




# THE UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

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2022:

1st Sunday  
of Lent

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

MON. TUE. & THUR. 5 PM  
WED. 5:30 ([livestreamed](#))

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM  
SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestreamed](#)) & 5 PM

To view other Diocese livestreams,  
visit: [www.rcda.org/livemass](http://www.rcda.org/livemass)

**CONFESSION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Larry at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu).

## C+CC NEWS

### LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

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

MAR 9 *Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP*  
MAR 16 *Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS*  
MAR 23 *Nora Bradbury-Haehl*  
MAR 30 Communal Penance Service  
APR 6 *Fr. Ron Franco, C.S.P.*

### 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](mailto:krolik2@rpi.edu). Exhibits are booked in two-month intervals and we are looking to fill the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 schedule.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

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: *Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP*  
"Religion, Media and Technology: What have we learned after two years of virtual church?"

### SATURDAY MARCH 12

Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop 9-2:00. See Notes section for details.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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". Sign up on the C+CC hallway bulletin board or contact Dee Dziejewski at 518-334-6825 or [dmdeeze@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dmdeeze@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.

## 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 weekend (Mar. 12/13) we will be collecting 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.
- This weekend is the Black, Native American & Latin American Mission Collection. Please make **checks payable to Christ Sun of Justice with "Diocesan Collection" on the memo line** of your check.

Dec. 14, 1914  
The Troy Times reports  
the official formation of the  
RPI Catholic Club

**Rooted in History**



... stay tuned next week  
where we highlight "Ohli",  
the club's 1st president

## NOTES

**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**.

**UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG WORKSHOP** (i.e. *Pysanky*) – Join us in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as we learn about and how to make these special ancient symbols of Easter. Christine Relyea will lead the workshop on Saturday, March 12 from 9- 2:00 at the C+CC. You need only bring yourselves to the program. Lunch will be available along with beverages throughout the day. To cover expenses, we request a \$20 donation (free for RPI students). Enrollment is limited so please register asap: email Christine at [crelyea28@gmail.com](mailto:crelyea28@gmail.com) or call or text: 724-316-6664.

**THANK YOU** to Steve Partisano for his work in decorating the chapel and font area for Lent!

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15., Rom 10:8-13, Mt 4:4b, Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11, 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10, 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28, 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19, 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

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

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?



# ~Campus Connection~



## FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

As you may know, our administrative assistant, Diane Waters, left us shortly before Christmas to take a position with NY State. For many years Diane served in our office at the Rensselaer Union, deftly handling the whirlwind of tasks that kept the chaplain's office, the parish, and the Rensselaer Newman Foundation functioning. She was a welcoming and friendly face to those students who were looking for the chaplain, or who needed support for their student religious organizations. I truly miss working with Diane, and I wish her great success in her new position.

I'm also very pleased to welcome our new administrative assistant, Monica Rokjer (that's pronounced ROAK-yer). We received more than 40 applications for this position, and throughout the interview process Monica impressed us with her poise, her confidence, and her experience in administration and management.

Monica comes to us after several years running her own company providing elite sales and customer retention support to Fortune 500 companies. Her organizational skills and management experience will be tremendously helpful to the parish and foundation as we refocus our mission to serve the RPI community and as we begin to discern how our ministries will evolve in the post-COVID era.

I hope you'll join me in welcoming Monica to our staff. We're delighted that she'll be part of our team!

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## SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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Be Light

Back at the beginning of Advent in an effort to re-root and reground myself in the Presence of my God, I incorporated using a "morning mantra" on my drive to work- a practice I have continued each morning since. I began with the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner". As the mornings unfolded, I felt greatly enriched by this morning mantra centering practice; as Christmas gave way to ordinary time, Holy Spirit would surface a new morning mantra. This past Monday it was "if today I hear Your voice, harden not my heart; if today I see Your face, harden not my heart." And this morning the words "Be light" wafted into my heart.

*Question: As you reflect on your prayer practice(s), what might you incorporate into the rhythm of your day this Lenten season?*

Blessings to you on your Lenten journey. ~Tracy

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## NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam *adamm2@rpi.edu*

Upon beginning this season of Lent, I set a goal for myself to spend more quiet time with God and read more seasonal reflections as a way to guide these conversations. My “Little Black Book” which I received at mass last weekend has already proven to be quite a reliable source to fuel this goal of mine. Reading commentary on portions of the Gospels has unveiled to me more deeply the character of Jesus and the role of God’s mercy during this Lenten season. The unpacking of Luke 15: 1-2 and continuing through verses 3-6 discusses God’s forgiving nature and His unceasing love for us. In complaining about how Jesus welcomed sinners as they were, the Pharisees and scribes were missing the bigger picture:

Jesus’ forgiveness of the sinners created the opportunity for them to reform in a way that wouldn’t be possible through a “no mercy/learn your lesson” sort of reprehension. This idea continues into those following verses (3-6) which discuss the parable of the lost sheep. Not angry or annoyed with the long, hard journey to track down his sheep, the shepherd is only joyous at the finding of his beloved: mirroring the nature of Jesus, we are reminded that no matter how far we’ve gone astray, He is searching us out, only focused on the day we accept His forgiveness and welcome Him into our hearts. As beautifully stated by the author of the “Little Black Book”, “God takes care of me that way - not grudgingly, but happily. All I have to do is open myself to receive the gifts of mercy and love God gives me.”

Have a blessed week all, and to RPI students, enjoy the spring break!



## 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, nursing-home 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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