



# University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice

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2021

30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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## MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASS

MONDAY – THURSDAY 5 PM

### WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM  
SUNDAY 10 AM & 5 PM

### LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY 10 AM Mass  
[www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass](http://www.chapelandculturalcenter.net/mass)

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

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Catholic Charities Food Distribution -

**Thursday, Oct 28** at the Italian Community  
Center, 1450 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Troy. Email:  
[volunteer@ccrcda.org](mailto:volunteer@ccrcda.org). To view all Food  
distribution sites, click [here](#). Anyone need a  
ride to volunteer? Contact [Christine](#).

**Drive-Thru ICC Spaghetti Dinner** - The  
annual Election Eve spaghetti dinner to benefit  
the Soup Kitchen at the Italian Community  
Center, local food pantries, and the Fr. Harry  
Scholarship at LaSalle Institute will be held on  
Monday, Nov. 1st from 4-7pm, for drive thru  
take out only. Cost is \$10 adults / \$3 children.  
No pre-ordering necessary. Dinner includes  
spaghetti, meatballs, bread, and dessert. The  
Italian Community Center is located at 1450  
Fifth Ave, Troy. For more information contact  
Kellie at 518-272-6819 between 2-6 pm M-F.

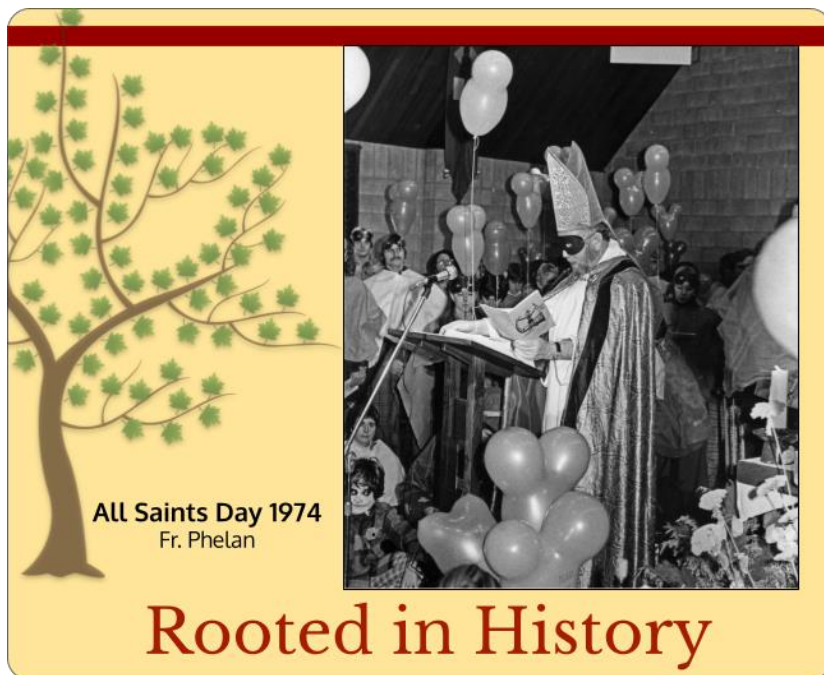
**Spaghetti Dinner Desserts** - CSJ has been  
asked to supply dessert for 300 meals for the  
annual Election Eve spaghetti dinner fundraiser  
at the ICC. Requested are desserts that can be  
bagged easily for take-out ease ex. cookies.  
Please drop off donated desserts to the C+CC  
kitchen Oct. 30-31.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### SUNDAY, OCT 24

You are invited to attend the next Zoom meeting of  
Women of Christ Sun of Justice at 8 PM. For questions or  
further information, contact Kate Tozzi. We hope you can  
join us!

### THURSDAY, OCT 28 7 PM Zoom Pastoral Council Meeting



## NOTES

Please continue to wear a mask and maintain social  
distance. If you are not fully vaccinated, including  
children aged 2 to 12, you must wear a mask at all  
times in the Chapel that fully covers your mouth and  
nose. You must also fill out a Health Survey.

**Confession** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is  
available on Saturdays, from 3:30 – 4:30 PM or by  
arrangement with Fr. Larry at [chaplain@rpi.edu](mailto:chaplain@rpi.edu).

**Low gluten hosts** - We have low gluten hosts  
available for those who need them. They contain  
.001% gluten and are authorized for use in the  
Catholic Mass. If that amount of gluten still presents a  
problem, Fr. Larry will arrange for you to receive the  
consecrated wine at communion time. Please see the  
Mass coordinator or Fr. Larry **before** Mass to make  
arrangements.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped out at the Coffee  
Hours last weekend! Your welcoming ministry is  
appreciated!

## 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 week, World Mission Sunday Special Diocesan collection to support evangelization. Please make your **check payable to Christ Sun of Justice**, write **"Mission Sunday"** on the memo line of your check.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.  
Monday: 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17.  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21.  
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30.  
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16.  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6.  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11.  
Sunday: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6;  
Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34.



### You might not know that:

"-We have been members of the welcoming community of the Chapel for over 44 years!

