

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

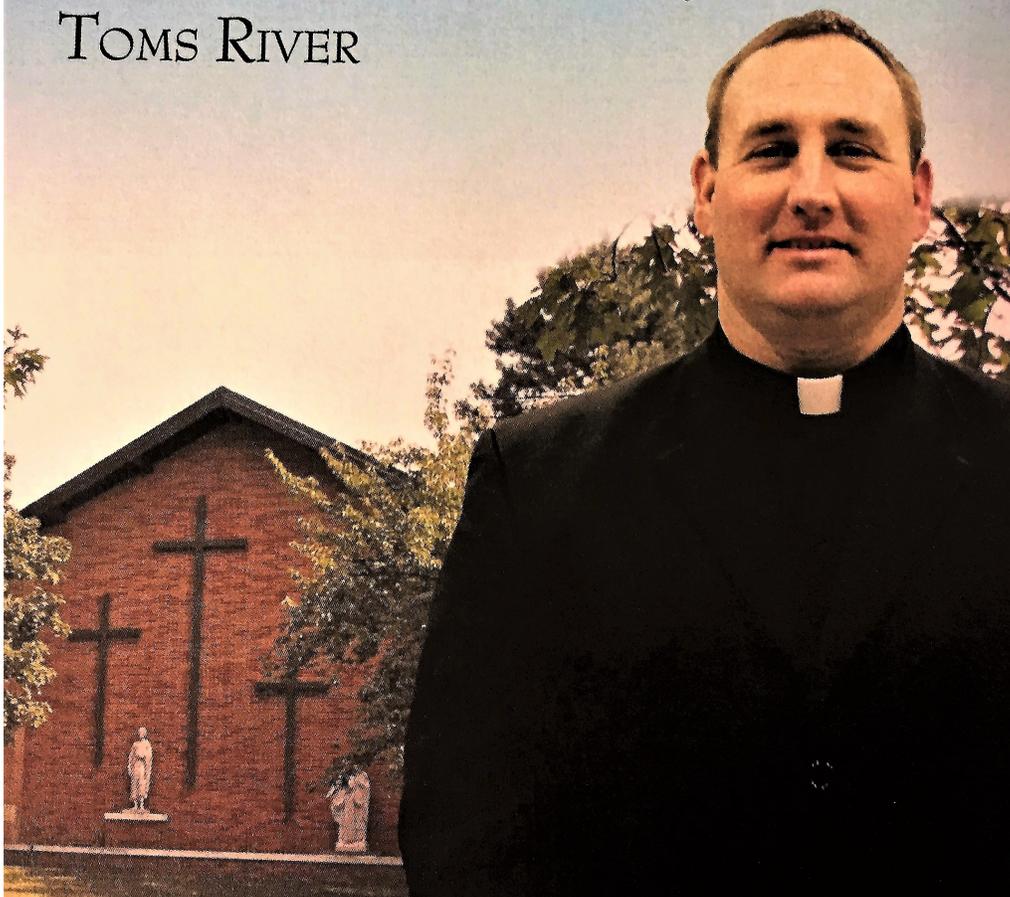
975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Congratulations
Father Thomas Barry

We welcome you to
St. Justin THE Martyr Parish
TOMS RIVER



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

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Music Director: Angela Petti

Sacristan: Carol Lewandowski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and
1:15 PM to 4:30 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, July 2

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am James Rooney
Mary & Myron Orszulak
9:00am Florence DeLibero
(CHILDREN'S CHOIR) Shirley Becker
10:30am Nicholas Karagias (Living)
(ADULT CHOIR) Vito Girona
12Noon Neil Patrick Werner, Jr.
Anne-Marie Neveroski

MONDAY, July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30am Thomas & Helen Soles
The Patterson Family

TUESDAY, July 4

Weekday; Independence Day

8:30am Mark Geraci
John Mattia

WEDNESDAY, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30am Lisa Ann Papparazzo
Mary Sue Fredricks

