

UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE ALBANY DIOCESE MANDATE ON THE CORONA VIRUS, ALL MASSES AND PARISH GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Our 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.

Our Vision Statement: The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice – Responding to God's love through servant leadership, a diverse welcoming community.

Parish Membership: Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office or Deacon Joe.

Location of C+CC: 2125 Burdett Ave. (across from BARH dorms) Open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Web site: (C+CC) <http://www.chapelandculturalcenter.net> (PARISH) <http://www.christsunofjustice.org>

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Director of Music: Barbara Musial, musiab@sage.edu

Christ Sun of Justice Trustees: Mary Crangle Nagy and Paul Kraus

When entering the C+CC, please turn off all devices that may interrupt a service or private prayer. Thanks!

Joseph Romand, Deacon: romanj6@rpi.edu
C+CC & Slavin House: (518) 274-7793 ext. 11 (voice mail)

Readings for the Week:

(17 May: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21.

(Monday) Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a.

(Tuesday) Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11.

(Wednesday) Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15.

(Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord) Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20.

(Friday) Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23.

(Saturday) Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28.

(24 May: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) Acts 1:12-14; Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a.



Between Times

The news these days is full of anticipatory declarations about when this or that dimension of 'normal' life will resume. The Pandemic has gone on for many weeks and life has been changed because of its looming presence. Those of us, who like to think ahead, may be sighing relief as we envision what we knew again being possible and secure. Might we actually be able to be together at the C+CC for liturgy? Realism places cautions and admonitions that muddy the hope!

Living the liturgical year has us in a similar place. This is the 6th Sunday of Easter and Thursday is Ascension Thursday. As we do large strokes on the last few weeks we note

- Good Friday happened: Jesus died!
- Mourning and disruption became the 'new normal' as the scattered disciples faced lost familiar relationships and dreams that had been destroyed!

- A few days later, they hear and see Jesus – risen. Once again he is among the disciples – *but in new manifestations* – familiar and also *not so!*
- This week’s Scripture replays the drama of Jesus ascending into the arms of the Father.
- His leave taking this time includes commissioning his disciples to “go out to the entire world proclaiming the good news.” –Matt 28:19

Disruption again and certainly *not return to normal!*

“So now what do we do?”

Perhaps our question these days also!

Our faith story, revealed in the Scripture readings for this Sunday and the feast of the Ascension, offer us some roadmaps:

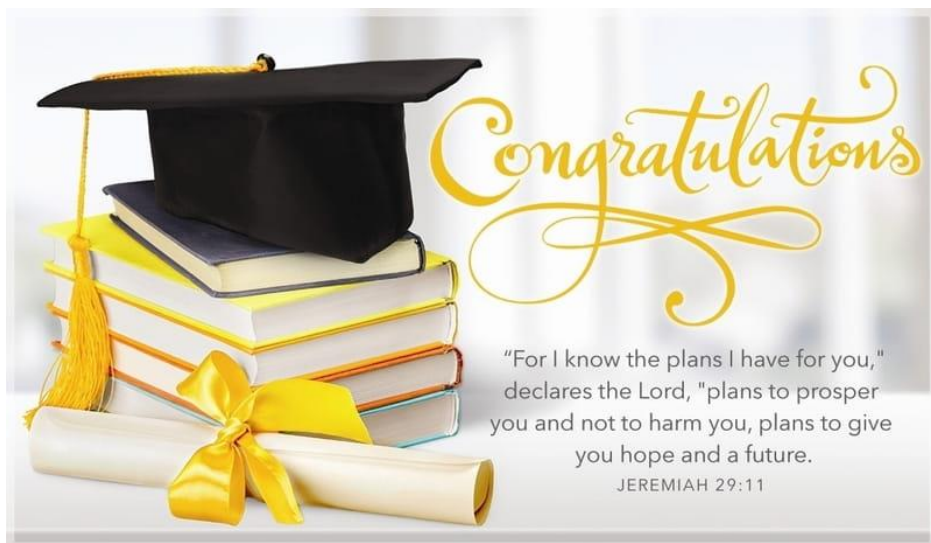
- + “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope...” -1Peter 3:15
- + “The words you, Father, gave to me, I have given to them” -John 17:8
- + “I am with you always...” Matt 28:20

Do these messages from Jesus help me/us know what we do now?

I believe hope and faithful presence are the gift of this liturgical and present time. As Christ-followers we know a dimension of reality that helps us live in the now with a sense of future that relies on God’s promises. We are called to act in ways that can transform our world. How that looks for each of us is unique to our everyday living!

We are called; we are chosen; we are sent! This is our faith!
May it be so! Amen, Alleluia!

--Chris Partisano CSJ



To the Class of 2020 ~ You’ve overcome many challenges and worked so hard to achieve this milestone. From all of us here at Christ Sun of Justice Parish and The Rensselaer Newman Foundation, we wish you all the best, and may God’s blessings guide you in the future! Wherever you go, know we are there with you in spirit and prayer. Keep in touch!



