PENTECOST SUNDAY 30-31 MAY 2020



### 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.

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

<u>Parish Membership</u>: Anyone wishing to join please ask for a membership form from the Chaplains' Office.

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

<u>Director of C+CC</u>: Kevin Krolik, 274-7793, <u>krolik2@rpi.edu</u>; <u>Scheduling of C+CC for any function</u>: 274-7793

<u>Director of Music</u>: Barbara Musial, <u>musiab@sage.edu</u>

<u>Christ Sun of Justice Trustees</u>: Mary Crangle Nagy <u>cranglemary@gmail.com</u> and Paul Kraus <u>csj@kraus-haus.org</u>. 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

#### Readings for the Week:

(Sunday, 31 May: Pentecost Sunday) Acts 2:1-11; Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23.

(Monday) Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34.

(Tuesday) 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17.

(Wednesday) Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27 see Mac 7:1-2, 9-14; Mt 5:1-12a.

(Thursday) 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34.

(Friday) 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37 see 577: Acts 26:19-23; Jn 10:11-16.

(Saturday) 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44.

(Sunday, 7 June: The Most Holy Trinity) Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13;



Come, Holy Spirit



The Feast of Pentecost is upon us!

Most of us have images and feelings in our visual and psychic memory that speak this mystery of faith in us! The Scriptures today speak of WINDS, tongues of fire, and sudden NOISE/disruption that move those gathered from sheepishness -fear to lion-boldness!!!!

Since we are attuned to the liturgical calendar, we know the flow of Advent and Christmas to Lent and Easter then Pentecost into Ordinary time. The significance of BIG feasts is evident to us. Pentecost is one of those BIG feasts. Known as the birthday of the Church, it propels us into the era in which we now live.

We believe God chose to become one among us and lived in time – Emmanuel, Jesus, our brother, Christ, the Lord. Time, we know, has a way of moving forward and so last week we celebrated the Ascension and Jesus leaving this time bound life. Do you remember being commissioned like his followers to carry on and be God's incarnation in the every days of OUR times? Jesus said "Go make disciples of all nations...spread the Good News...love God; love your neighbor as yourself...live what I have shown you..." He also promised: "I have much to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you to all truth." -John 16:12

This feast has rightly been called the Feast of EMPOWERMENT because the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, continues to accompany us in all of time. We know this empowerment in the choices we make to reach out to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. As the parish community of Christ Sun of Justice we live the beatitudes as we feed the hungry, cloth the naked, educate the leaders of the future and clamor for justice in our world. It is ours to be open, aware, and reflective/discerning; the Spirit will continue to show us what is ours to do. Scripture and *The Catechism* remind us that when the Spirit is with us we have both gifts and fruits available to enable us to be God's presence to others. These are concrete/REAL attitudes, postures and values for all time, for OUR time.

We have prayed:

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which
He looks compassion on this world
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which
He blesses all the world.
-Teresa of Avila

We, as Church/church, the people of God, are Christ's presence in our world today. We are not alone in this—we are accompanied with

What gift and fruit do you seek? What gift or fruit is most needed today for the world? May I/you/we embody these!

**Holy Spirit, Come!** 

Chris Partisano csj



The Diocese has asked each parish to establish a Reopening Coordinating Committee as well as a Pandemic Safety Officer in order to be prepared when we are permitted to return to public liturgies and worship. We are in the process of establishing this Committee so we have a plan in place that protects us in a way that is best for our worship space and our community. If you have any concerns or would like to provide input, feel free to contact Parish Trustees Mary Crangle Nagy, <a href="mailto:cranglemary@gmail.com">cranglemary@gmail.com</a> and Paul Kraus <a href="mailto:csj@kraus-haus.org">csj@kraus-haus.org</a>.

