

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

June 24, 2018

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



The Nativity of  
St John the Baptist

## *Today's Readings:*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6**

The prophet declares that he was called right from his mother's womb. His mission is to preach to outsiders. His word is really the Lord's.

### **Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26**

This sermon of Paul's includes a tribute to John the Baptist wherein he is described as Jesus' herald, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all Israel."

### **Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80**

Both Elizabeth and Zechariah declare their son's name in obedience to the angel. With his speech restored immediately after, Zechariah praises God. Luke prepares his readers for John's future role by stating that the future saint became strong in the Spirit.

*Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

**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**  
**Director of Sacred Music: 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, June 24

#### THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:30am Father's Day Novena

9:00am Lisa Ann Paparazzo

(Children's Choir) Victor Leone

10:30am Michael McDonough

Louis Lanza

12Noon Carrie Disporto

(Adult Choir) Michele Morano

### MONDAY, June 25

#### Weekday; (Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time)

8:30am Father's Day Novena

### TUESDAY, June 26

#### Weekday

8:30am Lisa Ann Paparazzo

Miriam Kako

### WEDNESDAY, June 27

#### Weekday;

#### St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00am Brigid & Martin Glynn

Louis Urbano

### THURSDAY, June 28

#### St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:30am Joseph Paparazzo, Sr.

Jackie Leonard

### FRIDAY, June 29

#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

8:30am Janet Mascera

### SATURDAY, June 30

#### Weekday; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church;

#### BVM

9:30am People of the Parish

5:00pm Mary & Carlo Safonte

Anthony Radice

### SUNDAY, July 1

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Lillian Fanelli

Bernard Lauber

9:00am Mary Varga

(Children's Choir) David Gupko

10:30am Ed & Eddie Marut

(Adult Choir) Jacqueline Sheehan

12Noon Anne Marie Neveroski

Gerard F. Melillo

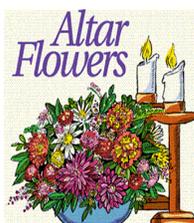
*Please Note the following changes for  
Wednesday, June 27th  
Morning Mass is at 7:00am  
Parish Offices will be closed*

*The Altar Bread,  
which will become the Body  
of Christ at the Masses  
celebrated during the week  
is offered in loving memory of*



*Maríam Kako*

*requested by Granddaughter Evette Arango*



*The Flowers  
Adorning the Altar  
are in Loving Memory of  
Anthony Falletta, Jr.*

*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](http://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  
The Nativity of  
St. John the Baptist  
June 24, 2018

This year the **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** is pre-empted by the **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**, celebrated on June 24 or six months before **Christmas**. We do not know the actual date of

the **Nativity or Birth of John the Baptist** or **Jesus**, but since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century **Christmas** has been on December 25. And based on two bible verses, **Saint John the Baptist's birth** was placed at the opposite time of year, six months away from **Christmas**.

One bible verse is from the **Annunciation**, when the **Angel** told **Mary** her kinswoman **Elizabeth** was already six months pregnant with **John**. [Luke 1:36] The other is **John's** own statement: "**He must increase; I must decrease.**" [John 3:30] In the northern hemisphere, daylight has been increasing since last **Christmas**; it now begins to decrease until next **Christmas**. Our supposedly 'simple,' uneducated ancestors used the 'signs of times' and seasons to teach deep theological truths. We reflected on the special orations for The **Nativity of John the Baptist's Vigil and Day Masses** and his **Preface** years ago; the orations below are from the **Votive Mass for Saint John the Baptist**.

**Collect - Votive Mass for Saint John the Baptist**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your family may walk in the way of salvation, and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged, may come safely to the One he foretold, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**JOHN FORETOLD JESUS.** This great Saint never performed a miracle; his message to 'repent' and 'prepare the way of the Lord' had been, and still is, announced by many prophets; and since **John** died before **Jesus** did, he could not have preached **Christianity**. Yet **Jesus** paid **Saint John** the Baptist the ultimate compliment: "**among those** born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." [Luke 7:28] That's because he always directed or redirected everyone to **Christ**. **John** sent his own disciples to follow **Jesus**; he challenged political and religious leaders to put their faith and trust in

**Jesus.** And **Jesus** is willing to extol us as even greater than **Saint John the Baptist** ... IF we do the same!

**Prayer over the Offerings - Votive Mass for SJBT**

Look with favor, O Lord,  
upon the offerings made by your people  
in commemoration of Saint John the Baptist,  
and grant that what we celebrate in mystery  
we may pursue with deeds of devoted service.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**JOHN GAVE DEVOTED SERVICE TO JESUS.** This great Saint offers another powerful example to follow: he put his entire vocation in service to **Jesus**. He used all his influence and connections, his talents and abilities, his strength - and even his death - to give witness to **Jesus**. Again, we must do the same, by 'preparing the way of the Lord' in our workplaces and schools, homes and neighborhoods, on our teams, and in our groups. **Saint John the Baptist** said or did nothing unless it helped glorify the Lord and promote God's plan. What a simple, yet potentially powerful rule of life for us to adopt.