Women of Christ Sun of Justice will be holding a virtual meeting via video-conference during this time of social isolation in an effort to preserve our community during these unprecedented times. We will meet this coming Wednesday, 20 May, at 8 pm via Zoom. Anyone interested in participating should contact Kate Tozzi (kate.e.tozzi@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon. We hope you can join with us!

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!!

Looking for a crafting purpose? Looking to learn a new craft? Now is a good time to consider things you can do for the parish and our future endeavors and keep your hands and minds busy! If you need supplies or a lesson, email either Jean (j-francois@nycap.rr.com) or Christine (crelyea28@gmail.com) and they can come to the rescue. They can provide supplies for ornaments, hoards of yarn, ornament kits for all skill levels or feel free to check out Pinterest to create your own crafts for our Christmas Craft Sale to benefit St. James School. We also need scarves, hats, and mittens for the soup kitchen Christmas gifts.



Would you or someone you know, like a friendly phone call from someone from CSJ Parish? Just contact Kathy Spain at sausse@verizon.net or Diane Waters at waterd3@rpi.edu and we can arrange a phone visit!



Pints with Priests: Enjoy a pint of your favorite drink or ice cream, socialize and partake in an engaging online conversation with a priest. Expect an enlightening Q&A filled with both wit and wisdom. Pints with Priests is your chance to get to know our clergy more personally. Questions can range from light-hearted to practical to theological. Get to know the man behind the collar!

Date: Pints with Priests will debut on Thursday, 30 April, from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm with our first guest --- Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, then every other Thursday. **Platform:** Online gatherings will be hosted on Zoom

Register: <https://forms.gle/BE5GpAy97g6V3c8f8>

Register at the above link and you will be sent an e-mail with the Zoom log-in prior to the event.

Future booked guests include:

- Fr. Sam Bellafiore: 5/14
- Fr. Kyle Eads: 5/28
- Fr. David Mickiewicz: 6/11

Sunday Live Online Mass is available at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, every Sunday at 11:00 am. Visit rcda.org/livestream. Our Lady of Victory in Troy is also offering Online daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 am, and Sunday at 9:15 am. To view, please visit rcda.org/livemass.

Remember Your Offerings ~ As we go through this period of time, with all of our Masses and parish activities being cancelled, please remember that our day-to-day operations and expenses continue – they are: heat, lights, phone, etc. We ask our parishioners, that if you are able, to please continue to use their weekly Sunday offering envelopes. Your gift of treasure is very important and vital to the parish. You can mail your collection envelope and/or your check made payable to Christ Sun of Justice to:



Christ Sun of Justice Parish
10 Tom Phelan Place
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You can also make an online donation by visiting <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back> and in the additional comments section, write “Mass donation”.



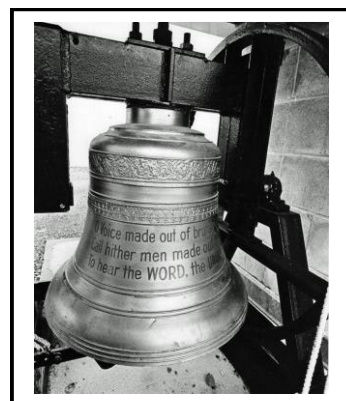
THANK YOU to all of our parishioners that have mailed in or made their Mass donations online! Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated!



Below is an interesting article that ties in with the times we are experiencing, entitled, “What the first Christians can teach us about missing the sacraments and still growing in faith” <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/04/23/what-first-Christians-can-teach-us-about-missing-sacraments-and-still-growing>

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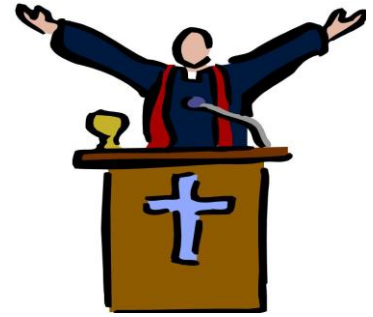
Church bells throughout Troy will ring as a collaborative expression of solidarity and hope on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. The University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice will join in this symbolic event. The time, which on the 24 hour clock is 1900 hours, is chosen to remind us of the COVID 19.



The Diocese of Albany has compiled an abundance of information for people who want faith at home resources: Please visit: <https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources>

This webpage has access to:

Online and TV listings for live Masses, Daily Scripture Readings, Saint of the Day, Daily Mass with Pope Francis, and Simple Suggestions for Prayer During Time of Anxiety



Connect with us on Facebook to stay up to date with all the latest news!

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<https://www.facebook.com/ChapelandCulturalCenter/>

Below is an excellent resource for you to follow through Liturgy Training Publication:

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