

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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14 March 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11 AM & 5 PM

Registration and Health Survey required

WEDNESDAY 7 PM – Adoration 6-7 PM and again following Mass.

LIVESTREAM

Lenten Wednesday 7 PM and Sunday 11 AM Mass: www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass for Our Lady of Victory livestream (M-F 8:30 AM & Sunday 9:45 AM) and other Diocese livestreams: www.rcda.org/livemass

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

MONDAY, MAR 15:

Catholic Charities Food Distribution at Hudson Valley Community College Email: volunteer@ccrcda.org. To view all Food distribution sites, click here.

Are you interested in being a Lector or Eucharistic Minister? Please email Rogerio Rodrigues, if you'd like to become involved.

EASTER TRADITION AT CSJ: In the past at Easter time, our community has given an Easter plant (during a visit) to those who are housebound/hospitalized, or who have lost a relative during the past year. Due to COVID-19, visiting cannot take place this year; however, we can make phone calls or send supportive messages. PLEASE SIGN-UP with Dee Dziewulski at (518) 334-6825 or dmdeezee @nycap.rr.com to receive a name, address, and phone number so that you can be in touch during Easter Week.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

WEDNESDAY, MAR 17

8 PM Lenten Wednesday Speaker Series Fr. John Downie Register here

SUNDAY, MAR 28

8 PM Women of Christ Sun of Justice Zoom Meeting

You might not know that:

"-Prior to coming to RPI, my hometown priest (in Ohio), Fr. Ben, said "Join Newman at college". I did and the rest is history.
-My father was born before the end of World War Two and my uncle (as well as a grandparent and great uncles) served in World War Two."

What you should know about Newman/C+CC/CSJ:

"The building reflects the history and the mission of the C+CC and CSJ. Listen to D. Haviland's beautiful speech about this <u>here</u>."

Rick Gallo '09



WE are Church

NOTES

CONFESSION during Lent can be made by arrangement.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Penance service Sat. Mar. 27: 11 AM Palm Sunday Mar. 28: 11 AM & 5 PM Holy Thursday Apr 1: 6 PM Mass Good Friday Apr 2: 7:30 Liturgy No Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Apr. 4: 11AM and 5 PM

SOUP KITCHEN CHANGE

The day of the Soup Kitchen at the ICC is now on Wednesdays rather than Thursdays.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

HONORING CATHOLIC SISTERS

This past week and next, the Diocese of Albany and beyond, remember those sisters who made a difference and continue to make a difference in our lives. A special thank you to Sr. Chris Partisano for your absolute dedication to God and our parish! May God bless you always! See Bishop Ed's article, For the Love of Sisters

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.
- Place in the collection basket by the church doors at Mass.
- Make an <u>online donation</u> ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- THIS WEEK, Food for the Hungry Collection monetary donations payable to Unity House or Bethany Center OR donate non-perishable food items for the OLS Food Pantry.
- THIS WEEK, Special Collection for <u>Catholic</u> <u>Relief Services</u> to benefit organizations that work for the social mission of the Church.

C+CC NEWS

The C+CC is presenting our Virtual Lenten Wednesday Speaker Series that will include live-streamed Mass at 7 PM, followed by the guest speaker at 8 PM. Our theme this year is WHAT IS IT TO BE CHURCH. Click *here* to register and learn more about each of our speakers. Join us on Wednesday, March 17, as we welcome Fr. John Downie.

Behold the wood of the cross



...stripped even more and cut notched cross beams ready... Lent Continues...

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn

3:14-21.

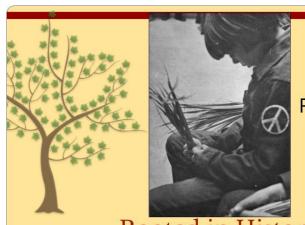
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54. Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16. Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30. Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47.

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18,

22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a. Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53.

Sunday: (Fifth Sunday of Lent) Jer 3131-34; Heb

5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33.



Palm Sunday

Rooted in History

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.

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~Campus Connection~



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, Student Spiritual Advisor

View Tracy's 1-minute Spiritual Seeds video clips here

Seeds of Contemplation

Looks like we made it: Spring is in the air!

More daylight, warmer temperatures, homecomings of our bird friends, and even a few eager tulips and crocus have taken a peek above ground. And so seeds are on my mind. And pumpkins: last November as the Christ Sun of Justice parish liturgical committee was transitioning our worship space from Fall to Advent, parishioner Steve Partisano harvested the pumpkin seeds, and has cared for them all winter. Soon it will become our turn to care for them, planting them, watering them, and weeding around them when necessary.

The season of Lent offers us time and space to consider the gardens of our hearts and souls. I encourage us to spend some time this week praying with the passage below; and as you do, to be open to what you notice emerging in your heart:

"Every moment and every event of every [human's] life on earth plants something in [their] soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of winged seeds, so each moment brings with it gems of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of [mankind]." ~Thomas Merton, New Seeds of Contemplation

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by Megan Adam

We are presented with a distinct and powerful image in both this week's second reading and Gospel of Christ as the light of the world. In both Jesus' time and ours, where the world is filled with hypocrisy, darkness, and wickedness, these reminders of Christ's redeeming mission and commandments are relevant. For the Pharisees, accepting Jesus, a man who performed miracles and preached in God's name, was difficult, as his ways diverged from the established law of Moses. For us today, it can be hard to separate ourselves from the human-centered status quo. During this time of Lent, let us continue to live our calling as children of the light, even if it entails an atypical path. Our Newman Club continues to hold weekly virtual rosary calls and bi-weekly small group sessions. Don't hesitate to email me (adamm2@rpi.edu) with any questions! Have a great week, God bless.

COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

by Andy Bouffard

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