**Prayer after Communion - Votive Mass for SJTB**

May the marvelous prayer of St. John the Baptist accompany us who have eaten our fill at this sacrificial feast, O Lord, and, since Saint John proclaimed your Son to be the Lamb who would take away our sins, may he now implore for us your favor.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**JOHN PROCLAIMED THE LAMB OF GOD.** In a world so troubled and often lost, where sin, sickness and lawlessness seem to reign supreme, we need a remedy, a rescuer, a **Savior**. Like **Saint John the Baptist**, we must point to and proclaim by our words and deeds that we have found - in **Jesus** - the cure for all that ails us. We must invite others to come to, or come back to, holy Mass so they can hear: "**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,**" and receive Him! Saint John the Baptist, pray for us. [And get your **Christmas shopping started**- you've only got 6 months!]

Father Tom and I hope you are able to join us this afternoon to celebrate the great gift of priesthood.

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

### Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13  
**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37  
**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29  
**Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20;  
Jn 21:15-19  
**Day:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21;  
Mt 8:5-17  
**Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13



**DAVID MICHAEL O'CONNELL, C.M., D.D., J.C.D.**  
**Bishop of Trenton**  
**DECREE**

### *Bishop proclaims a Year of Youth in the Diocese of Trenton*

In a new decree issued June 12, **Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.**, has declared a **Year of Youth** in the Diocese of Trenton, beginning July 1, 2018 and closing on the Feast of St. Aloysius, patron saint for Catholic Youth, June 21, 2019. The Year of Youth encompasses multiple events over the next year aimed at inspiring young Catholics in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties to own their faith and act upon it.

"I'm inviting us all to celebrate the young people of our Diocese in a special way," Bishop O'Connell says in announcing the Year of Youth in a new video which will be distributed throughout parishes and schools.

The official decree determines the goals for the Year of Youth to be: increasing active engagement of young Catholics and helping them grow as missionary disciples; celebrating their gifts and encouraging their participation in parish life; cultivating a positive attitude among young Catholics about serving and witnessing their faith to others; and inspiring parishes throughout the Diocese to welcome young people and help them feel at home in their parishes.

**"It will be a time for entire parish families to come together to pray with and embrace our young Church,"** Bishop O'Connell says in the video, which features eight students from Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville, speaking alongside the Bishop as well as footage from parish and diocesan events.  
**"What can happen when we hold up our young people as the great gift they are to our Church?"**

To view the video visit our parish website [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org) under news/events.

For more information on the Year of Youth, stay connected with [DioceseofTrenton.org/YouthMinistry](http://DioceseofTrenton.org/YouthMinistry) and [TrentonMonitor.com](http://TrentonMonitor.com). More details and in-depth interviews will also be printed in the June 28 print edition of the Monitor.



**Congratulations to Patricia Johnson** (pictured here with Father Mark, and our Teen Youth Group Facilitators: Deacon Fred Ebenau, Mrs. Laurie Ebenau, Mrs. Angela Hencke & Michael Hencke) Patricia is the recipient of the **St. Timothy Award** from the Diocese this year.

### **ST. TIMOTHY AWARD WINNER**

*The award is given in recognition of outstanding service in Youth Ministry* by the Diocese of Trenton, and has been previously presented at the Diocese Youth Conferences; the award is now being presented to the recipient at their home parish. The reason for the change is to highlight the **YOUNG PERSON** who has served as a great witness to their faith in the way they have carried themselves not only in parish life, but in life itself.

The **criteria for an individual to be a recipient** of the St. Timothy Award is as follows:

- They must be in Grade 10-12 and be involved in parish ministries- An individual who has a vibrant and enthusiastic faith in Jesus Christ and puts that faith into action through service and love for others.- An individual who has shown extraordinary commitment to the youth ministry program, High School or to parish ministries. - An individual who follows in the footsteps of St. Timothy, a young companion of St. Paul, in that he or she is an "example of love, faith and virtue," an active and practicing Catholic, eager to learn more about his/her faith, one who carries out tasks in a responsible manner and one who is respectful of peers and also of adults.

Other Youth Group members nominate and elect the individual chosen. "Patricia is entertaining and engaging at the youth group meetings as well as being involved in other ministries such as the church choir, cantor and assisting with the Holy Innocents Society. She attends Mass regularly and continues to get involved in church activities. She has been a great recruiter for the youth group." (Monitor 6/15/2018)

*St. Timothy once said, "Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but be a continuing example of love, faith and virtue to all believers..." 1 Timothy 4:12*

### **Join our Youth Group in September!**

**St. Justin Youth Group Ministry** invites all Grade 8 through 12 youth to become part of the "Youth Group." We meet twice a month on Sunday evenings between 6pm and 8pm. 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!