THURSDAY, July 6

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:30am Wahbia Eramia
John Burack

FRIDAY, July 7

FIRST FRIDAY; Weekday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, July 8

Weekday; BVM

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Joseph Bednarcik
Celeste Gennaro

SUNDAY, July 9

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Bettina Passarelli
Evelyn Conway
9:00am Mary & Christian Jahn
(CHILDREN'S CHOIR) Nancy Gela
10:30am John Muller
(ADULT CHOIR) Appolonia & Charles Muller
12Noon Christina Razzano
William Lappostato

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*

Dominick Pugliese

requested by family



The Altar Bread,

*which will become the Body of
Christ at the Masses celebrated
during the week
is in loving memory of*

Rev. Robert A. O'Leary

requested by family

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

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:
Every third weekend of the month.

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
13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
July 2, 2017

The Feast of *Saint Thomas, Apostle* is *July 3* for Roman and Syro-Malabar [India]

Eastern Rite Catholics. [The Bible does not say where *Saint Thomas* preached the Gospel, but tradition says he went to India.] For centuries *Saint Thomas Day* was [and still is for other Churches] *December 21*, the day he was martyred, in either AD 53 or 72, by Hindu priests or accidentally killed by a peacock hunter, as Marco Polo [circa 1292] reported. In the liturgical reforms of the 1960's his Feast Day was transferred to *July 3*, the day when - since the 4th Century - they celebrated the transfer of most of his relics from India to Edessa, Greece. In 1258, they were brought to Ortona, Italy, to safeguard them from Moslem invaders, and were enshrined on *July 3*. Some of *Saint Thomas'* relics remain in all three places!

While the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke only mention *Saint Thomas* by name in their listings of the *Twelve Apostles*, John's Gospel mentions him more often - and even quotes him three times. I used a part of each of those three quotes as the basis for my reflections on each of his three orations below.

Saint Thomas, Apostle - Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his Intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord.
Who lives and reigns ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

"WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?" These words were spoken by *Saint Thomas* at the Last Supper, after our Lord shocked the Apostles with the news He was going to leave them to prepare a place for them. [John 14:1-6] In response to *Saint Thomas'* question, Jesus proclaimed "*I am the way, the truth and the life*" by which Jesus gave us Himself as the map to follow that safely leads to the place He has prepared for us. As this Collect says: *Saint Thomas* intercedes for us, hoping we will follow the 'way' Jesus left us and showed us.

Saint Thomas, Apostle - Prayer over the Offerings

We render you, O Lord, the service that is your due, humbly imploring you to keep safe your gifts in us, as we honor the confession of the Apostle Saint Thomas and offer you a sacrifice of praise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"MY LORD AND MY GOD!" A '*confession*' is not always an admission of guilt or sin; it can also be a formal proclamation of one's faith. While *Saint Peter's* confession: "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God*" led Jesus to bless *Peter*: "*You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church*" [Matthew 16:13-19], *Saint Thomas'* confession: "*My Lord and My God*" led Jesus to bless us: "*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*" [John 20:24-29] Now we must make our confession by offering God ... "*a sacrifice of praise.*"

This biblical term does not mean we must offer praise until it hurts; in its original context: "*Through [Jesus] let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.*" [Hebrews 13:15] it means we must offer all we say and do in union with Jesus ... as we do in a unique way at holy Mass.

Saint Thomas, Apostle - Prayer after Communion

O God, as we truly receive in this Sacrament the Body of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that we may recognize him with the Apostle Thomas by faith as our Lord and our God and proclaim him by our deeds and by our life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"LET US GO TO DIE WITH HIM." While these words, uttered by *Saint Thomas* after Jesus told the Apostles He was going to where the soon-to-be raised Lazarus was buried, and where they had recently tried to stone Jesus [John 11:1-16], are not a bitter, depressed, hopeless resignation of impending martyrdom. They are a statement of profound faith: for unless we die with Christ: die to sin, to our own will, and to our own ways, we cannot rise with Christ to new life! *Saint Thomas, Apostle, pray for us!*

Please join me in welcoming Father Thomas Barry to our parish. The letter in today's bulletin gives us some background information on Father. We look forward to his ministry with us. In Christ, *Father Mark*

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



*The Flowers adorning
the Altar are for
Anniversary Blessings for
F. Wayne and Marcia Grosseibl*

**Please note that our Parish Offices will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of the Fourth of
July Holiday. Our priests, deacons and staff wish all a
safe and joyful holiday weekend!**

Save the Date!