# 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 (<a href="mailto:j-francois@nycap.rr.com">j-francois@nycap.rr.com</a>) or Christine (<a href="mailto:crelyea28@gmail.com">crelyea28@gmail.com</a>) 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 <a href="mailto:sausse@verizon.net">sausse@verizon.net</a> or Diane Waters at <a href="mailto:waterd3@rpi.edu">waterd3@rpi.edu</a> and we can arrange a phone visit!

Below is an excellent resource for you to follow through Liturgy Training Publication:
<a href="https://ltp.org/loh?utm">https://ltp.org/loh?utm</a> source=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+at+Home&utm</a> campaign=Liturgy+of+the+Hours+for+
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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 Troy, NY 12180



You can also make an online donation by visiting <a href="https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back">https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back</a> 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!



<u>Pints with Priests</u>: 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!

<u>Date:</u> Pints with Priests will debut on <u>Thursday, 30 April, from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm</u> with our first guest --- Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, then every other Thursday. <u>Platform</u>: Online gatherings will be hosted on Zoom <u>Register: https://forms.gle/BE5GpAy97g6V3c8f8</u>

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. Kyle Eads: 5/28

Fr. David Mickiewicz: 6/11

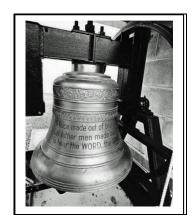
Sunday Live Online Mass is available at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, every Sunday at 11:00 am. Visit <a href="rcda.org/livestream">rcda.org/livestream</a>. Our Lady of Victory in Troy is also offering Online daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 am, and Sunday at 9:15 am. To view,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



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" <a href="https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/04/23/what-first-christians-canteach-us-about-missing-sacraments-and-still-growing">https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/04/23/what-first-christians-canteach-us-about-missing-sacraments-and-still-growing</a>

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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: <a href="https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources">https://www.rcda.org/coronavirus/resources</a>
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



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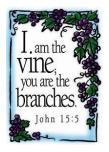
As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, please know that we are keeping you, your families and loved ones in our prayers. We are trying to stay connected online through our website and Facebook page, as well as keeping up our weekly bulletin. If you are in communication with other parishioners, ask them if they know the weekly bulletin is still in production and on our website, and if they'd like, they can receive it by email. You can just send a name and email address to <a href="mailto:waterd3@rpi.edu">waterd3@rpi.edu</a>, or use the new feature on our webpage to sign up. If you have any news you would like to share with us, or would like to include an announcement in the bulletin, contact Diane Waters at <a href="mailto:waterd3@rpi.edu">waterd3@rpi.edu</a>. Thank you!

### NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: (Contact: Andy Bouffard, bouffa@rpi.edu)

--The NCF is one of the groups for Catholic Students here at RPI. Meeting weekly while school is in session, we grow together in our faith and form relationships with each other through strengthening our relationship with the Lord. Like our Newman Catholic Fellowship Facebook page for updates and contact information.

#### COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635: (CONTACT: JOEL LEMUS, lemusj@rpi.edu)

--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. Join us for "Skypesary" online every week to pray, learn more of who we are and what we're about, and keep up with each other during these times. If you're interested in becoming a Knight or learning more about us, shoot GK Joel and email, join our facebook page, or shoot the club an email at <a href="mailto:rpi.knights@gmail.com">rpi.knights@gmail.com</a>.



Women of Christ Sun of Justice will be holding virtual meetings via video-conference (Zoom) during this time of social isolation in an effort to preserve our community during these unprecedented times. Keep an eye on the bulletin to see when the next meeting will take place. Anyone interested in participating should contact Kate Tozzi (<a href="kate.e.tozzi@gmail.com">kate.e.tozzi@gmail.com</a>). We hope you can join with us!

# Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

God grant me:

# The Spirit of Wisdom

that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal

### The Spirit of Understanding

to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth

## The Spirit of Counsel

that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven

# The Spirit of Fortitude

that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation

# The Spirit of Knowledge

that I may know God and know myself

### The Spirit of Piety

that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable

# and The Spirit of Fear

that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Amen.