

**St. Francis of Assisi**



*"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who deal likewise with their fellow men."*

- Feast Day: October 4
- Gave up a life of wealth to serve God.
- He loved all creation, including animals.
- St. Francis founded the Franciscan Order of priests
- He wrote the well-known *Peace Prayer*
- Patron of animals, the environment, and vegetarians



**UNIVERSITY PARISH OF CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM**

**SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM**

**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.

**Location and mailing address of the C+CC and CSJ Parish:** 2125 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. (across from BARH dorms)

**Office Hours of the C+CC:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**RPI Chaplains' Office:** Rensselaer Union - Rm. 3514, 110 Eighth Street, Troy, NY 12180

**Telephone:** (C+CC) 274-7793 **Fax:** (C+CC) 274-5945 **Chaplains' Office** Mary Holbritter 276-6518 Diane Waters 276-6517

**E-mail:** (Chaplains' Office): [holbrm@rpi.edu](mailto:holbrm@rpi.edu); [waterd3@rpi.edu](mailto:waterd3@rpi.edu)

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

**Director of C+CC:** Kevin Krolik, (518) 274-7793, [krolik2@rpi.edu](mailto:krolik2@rpi.edu); **Scheduling of C+CC for any function:** 274-7793

**Director of Music:** Barbara Musial, [musiab@sage.edu](mailto:musiab@sage.edu)

**Student Spiritual Advisor:** Tracy Watson, [spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com](mailto:spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com); (518) 274-7793 ext. 11; (518) 233-4514

**Christ Sun of Justice Trustees:** Mary Crangle Nagy [cranglemary@gmail.com](mailto:cranglemary@gmail.com) and Paul Kraus [csj@kraus-haus.org](http://csj@kraus-haus.org).

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

Fr. Randall Patterson, Pastor: (518) 273-7602 [ParishOffice@olvols.org](mailto:ParishOffice@olvols.org)

**Readings for the Week:**

(Sunday: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43.

(Monday) Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37.

(Tuesday) Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

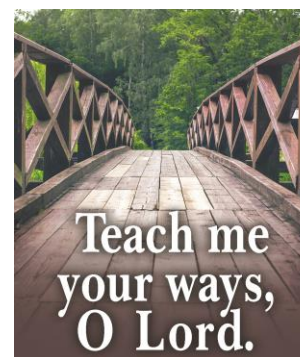
(Wednesday) Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4 see 653: Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1:26-38.

(Thursday) Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13.

(Friday) Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26.

(Saturday) Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28.

(Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10.



**DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, AL SCHONGAR, MARY BASS SHPIKULA, JOAN COUGHLIN AND CYRUS WILLIE CHICOINE WERE ENROLLED IN OUR MEMORIAL FUND. This Sunday, 4 October, they will be remembered at both Sunday Masses. Please keep them in your prayers.**

*"Blessed are the generous because they feed the poor."*

— Proverbs 22:9

**Next week, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY OF TROY – Please remember to donate to our local area food banks. There will be a basket in the hallway for food items that will benefit Our Lady of Victory Food Pantry, and for monetary donations for Bethany Center and Unity House. Please make your checks payable to Unity House or Bethany Center. Thank you for your generosity!**

**PLEASE NOTE: FOR BOOKKEEPING PURPOSES, PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL CHECKS FOR MASS DONATIONS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO "CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE". THANK YOU!**



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is be available every Wednesday, following the 7:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Patterson and/or Fr. Sam.**

*A message from Father Patterson:*



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP can be a challenge for us in this election year. Several people have approached me over the course of the last few weeks inquiring about the Church's teaching relative to voting. Faithful Citizenship is a document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that is intended to help us in our decisions relative to voting especially in national elections such as we have this year. The current issue of The Evangelist (pp.3, 6, 8") provides us with 3 informative articles on this subject. Preliminarily, it's important for us to remember that the Church cannot tell us who to vote for. The Church is a tax exempt organization and we would lose this status, were the Church to do so. Second, we must keep in mind that no political party aligns with all of the principles of our faith. So we have to do our homework, which includes knowing the candidates and what they stand for, knowing what our Church teaches, do the best that we can at making a prudent judgment, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. M. Cathleen Kaveny, a law and theology professor at Boston College, also points out that our bishops remind us that character and integrity of candidates counts. And this should be part of our decision making as well, not just their positions on the issues. "The introductory letter (to Faithful Citizenship reminds Catholics that 'we bring the richness of our faith to the public square' and that 'faith and reason inform our efforts to affirm both the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.' "The letter also says, 'The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself... (but) we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity, such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty.'" (The Evangelist, Sept 24, p. 8, Faithful Citizenship). Faithful Citizenship can be downloaded as a free PDF from [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org). Other resources at the same address explore Catholic social teaching and include reflective teachings of Pope Francis. The Evangelist has given us an excellent direction as we make our voting decisions this year. Please remember to vote and to do so faithfully, it's our duty.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:** We would like to again remind you of some of the requirements for attending Mass here at the Chapel + Cultural Center so we all stay safe and healthy.