***St. Justin's 4th Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 17, 2017***



St. Justin's
Altar-Rosary Society
is sponsoring a bus-trip to
**RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL Followed by
Buffet Lunch at
Casa di Napoli**

Friday, November 10, 2017
Cost: \$155.00 per person

7:45 Depart from St. Justin for New York City
9:45 Arrive at Radio City Music Hall
for the 11am show

***The 2017 Edition of the RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS
SPECTACULAR begins!***

1:00PM Board your motor coach to depart for lunch
2:00pm Arrive at Casa di Napoli for buffet lunch:
(house salad, roasted chicken, penne with ricotta
cheese in a marinara sauce, eggplant rollatini,
sausage & peppers, assorted fried vegetable
medley, cookie tray, coffee, tea, soda)
4:00pm depart for home

Call: Marie Paparazzo for ticket information
732-451-0395

Welcome Father Thomas Barry

It is with great joy that we welcome Father Thomas Barry to our parish. Father was ordained on June 3rd. Although St. Justin the Martyr Parish is his first priestly assignment, Father has had various parish experiences as a seminarian and more recently as a transitional deacon at St. Joseph Parish. Prior to his studies for the priesthood, Father has held management and leadership positions. His gifts and talents are numerous and we are blessed that Bishop O'Connell has assigned him to serve here.

Father Barry was born in Long Branch to Patricia Mills Barry and the now late Thomas J. Barry Sr. He has two siblings, Kristine and James. Father attended Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University where he earned two master degrees in systematic theology and divinity.

As a priest, he said he most eagerly anticipates "presiding at Mass and the Eucharist, first and foremost," then he amended his answer and said. "A close second, or even tied for first, is Confession. It is the most underused of the Sacraments and one of the most powerful. I find great consolation in it. I wish for people to see that the Sacrament is about love, not all about sin."

Father's view of priesthood is both accurate and beautiful. He knows that in the priesthood, there is always a focus on leadership and management, but the priest is most essentially a servant of God. He states: "You will lead, but you are still one of the sheep."

I might add to these words of Father Barry that the task of the shepherd, the task of the fisher of men, can often seem wearisome. But it is beautiful and wonderful, because it is truly a service to joy, to God's joy which longs to break into the world.

Priests today were called for today, for this particular time, for this particular stage in Church history. They answered God's call in this lifetime. God, in His infinite wisdom, calls men to service for a particular mission. Priests are called to face all that this current time has to offer, both today's joys and its many obstacles.

As a result of his background and life experience, Father is no stranger to the times in which we live. The priest is the primary instrument for carrying out the pastoral mission of the Church in every age and century, and in every time and place, and the health and effectiveness of that pastoral mission has always been dependent on the quality of priesthood, and the vision which the priest himself has of his priestly identity.

Father Barry summed up his many roles in one word: love. "It's the way that we express love, and that's what we're here for... to be a servant is to love, and to lead others is to love."

I know that we are going to love Father Tom. Please join me in thanking him for being a channel of God's grace and answering His call and serving Him.

In Christ, *Father Mark* 514 page 3

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

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

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

Cayden Napolitano, Kyle James Lombard

*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,

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 Panzara, Brian Macnab, Greg Hermack, John DiMicelli,

John M. Budenas, Robert Tront, Joey Colosimo

Michael Anthony DeAnni, Nick Roma

*and for our President and
elected leaders of our Country.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



REGISTRATION 2017-18

New to Religious Education Program

For those entering our program for the first time, please register in the parish office prior to registering for religious education. You may register for religious education in the Education Building **Monday-Thursday 9:15am-12Noon and 1:15-4:00pm.** A baptism certificate must be presented when registering for classes.

