 Mass. If you can contribute a dish to the potluck meal, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet in the C+CC hallway for planning purposes. Thank you.

Lenten speaker at 7PM: *Br. Mickey McGrath*, OSFS "The Holy Spirit Doesn't Fly Backward." Bro. Mickey will be appearing remotely; you are invited to join our community in-person.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

UKRAINE RELIEF: Bishop Scharfenberger urges us to support emergency relief for Ukraine as the humanitarian crisis grows. Catholic Relief Services is working with its partner, Caritas Ukraine, to respond. Here is how people can help: https://bit.ly/3hbagDJ.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS are organized by vicariate. Our parish is in the Taconic Vicariate and that listening session will be held June 1 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Michael the Archangel in Troy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Drive through food distribution: Mar. 23 at Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, 504 4th Ave, Troy. Volunteer and food pick up info *here*. Want a ride to volunteer? Meet at the C+CC at 8am.

EASTER TRADITION: At Eastertime, our community gives a Lily plant to those who are housebound or who have lost a relative during the past year. PLEASE SIGN-UP and share the joy of Easter. We'll give you a name, address, and phone number so you can be in touch and visit at a mutually convenient time during Easter Week. \$12 donation; cash or check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice with notation "EASTER PLANT". Contact Dee Dziewulski to sign up at 518-334-6825 or dmdeezee@nycap.rr.com

STUDENTS: We have funding available and will cover the cost of the plant and we can arrange transportation. This is a beautiful ministry and your participation is a blessing.

Not able to deliver an Easter Lily but wish to donate to the cost of the flowers? Please look for a basket in the C+CC hallway to help.

Rooted in History



Alphonse J. Ohligschlager "Ohli" RPI Class of '15

Ohli was the 1st RPI Catholic Club President.
After graduation, he became VP of a concrete company, national treasurer of the Third Order of St. Francis, and president of these organizations in his hometown of Louisville Kentucky: St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Catholic Orphans Society, and St. Xavier High School Alumni Assoc.

Ohli died Mar. 1950 at the age of 56
Photo: RPI Transit 1915

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 weekend is the collection for the hungry & income-insecure of our community. Thank you in advance for being as generous as your means allow. The greatest need at the OLS Food Pantry is for condiments, vegetable oil, BBQ sauce, salad dressing, Worcestershire sauce, pickles, olives, jelly, sugar, brownie mix, and gallon-size ziplock bags.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

NOTES

TIME CHANGE occurs THIS Sunday, March 13. Remember to spring ahead!

MASKS must continue to be worn and social distance maintained at the C+CC given the current guidelines in place at RPI. If you are not fully vaccinated you must also fill out a *Health Survey*.

If INCLEMENT 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. Please also check your television for closing announcements. If OLV cancels Mass, we will also cancel Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14., Phil 3:17—4:1, Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10, 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20, 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mt 23:1-

12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20, 31:5-6, 14, 15-16, Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10, 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21,

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 **Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29,

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11., 1 Cor

10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9

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FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

How Long is Lent?

I had a discussion recently with a group of people, after a Sunday mass, and they were trying to decide how long the season of Lent is. The obvious, traditional answer is 40 days. But is that exactly right? Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. So Good Friday and Holy Saturday are not part of Lent. And only part of Holy Thursday is. And what

about Sundays during Lent? Several people have ventured the opinion that Sunday aren't really part of Lent, and therefore their Lenten discipline—usually dietary—doesn't have to be followed on Sundays.

Well, not so fast. True, every Sunday has the character of Easter, as a commemoration of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. But look in the Roman Missal, and these liturgies are called "The First Sunday of Lent," and "The Second Sunday of Lent" etc. I'm seeing a lot of purple vestments for days that people think aren't really part of Lent. My considered opinion is, Sundays count. So, from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, I get 43.5 days. If you take out six Sundays, you still don't get 40 days.

40 days is a symbolic number. In the scriptures, whether it's the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years, or Jesus fasting for 40 days, the point isn't the precise number of days. It's symbolic of a long time, the time of a significant and life-changing journey. That's what Lent is supposed to be. Whether it's 37 days, 40 or 43.5, the point is to make it a time of personal transformation, through prayer, fasting, and works of charity or almsgiving.

Father Larry Rice may be contacted at chaplain@rpi.edu.



SPIRITUAL SEEDS
by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain
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03/10/22 Little Black Book

Did you happen to see that this Sunday, March 13th, will mark the 9th year since then Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio was elected pope? I

appreciate the reminders of a few of the traditions Pope Francis has steered away from. And of course, our hearts break as his break for the people of Ukraine, and all people suffering at the hands of machines of war. We pray with faith and hope that peace will replace aggression soon and very soon. From our lips to God's ears. Amen



NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP by Megan Adam adamm2 @rpi.edu

Mother Teresa once stated, "Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts." A powerful declaration indeed, I've pondered some of the main points which this honorable saint seeks to remind us. Her words remind me of God's nature and omnipotence; He is not a genie who is simply here to

grant our requests, but rather seeks a genuine relationship with us. Like any wholehearted relationship that we have, its growth requires dedication from both parties. Prayer is the perfect opportunity to develop this relationship with God because it is His gift to us. I've found that partaking in both individual and group prayer has been beneficial for their own reasons; alone, I am able to reflect on Him and His purposes for my life, but with others, I'm able to see Him working in a context beyond myself, which never fails to amaze me. Coming together as followers of Christ, taking time to listen and reflect on what He speaks to us, is the core of our faith and desires as a fellowship.

Throughout the season of Lent, after our spring break, the Newman club will be hosting a weekly rosary night for RPI students. Stay tuned to our bulletin and social media for dates and times. I believe this will be a wonderful Lenten habit to begin and progress as a regular occurrence for us!



COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635 by Andy Bouffard bouffa@rpi.edu

The Knights of Columbus published the first installment of their 'Let's Build a Better Lent' series on Ash Wednesday. Emphasizing the importance of renewing and reforming your heart during this season rather than making a sacrifice for show or because you feel you have to, the article reminds us that one way we are called to reform our own lives is to become involved in the

lives of those less fortunate than ourselves: "In the Gospel, Christ echoes the prophet: fast and give alms, but with sincerity and not for show (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). To give alms to the poor is a **Spiritual Work of Mercy** as well as a precept of the Church, so be mindful of parish appeals, special collections and other worthy charities. Just writing checks or dropping cash in a basket can still keep us at arm's length from the poor, so consider taking things a step further by seeking opportunities to offer direct service to those who need it most. Volunteer to assist personally the "least among us" in your community – the homeless, the incarcerated, nursinghome residents, or that lonely neighbor on a fixed income. In this way, you'll put your heart *and* your body into renewing your spirit!"

On that note, the RPI Knights would like to highlight these two opportunities for parishioners and students to volunteer in community service this Lent:

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