

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder

Parochial Vicar: Reverend Thomas J. Barry, Jr.

Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie
Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.; Richard Hauenstein

Pastoral Associate: Deacon James Gillespie

Religious Education: Ellen Noble

Trustees: Jean Glynn, William Anderson

Music Director: Angela Petti

Sacristan: Carol Lewandowski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and
1:15 PM to 4:00 PM; Friday 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

REGISTRATION: All are welcome! Sponsorship letters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony will only be issued to registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to register and please also notify the Parish Office of a change of address or if you plan to move from the parish so that we may keep our records updated.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, February 18

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am James Rooney
Gary Bennett
9:00am Rose Leone
(Children's Choir) Manuel Pereira
10:30am Michelle Virgilitto
(Adult Choir) Stanislaus Gorski
12Noon Anne Marie DeCarlo
The Novello Family

MONDAY, February 19

Lenten Weekday; Presidents' Day

8:30am Ben Eramia
Norman Vaz

TUESDAY, February 20

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Josephine Noonan
John Schneider

WEDNESDAY, February 21

Lenten Weekday;

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Patterson Family
William Petrick
6:30pm Joell Lanfrank
Louis Laureti, Jr.

THURSDAY, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30am Robert Geer
Ann Bilotta

FRIDAY, February 23

Lenten Weekday; St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:30am Laurence Rosace
Carol Curcio-Mertz

SATURDAY, February 24

Lenten Weekday

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Michael Sheehan
Harry Kraft

SUNDAY, February 25

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Thomas McCormack
Kathleen Egan
9:00am Rev. John Bogacz (living)
(Children's Choir) William E. Bliem
10:30am Nicholas Paul Brown
(Adult Choir) Joell Lanfrank
12Noon Deceased of the Menza Family
Harry Kraft

Please Note that the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th in Observance of Presidents' Day



*The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of
Christ at the Masses celebrated
during the week*

and

*The Sanctuary Candle
which burns near the Tabernacle
in Church, the reminder of the
Lord's Presence in the
Most Holy Eucharist, is
in Loving Memory of*

Joell Lanfrank

requested by mom & dad



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:

Every third weekend of the month.

PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
PARISH WEBSITE: www.stjustin.org

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00Noon
Monday-Friday: 8:30AM; Saturday: 9:30am
Holy Days: Announced

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: At 3:30PM

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office
Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Ed.

MARRIAGE: The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) as well as sessions with the parish deacon or priest. Therefore, couples should make arrangements at the Parish Office one year before the planned wedding date and before finalizing any social plans.

MISSION STATEMENT: The goal of Saint Justin the Martyr Parish is that each member grow in the Grace through Jesus Christ, and in so doing cooperate with the Holy Spirit in giving glory to God, in experiencing the salvation of their soul, and in building up the Body of Christ.



From the Pastor
1st Sunday of Lent - B
February 18, 2018

While records show that a *Prayer over the People*, bestowed by a Priest before the Final Blessing and Dismissal, was in *Lenten Masses* as far back as the 6th Century, they were not included in the previous two editions [1970; 1975] of

the Roman Missal. But they were revived in the 2002 '3rd Edition' of the Roman Missal, whose English translation was approved for use in 2011. These profound prayers, which are *mandatory* on *Lenten Sundays* but *optional* on *Lenten Weekdays*, are intended to add solemnity and, for a lack of better word, they add 'something different' to set Lent apart from the rest of the liturgical year.

Since these special 'blessings' reflect the 'theme' of each *Lenten Sunday* and culminate with *Good Friday's* unique '*Prayer over the People*' [POTP], we will explain the particular POTP on its particular *Lenten Sunday*, and the *Good Friday POTP* on *Easter Sunday*. May I suggest that as a *Lenten discipline*, you pray each week's blessing *each day* of that particular week.