-Our children, Doug and Lynn, eagerly participated in the Religious Education program and were confirmed by Bishop Howard Hubbard at the Chapel. We enjoyed participating in the program with the high schoolers as well...in addition to other Chapel activities.

-Doug and Lynn were each also married at the Chapel."

### Favorite CSJ memories:

"Over the years, we found the homilies of Father Tom, Fr. Gary and Fr. Ed to be very spiritual and spoke to our hearts."



Carol and Dan Wojcik

# WE are Church

## 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.

**CSJ Enrollment** –Membership forms are available in the hallway, or email Diane and she can mail one to you. You can also scan the QR code to submit your parish membership form. Either way of enrolling is welcome!



**Charismatic Mass & Healing Service** – will be held at Christ Our Light, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, on Nov 10. The evening begins with prayer and praise at 7 pm followed by the Mass, presided by Bishop Scharfenberger, at 7:30 pm. Music by Joyful Heart. All are welcome.

## C+CC NEWS

Upcoming student performances at the C+CC:

Saturday, Nov 20, 8 PM – Rensselyrics Invitational  
Saturday, Dec 4, 230 PM – Student Recital  
Saturday, Dec 14, 2:00 PM – Music Ensembles  
Sunday, Dec 19, 2:00 PM – Student Recital

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.





## ~Campus Connection~



### SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain [spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com](mailto:spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com)



#### Sight? Vision?

As we finished **Bible Study Tuesday** evening, how sweet the sound of the **choir rehearsing** one of the most well-known songs of all time: “Amazing Grace”. Praying with this Sunday’s Gospel led me to become more curious about the differences between “sight” and “vision”. Basically, sight takes place in your eyes, and vision takes place in your brain. Hmm- but what about the eyes of my heart? Might that be the “sight” that impels blind Bartimaeus to follow Jesus on the Way? *“O my Jesus, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You”*

Thank you **Sister Chris, csj** for sharing the lovely **plants** with our students! They promised to do their best to grow their “green thumb” asap!

And thank you to **Sister Maria Charles, csj** for spearheading the beginnings of a **Rosary-making event** for us: we are so grateful for the supply of beads, crosses, chords, etc as well as the promise of prayers for our faith community! **Stay tuned** for details about our Rosary-making event...

Have a good week. ~Tracy

### COLLEGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13635

by **Andy Bouffard** [bouffa@rpi.edu](mailto:bouffa@rpi.edu)



All RPI students are welcome to join the Knights and Newman Catholic Fellowship for online Rosary Knight every Wednesday at 8pm! (Email me for the Webex link).

If you are curious about the Knights of Columbus and Newman Catholic Fellowship please feel free to join the Discord at: <https://discord.gg/YxZnkDnTzV> where we chat and send announcements. Our council is currently looking for a new Financial Secretary (Financial Secretary cannot be a current RPI student). If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming involved with the council in this role, please contact me!

### NEWMAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

by **Megan Adam** [adammm2@rpi.edu](mailto:adammm2@rpi.edu)



Reflecting on common themes of the daily Scripture readings for this week, I’ve noticed those of God’s almighty power, His saving grace, and what this really means for us who follow Him. From Wednesday’s Word, in particular St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 6 verses

12-18, it is discussed how thanks to God and the coming of Christ Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin: “For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace” (6:14). However, this does not give us an excuse to sin; rather, we have been freed from sin and called personally to “become slaves of righteousness” (6:18). The passage goes on to discuss that the gateway to righteousness is obedience. But what exactly does this mean? Doesn’t the phrase seem a little paradoxical, that we’ve been freed only to be considered slaves again? St. Pope John Paul II once said, “Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.” As freed followers of Jesus, we’ve been given a responsibility to obey and honor God in what we do and how we treat others. The root of this freedom that St. Pope John Paul II describes is this very obedience to God’s will for us and the whole world. A reminder to RPI students: weekly Bible Study takes place on Tuesday nights at 7 PM in the C+CC, all are welcome! Have a blessed week everyone!

## FR. LARRY RICE, CSP



From Fr. Larry

What's a "synod?" And why are we having one?

Basically, a synod is a meeting. It's a deliberative gathering intended to move the Church forward together. Last weekend Pope Francis opened the latest Synod of Bishops, a two-year long process whose theme is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." While this is a synod of bishops, dioceses all over the world have been invited to participate through local discussions around these themes.

The preparatory documents state, "In creating the opportunity for listening and dialogue on the local level through this Synod, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature. This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.

"I encourage you to explore the intent and themes of the synod at the website: [synod.va](http://synod.va).

You may be wondering why we haven't heard much about the synod and its processes. I suspect that many dioceses in the U.S. have been so pressed by various crises and local issues (to say nothing of the COVID pandemic!) that they're slow getting the project launched. Still, I believe that the synod has the potential to move the Church toward the fuller understanding of itself (ourselves!) envisioned by the Second Vatican Council.

Stay tuned for more developments!

[Sidebar: At one point on the Vatican's [synod.va](http://synod.va) web site, there is a document addressed to monastic communities. The actual title of the document is "The Church on the Way." In several places it's sloppily translated "The Church in the Way." I hope they fix that soon!]

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