- PLEASE register for Mass each week and also fill out the Health Survey form in advance. If you need any information on how to do this, please see one of the greeters or ushers.
- PLEASE arrive 15 minutes before Mass.
- PLEASE wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose and keep it on throughout the Mass. The only exception is when receiving communion. You may momentarily lift or lower your mask at that time.
- PLEASE use hand sanitizer before entering the Chapel.
- PLEASE follow the usher's directions on seating, going to communion, and departing the Chapel. Receiving communion in the hand is encouraged for safety reasons. However, if you wish to receive communion on the tongue rather than in the hand, please be the last in line.
- PLEASE remember to enter by the front door and leave by the side door near the font.
- PLEASE do not congregate in the hallway, sacristy, or other areas inside the C+CC. If you need to speak with the priest, try to make arrangements in advance. Alternatively, make your need for a private meeting known to the priest after Mass and wait until he is available. We must maintain social distancing.

In the light of ongoing health risks to the most vulnerable among us, the temporary suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days during the pandemic remains in force for the moment (cf. CIC, canon 1247) although this provision is under constant review. That being stated, keeping holy the Lord's Day is of fundamental importance for every Christian and indeed, it is constitutive of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. Therefore, Catholics should use their prudential judgment based upon religious and medical considerations as to whether or not to attend Mass. Furthermore parishioners are reminded that:

- if they are sick, for example, if they are experiencing cold or flu like symptoms,
- if they are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness,
- or if they are in a "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions, respiratory conditions, etc.) they are NOT obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and, out of concern for others, ought not to attend. It would be good, therefore, for them to avail themselves of live-stream/recorded Masses.



**CHRIST SUN OF JUSTICE 11:00 AM MASS IS AVAILABLE LIVE ONLINE:**

Christ Sun of Justice is offering Livestreamed Sunday Mass at 11:00 am on the following link: [rcda.org/livemass](http://rcda.org/livemass). Scroll down to Christ Sun of Justice Church, and click on "Watch livestream Mass & Archived Mass Online." You are also able to access and view Masses at a later time after the livestreaming. We are currently looking for volunteers to operate the livestreaming. If you're interested, please contact Fran Hyde at [lighthouse1@aol.com](mailto:lighthouse1@aol.com). Our Lady of Victory Parish is offering Online daily Mass, Monday - Friday, at 8:30 am, (except Wednesday) and Sunday at 9:45 am. To view, please visit [rcda.org/livemass](http://rcda.org/livemass)



## 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

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!** We cannot say it enough! Thank you to everyone who has been so generous and thoughtful through the shutdown of Church. Your commitment has allowed us to maintain our essential needs and expenses. We humbly ask that if you are able, to continue to use your 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  
2125 Burdett Avenue  
Troy, NY 12180  
*(Please note change of address)*



The collection basket will be available by the doors into the church when you enter, and again when you leave the church at the end of Mass. You can also make an online donation by visiting our website at <https://chapelandculturalcenter.net/give-back>, mention "Mass donation" in the additional comments section.



*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!

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

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

--The Newman community would like to welcome back all new and returning students! Join your fellow students for Mass at 5pm on Sundays and be on the lookout for announcements about club activities. If you are not part of our group yet but are interested in sharing and deepening your faith while making friends, please reach out to learn more!

### 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 an email, join our facebook page, or shoot the club an email at [rpi.knights@gmail.com](mailto:rpi.knights@gmail.com).

**WELCOME!** The Rensselaer Newman Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Tracy Watson as the Student Spiritual Advisor for our students. Below is a note from Tracy:



Hello, my name is Tracy Watson. I am happy to begin accompanying you on our walk with Christ. A bit about me: I am a mother of three adult children and two elementary school aged grandchildren. I have been a public high school Social Studies teacher for many years now, having served as an athletic coach and club advisor too. This year finds me learning the ropes of teaching to both in-person and remote students: like you, I am breathing deeply, and taking it one day at a time. In 2019, I completed a Masters of Divinity degree through St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry- Albany Extension, and am currently engaged in ongoing Intercultural Studies through Catholic Theological Union. I am fascinated by the intersections of the Gospel, cultures and religions, social justice, and spiritual well-being!

Over the last five years or so I have been actively engaged with the Sisters of St. Joseph in sharing community life and ministry, most recently having spent seven weeks ministering among the refugee community in El Paso. Please reach out to me at [spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com](mailto:spiritual.advisorCCC@gmail.com) or call (518) 233-4514. You can also reach me by leaving a voicemail at (518) 274-7793 Ext 11, and I will connect with you as soon as I am able. I look forward to getting to know you!

**CONTACT INFORMATION AND HEALTH SURVEY FORM**

(A separate form must be completed for each attendee)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH SURVEY**

Have you had ANY symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 Days? Symptoms include: FEVER, CHILLS, LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, TROUBLE BREATHING, MUSCLE PAIN, HEADACHES, SORE THROAT.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you had ANY close contact with persons suspected of OR having COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

**IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE HEALTH SURVEY WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO REMAIN ON THE PREMISES**