Prayer over the People - 1st Sunday of Lent
May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JESUS KNOWS OUR STRUGGLES! Perhaps some of the most consoling lines in all of scripture are, "*Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.*" [Hebrews 4:14-16] As we start our Lenten discipline and seek to truly repent, we always hear on the 1st Sunday of Lent how Jesus was tempted by Satan for forty

days - yet never sinned. What a joy to know that GOD KNOWS how tough it is to be human! **HOPE IN TRIBULATION.** It is quite common for those who are being challenged by trials or tribulations to ask what they did wrong that they deserve such hardships. As an old seminary professor used to say to us when we complained about how tough life is: "*Go to the chapel ... and tell it to the one nailed to the cross!*" God certainly never promised any of us, not even His Son or our Blessed Mother, a rose garden or cake walk through life! Again, Scripture helps us better understand the mystery of life's low points: "*In hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.*" [Romans 8:24-25] What is God permitting to happen in your life that challenges you to grow in hope and endurance?

STRENGTHEN VIRTUE IN TEMPTATION. It is also quite common for those who are being battered by sinful temptations to wonder why God is 'testing' them. God does not 'lead us into temptation' by setting up a 'sting operation' or enticing us to sin so He can snag us, but unless we are challenged, we never grow. What is God allowing so you can grow in virtue and trust? What are you doing to avoid unnecessary temptation? When you succumb to temptation and sin, do you take advantage of what God, who knows we are prone to fail, has already richly provided for us to be restored to grace? Our *Lenten Penance Service* is just a few weeks away ... will you be there?

ASSURE ETERNAL REDEMPTION. While we can never say with 100% certainty that 'we are saved,' we have every good reason to hope God will welcome us into heaven ... if ... **IF** we use all He has provided for our eternal redemption! The holy time of *Lent* provides us with many spiritual practices: *Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, Adult Faith Formation, devotions*, and above all, the *Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation [Confession]* to help prepare us for heaven. What are you doing these *forty days of Lent* to prepare yourself for heaven? What charitable deeds are you doing to cover your multitude of sins? ***Happy Lent 2018!***

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-1

Wednesday Evening Mass

during Lent will be held at 6:30pm,
on the following dates:

February 21, February 28,
March 7, March 14



**Immediately following the Mass on these dates
enjoy our Lenten Enrichment
Program Lecture**



On February 21st the topic will be
A Biblical Walk through the Mass
Have you ever wondered?
Why do we do the things we do?
What does the symbolism mean? Where
do the words come from?
Are they from Scripture?

LADIES AUXILIARY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4969

113 Tennyson Ave., Toms River, 732-929-9811

PRESENTS LENTEN DINNERS

ALL YOU CAN EAT...WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

BEGINNING February 16 thru March 23, 2018

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 5:30-7:00pm

\$9.00 Adults \$3.00 Children 7-12 (under 6 free)

Menu Week Two 2/23:

Salad-Bread, Linguine with Clams, Pasta Marinara,
Baked Fish, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Tea & Dessert

**Why not come for dinner then go to
Stations of the Cross?**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30pm Friday Evenings during Lent:

2/23: Men's Faith Group

3/02: Confirmation Candidates

3/09: Parish Deacons

3/16: Holy Innocents-St. Justin Center of Learning

3/30: GOOD FRIDAY, Youth Group

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

St. Justin The Martyr

Friday, March 23, 7:00 pm

**Penance Services in surrounding parishes to be
announced in upcoming bulletins**



St. Patrick's Luncheon Celebration

Sunday, March 18, 2018

from 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm

Where: Parish Hall

**Featuring: WILLIE LYNCH
IRISH BAND**

COME ENJOY:

GREAT COMPANY-

BRILLIANT IRISH MUSIC-

DELICIOUS FOOD- AWESOME GIFTS TO WIN-

FUN PHOTO BOOTH

ADULTS- \$25.00 AGES 13-17 - \$10.00

CHILDREN 12 & UNDER - FREE

**Tickets go on sale beginning Feb. 24 & Feb. 25
after all Masses &**

**at the Parish Office during regular business hours. For
further info call the parish office at 732-270-3980**

***All Profits Go To St. Justin the Martyr
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Over 800 pancakes were served at our second annual
Pancake Breakfast held on Sunday, February
11th. Many thanks to the Men's Faith Group and
Altar Rosary Society for hosting this very enjoyable
event! Check our parish website: www.stjustin.org
for pictures of this event.