RE-REGISTRATION

Students currently enrolled in our program should return their registrations via the mail as soon as possible. If you are in need of a specific day, please do so immediately as classes are beginning to fill up.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2017-18 PROGRAM YEAR

We are in need of volunteers for the next program year. Although parents are the primary catechists of their children, our volunteers provide a service to the children and their families by sharing the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. VIRTUS training and fingerprinting is mandated by the Diocese. Won't you consider sharing faith with the children of this parish family?

Please contact us at (732) 270-3797.



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JULY 4TH—INDEPENDENCE DAY
Program: *The Wild Goose, Segment 12:
The Spirit's Freedom*

Audio: *Put Not Your Trust in Princes*
ST. ELIZABETH THE PEACEMAKER

Book: *The Young people's Book of Saints*
JULY 6—ST. MARIA GORETTI

Video: *Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon*; Audio: *St. Maria Goretti*

Sign up for FORMED: Visit our church website: www.stjustin.org go to Formed and click **Register Here**. This will bring you directly to their page for you to register.

Our Parish Code 342G7F is already imbedded, just add your email to signup!

Questions? Contact Carol at: bulletin@stjustin.org



ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

St. Justin Seniors are having a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse **Oct. 10th,**

The play is **Come Blow Your Horn**, sit down lunch and a dessert buffet. Cost \$ 84.00. Bus leaves parking lot at 9 returning around 6:30 pm. If interested please contact Barbara

at 732-929-0298/732-232-3733,
as soon as possible, seats are going fast!!

**Our Senior Club will be having a
"Recruiting for New Members" on
July 15th and 16th, after all Masses.**

Caregiver Volunteers Needed

Thank you to the faith community of St. Justin the Martyr, who give their time, treasure and talent to help the elderly living in our community!

Caregiver volunteers provide rides to doctor appointments, food shopping, a friendly telephone call or a visit, all out of the generosity of their hearts.

If you can spare a few minutes or hours a month, and would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact 732-505-2273 EXT. 211 or www.caregivervolunteers.org.

UPCOMING PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

7:30pm to 9:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room

Anyone who has lost a loved one,
please come join us in prayer.

Next meetings: Mondays:
July 10 & July 24th 7:30pm.

MENDING IN FAITH SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday July 6th 7:00pm,
Rel. Ed. Bldg.

(Please note change in date)

Family and friends who have lost their Loved Ones
through addiction meet once a month to help mend their
broken hearts through faith.

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

Monday, July 17th—7:00pm to 9:00pm

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.



THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Registration for Workshop is Required

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



*St. Justin's Altar
Rosary Society
will be holding a
Bake Sale
after all Masses
the weekend of July
8th and 9th!*

Pick up dessert for your family gatherings!

BUS TRIP TO TROPICANA CASINO

Benefiting Altar-Rosary Society

Wednesday August 1, 2017

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

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

Right to Life News

The Senate is poised to consider the health care reform bill and **now is the moment to let our members know that we expect life and liberty of conscience to be respected in any health care reform legislation.**

Please contact your Senators now to urge them to extend the protections of the Hyde Amendment to every relevant provision of the bill. Now is also our opportunity to remind our legislators to protect the conscience rights of those who do not wish to participate in, provide or pay for abortion.

Every Pro-Life Senator needs to hear from us right now! There is significant pressure being put on members of the Senate to compromise on protections that must be included in the health care law. Please encourage your Senators -- especially those who vote pro-life! Make sure they understand we want and demand health care without abortion funding.

Senator Bob Menendez: 973-645-3030

Senator Cory Booker: 973-639-8700

Thank you for taking action in defense of life
and liberty of conscience.



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