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Mason Matthew Kilickiran

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

Kerri Pizzo & Mark Holterman

*..."and a time to be born to eternal life..."*

*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.*

**Save the Date!**

**Having a Summer Barbeque?**

**The Altar Rosary Society will be having a  
Bake Sale the weekend of July 7th and 8th.**

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

**St. Justin's 7th Annual Parish Night  
at the BLUE CLAWS GAME**

**August 21st (Faith and Family Night)**

Time: 7:05pm; Cost \$10/ticket

(if purchased at the gate \$13--

**Save \$3 person)**



This night is also Silver Sluggers Tuesday:  
Seniors 60+ eat free. (vouchers will be handed out at  
gate behind home plate at the game);  
Children 12 and under receive a voucher for a free meal  
at the time of ticket purchase! *Bring it to the game,  
cannot be replaced if forgotten or lost.*

Altar Servers and Youth Group members will  
receive a free ticket and a complimentary ticket for one  
parent/guardian to attend with them. **Tickets can be  
purchased at the Parish Office during regular  
business hours and after all Masses the weekend of:  
June 30/July 1, July 21/22/ August 18/19**  
Flyers are available in the narthex & downloadable  
from our website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org).

If you cannot attend the game but would like to  
sponsor a family, call the Parish Office.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**REGISTRATION FOR OUR 2018-19  
PROGRAM YEAR**

**Daytime Registration for  
New to our Program Students**

Students entering Grade 1 for the 2018-19 program year  
may register in our parish office Monday-Thursday from  
9:00AM-12Noon and 1:15-4:00PM. You must register as  
a family first and a Certificate of Baptism must be  
presented at the time you are registering for religious  
education classes.



**Vacation Bible School  
July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am – 12Noon**

**"SPLASH CANYON"**

**Music – Bible Activities – Crafts  
– Games – Snacks**

Children entering Grades K-6 may  
register for a fee of \$15.00 (\$5.00  
per additional sibling) and checks should be made  
payable to Saint Justin's. Registration forms were  
distributed through our religious education program and  
are also available in the parish office and in the  
Narthex. A registration form must be completed and  
returned to the parish office.

*If you are an adult who wishes to volunteer, please  
contact our office immediately so we may have you in  
full compliance with our child protection policy in the  
diocese.* If you are a student in Grades 7-12 and are  
interested in volunteering, please contact our office.  
Our telephone number is (732) 270-3797.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN JULY!**

Come and Join our  
**Children and  
Adult Choirs**

**Wednesday, July 18 at  
2:00pm**



Where:

Shorrock Gardens Care Center  
75 Old Toms River Road Brick NJ, (732-451-1000)

What a beautiful way to bring joy to hearts that are  
lonely, and enjoy a little bit of Christmas "right  
this very minute"

All parishioners are invited!



**INTERESTED IN JOINING  
EITHER CHOIR?  
CONTACT ANGELA:  
732-797-0978 -- [music@stjustin.org](mailto:music@stjustin.org)**

## PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

### 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: Mondays June 25th, July 9th and July 23rd**



### ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

On **Oct. 16, 2018** there will be a **trip to Smithville** (1 hour to tour) buffet lunch, then on to the **Golden Nugget** casino in Atlantic City, with \$25.00 play money and \$5 food

comp. Cost is \$70,

all money must be in by June 30th.

Info call Barbara 732-929-0298 or 732-232-3733

### 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, July 2, 7pm**, 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.

### MEN'S FAITH GROUP

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 2nd, 7:00pm**

**St. Justin's Conference Room**

Come and See. Join other men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.



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## **BUS TRIP TO Golden Nugget Casino** Benefiting St Vincent de Paul Society **Tuesday, July 10th 2018**

\$30 Tickets, Receive \$25 in Slot Play,  
plus \$5 food comp

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



ST. JOSEPH'S ST. JUSTIN THE MARTYR ST. LUKE'S ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

MISSION STATEMENT

Leading people to the heart of Jesus where they can experience the beauty of the truth as contained in the Catholic faith.

### **Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."**

As part of the Bishop's Faith in our Future initiative, Ministry to Parishioners was a priority for the Roman Catholic Churches of Toms River (RCCTR) in 2017 and remains a priority in 2018. In fact, working together to improve ministry was an important goal of the Bishop. The RCCTR's compassionate **Ministry to Parishioners team** focused first on the **Bereavement ministry**. Their goal was to bring the **Bereavement ministry** of all four parishes together to learn and understand how each parish offers this ministry of love to those suffering from loss and to share best practices so that each parish could incorporate the best ideas into their programs. What came out of this effort was a true dialog among the RCCTR churches that lead to cooperative efforts. For instance, each church runs their program on different schedules. Now anyone who calls any RCCTR parish inquiring about the bereavement ministry can be directed to the parish that has a program that is open. In addition, a beautiful one-page flyer was developed. This flyer provides an overview of the **RCCTR Bereavement Ministry** along with the details of each parish program. This flyer will be distributed to hospitals, hospice caregivers and funeral homes so that more people will be made aware of this precious healing ministry. In 2018 the **Ministry to Parishioner's team** will work on developing a Welcome Home ministry that can be implemented in each RCCTR parish. It's goal will be simply to make every new parishioner feel like they are back home where they are welcome, appreciated and invited to take their journey of faith deeper by participating in the life of their church.

### **THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP**

7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

**Registration for Workshop is Required**

call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to attend.