Reminder

**Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage
Experience**

Monday, February 19, 2018

***5:45pm to 6:30pm: the Sacrament
of Reconciliation will be available**

***6:00pm to 6:30pm: Candlelight
Rosary**

***6:30pm: Take Part in the Lourdes
Virtual Pilgrimage**

***Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: after the
Pilgrimage**



The Respect Life
Cohort is
sponsoring a

DIAPER DRIVE

the weekend of February 24 - 25.

The diapers will be distributed to
various pregnancy centers. Please bring them to St.
Justin's Conference Room. Diapers Sizes 0 to 6
needed, **but especially sizes 4 to 6**. Baby wipes are
also desperately needed. **We are also in need of
volunteers to drive the diapers to the various
locations.** Please call the parish office if you can
help. Thank you and God bless.



*To everything there is a season
and a time to every purpose under heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"...a time to be born..."

Matthew Anthony Spivak, Logan Andrew Butala,
Naomi Laura Keith, Brian James Brunas, Jr.,
Brody Vincent Marino, Brooklyn Noelle Llauguet,
Jameson Antonio Rizo, Mia Isabella Moscogiuri,
Dominic Giguani Chirichillo

"...a time to love..."

... "and a time to be born to fternal life..."

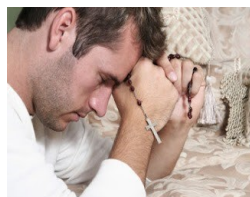
Jeannette D'Agostino

*Those who have died in the Service
of our Country.*

"...and a time for peace in all the world..."

pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad,

David Cozad, Jason Howie, Daniel Robert Costello,
Mark Caruso, Rick DiSanti, A.J. Elbert, Ryan Buckley,
Eric P. Fenske, Louis Graffeo, Michael Griffing,
Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Audrey Hughes,
Antoni Jedra, Charles Jones, Ian Krong,
Armando Leonor, Walter Reed, Tyler Brandon Sansone,
Trevor Smida, Christopher Sylvester, Nick Roma
Nick Panzara, Brian Macnab, Greg Hermack, John DiMicelli,
John M. Budenas, Robert Tront, Joey Colosimo
Michael Anthony DeAnni, Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios
and for our President and elected leaders of our Country.



2018 ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

**St. Justin the Martyr Annual
Weekend Retreat For Men**

When: **Friday March 23rd thru
Sunday March 25th**

Starts with dinner on Friday thru lunch on Sunday

Where: Loyola House of Retreats, Morristown, NJ
www.loyola.org Cost: Free Will Offering

Includes: Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, drinks and
snacks around the clock. Private rooms, two chapels,
library, 30 acres of lawns, gardens and woodlands

Activities: Prayerful reflection, talks are given,
Sacraments are offered, plenty of quiet time, private
consultations available, Eucharistic celebrations, Penance
service, Group Rosary, Stations of the Cross
and much more.

**ALL MEN of the Parish are invited.
Bring along your sons, fathers, friends, relatives, etc.**

For more information please contact:
Deacon Jim Gillespie; 732-230-4437, or email at:
jamesgforJesus@verizon.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

All parents/guardians who were unable to attend the
parent meeting on February 12th, please
contact our office at 732-270-3797.

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE

We wish to thank all our Confirmation Prep II families
and volunteers who participated in the bake sale the
weekend of February 3rd and 4th. The students raised
\$933.50 which will be donated to our
Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

We thank everyone for their generosity and hard work.

REMINDER

There are no scheduled classes on Monday, February 19th
in observance of President's Day.

Diocese of Trenton Annulment Information Sessions

Given annually, the sessions are designed & intended to
correct the many misconceptions regarding Church annulment
process. It is also given to guide the faithful to the rightful
approach as they make important decisions on their marital
situations. **For more info call 609-406-7411 or email:**

tribunal@dioceseoftrenton.org Below is the schedule of
sessions: **Ocean County:** March 8, 7:30pm-9:00pm
St. Mary, Barnegat **Monmouth County:** March 12,
7:30pm-9:00pm, at St. Mary, Colts Neck *or*
March 1, 7:30-9:00pm, St. Michael, Long Branch

FORMED PIC OF THE WEEK:

"A Lent to Remember"

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

***"This Lent, get daily reflections from Bishop
Donald Hying, delivered right to your email, every
day. Watch, Read, and Reflect for just 10 Minutes a
Day: Watch a beautiful, 5-minute video reflection
from Bishop Hying's ECHO series. Read an inspiring
passage from the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Reflect on how God's truth applies to your daily life."***

***Register today! Visit our website: www.stjustin.org
On the Home page just click on the FORMED image
Questions? Contact Carol at bulletin@stjustin.org***



***Back by Popular
Demand!***

***Mark Your
Calendars***

Sunday, April 22nd

***"No Greater Love"
A Musical Drama***

***Presented by the Xavier Company
Watch upcoming bulletins for further info***

SAVE THE DATE!

***OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY "The Bible and the
Church Fathers" Starts Tuesday, April 3, 2018,
watch the bulletin for further info.***

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

St. Justin Seniors generally meet the third Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall, starting at 11:30 a.m., meeting at 12:00. All (even non-members of the church) can attend as long as you are 52 years young!!!!

Please bring a food donation to the meeting for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Questions:
Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733

Next meeting: February 20th, 11:30am Parish Hall

ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

If you knit or crochet, please join us! We always welcome new members. The meetings are at 7:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room. **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, February 20th (note day change)

For further info call Fran at 732-492-0329

ST. JUSTIN'S TEEN YOUTH GROUP

invites all Grade 8 through 12 youth to become part of the "Youth Group." Come join our community service group where we share our faith while doing fun activities

Come to a meeting for Pizza & Fun! Any questions?

See Deacon Fred after Mass. **Bring a Friend!**

Next Meetings: Sunday, Feb. 25th & March 4th, 6pm.

St. Justin's Conference Room

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

generally meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room. Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer, and sharing, **Next meetings: Monday, Feb. 26th &**

March 12th

ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join this wonderful group of women, we welcome new members as we pray the rosary, and serve God and the parish thru charitable events.

Next Meeting: February 28th. We will be attending the Mass at 6:30pm and Lecture at 7:00pm, with brief meeting in the parish hall to follow.

As per our schedule, there is no meeting in March.

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Come join other men of the parish in sharing your faith.

Next Meeting: **Monday Evening 7:00 PM,**

March 5th, in St. Justin's Conference Room

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction meet once a month to help mend their broken hearts through faith. The next meeting is

scheduled for: **Monday, March 5, 2018**

in the Religious Ed Building

All Family and Friends are welcome. For further information call or text Kate Miick at 732-232-8614 or Diane Noonan at 732-503-1536.



**CATHOLIC MEN FOR
JESUS CHRIST**

Join other
Catholic men
from across
the
Diocese of
Trenton at the

**21st Annual Men's Conference Saturday,
February 24, at St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square.**

The theme of this year's conference is "The Age of Mercy". The day runs from 8:00am-3:00 pm and will feature **Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop**

David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by **Ralph Martin**, an internationally renowned Catholic Radio & TV Host, Author and Evangelist; **Bob and Maureen Digan**, the couple whose family experienced a miraculous healing that was used as the verified miracle for St. Faustina's beatification, and **Gez Ford**, Lifetown Minister and co-founder of Tabor House. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith.

A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register online go to

www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.

To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal
DIOCESE of TRENTON

What does love look like?

"My brothers and sisters, it looks like you."

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M

BUS TRIP TO Resorts Casino

Benefiting St. Vincent dePaul Society

Tuesday, March, 6, 2018

\$30 Tickets, Receive \$25 in Slot Play

Bus Leaves St. Justin's Parking Lot at 1pm
call Bernie at 732-255-4363 or 732-232-3758



Please note there will be no
BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP in the month of
March. **The next workshop is April 4, 2018,**
Registration for Workshop is Required call the
Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to attend