

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Today's Readings

Reflections by *Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

God's servant will accomplish his work quietly and he will respect others as he brings back the apostates among his people living in "the coast lands." All people need to realize their blindness or imprisonment so as to be cured.

Reading II: Acts 10: 34-38

Peter's sermon delivered in Cornelius' home touts Jesus' openness to all people, and then expounds on how Jesus "went about doing good, for God was with Him."

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

Jesus' is baptized in the Jordan by a reluctant John the Baptist. The term "righteousness" refers to ethical justice. The divine voice expresses the Father's approval not only of Jesus but also His special relationship with the Father as His Son.

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
Parochial Vicar: Reverend Daniel Price
Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie
Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.;
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, January 12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30am All Souls
Tracey Rogers
9:00am Justin Peter Mai
Dich Peter Nguyen
Dana DeLorenzo (living)
10:30am Alexander Zulewski
Msgn. John Michael McCarthy
12Noon Deceased Members Tagliaferro Family
Deacon James Gonzalez

MONDAY, January 13 Weekday; First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Joan Sullivan
Peter Dich Nguyen
Cassandra Costello

TUESDAY, January 14

Weekday
8:30am Bob Kesedey
Steve Yaremazak

WEDNESDAY, January 15

Weekday
8:30am John Lesniak
Intentions of the Gomez Family

THURSDAY, January 16

Weekday
8:30am Sylvia Hubbs
Kelly/Clifton Families

FRIDAY, January 17

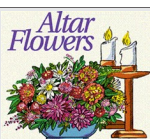
St. Anthony Abbot
8:30am Mark Geraci
James Rooney

SATURDAY, January 18

Weekday, BVM
9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Rev. Robert A. O'Leary
Joell Lanfrank

SUNDAY, January 19 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Stanislaus E. Gorski
Carl & Hilda Stelz
9:00am Bridget Milewski
Al Zulewski
10:30am Alexander Zulewski
Anthony Casale
12Noon Vincent Papaleo
Laurence F. Wiechecki



Altar Flowers
Would you like to commemorate a special occasion or honor the memory of a loved one or just help out with the beautifying of our church? Consider donating the money for the flowers for Mass! The cost of the altar flowers is \$100.00. We will print the occasion or the name of the person being honored in the bulletin and those who donated the flowers. Please contact the rectory office.



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

Laurence Mascera

requested by Barbara, Fran & Alice

The Sanctuary Candle

which burns near the Tabernacle
in Church, the reminder of the Lord's
Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist,
is offered for

Denise & Richard Blackstone
(living)

requested by Marie Paparazzo



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
The Baptism of the Lord - A
January 12, 2020

**THE MORE THINGS
CHANGE, THE MORE
THEY STAY THE SAME.**

On *January 13* we honor a Saint whose name in Latin means 'cheerful,' 'joyous' or 'hilarious:' ***Saint Hilary of Poitiers.*** Once a boy's name spelled with only one 'l,' it is commonly a girl's

name spelled with a double 'l.' Born around 315 in Poitiers, France, he died there in 367 or 368, having served as Bishop of Poitiers from 353, although he was exiled to the East in 356. To understand his importance, and why he was declared a ***Doctor of the Church*** in 1851, we need to recall our Church's complex history.

After Christianity became 'legal' with the Edict of Milan in 313, which ended the fierce persecution that sought to destroy her, she almost crashed by internal strife over theological issues! The main 'heresy' at the time, Arianism, denied ***Jesus*** was divine, which would have rendered almost all that ***Jesus*** did heretical, for only ***God*** can forgive sins, alter Commandments, establish a new Church, etc. After praying the Collect for the Mass celebrated in ***Saint Hilary's*** honor, we'll explain how he combated the demons of his day. [That's why he is often depicted with a biblical symbol of evil: a demon, a dragon or a snake.]

**Collect - St. Hilary, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may rightly understand and truthfully profess the divinity of your Son, which the Bishop Saint Hilary taught with such constancy. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

A SAINT WITH A VERY SLOW START. As a young man, the future Saint was indifferent about religion; raised in a noble, pagan family, he married and had children; one of whom is a Saint: his daughter ***Abra***. As he pondered the purpose and meaning of creation, life and death, he was drawn to the Christian faith and was baptized. Shortly after, he was elected by the Priests and people of his Diocese as Bishop as was the custom back then - as was optional celibacy and a married clergy. But when he sided with ***Saint Athanasius***, the main defender of ***Christ's*** divinity, he was exiled.

MAKE LEMONADE WITH LIFE'S LEMONS. He was true to his upbeat, happy name: he dealt with heretics with uncommon kindness; he excused their errors as unfortunate mistakes, not intentional attacks; he focused on the beauty of God's creation, especially the human person, and, above all, he did not become bitter in his exile. In fact, what the Arians intended as a punishment ironically led to their downfall and eventual condemnation - even by the Emperors who once supported them.

For during his exile, ***Saint Hilary*** spent his time reading and studying each side's position; he fine-tuned the '***Catholic***' response to 'Arian' issues; he prepared homilies and presentations in which he presented the 'orthodox' view of ***Christ's*** dual nature: human and divine. Then, when he was allowed to return to Poitiers, he purposely meandered, very slowly, back to France - preaching and teaching the truth about Jesus throughout Greece and Italy! May we use our 'punishments' and 'exiles' as wisely!

WE BUILD ON A SOLID FOUNDATION. As one of the first great theologians with the freedom to study and teach, read and write, ***Saint Hilary's*** writings, which we still have, offer excellent exposés on the ***Trinity***, the ***Gospel of Matthew***, and the ***Psalms***. He also experienced how the Arians, using hymns NOT based on Scripture, promoted their heresies by the songs they sang. So, he began to write hymns which promoted the True Faith; he was among the first in the Western or Latin Rite Church to do this. And to this day, every hymn in any official Catholic hymnal must be approved by a Bishop's committee - lest we sing heresy!

WHAT DO WE DO TO STAY ON COURSE? In every age, new questions arise - and new ideas are put forward - but how do we know which ones to believe and follow? While we wish living out our faith was easier, Jesus did say, ***"Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword."*** [Matthew 10:34] Do we make use of the many ***Catholic*** periodicals, websites, CDs, books, etc., that help us know the Truth? ***Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, pray for us!***

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mk 2:13--17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

RENEWAL OF SPIRIT

Join us for an evening of Renewal & Reflection

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 5, 2020

A Retreat for All Women in the Parish

**THE POWER OF "YES" MARY'S YES CHANGED
THE WORLD, WHAT CAN YOUR YES DO?**

**Presented by Colleen Kelly Rayner
6:30pm to 9:00pm (parish hall)**

(sponsored by St. Justin's Women's Faith Group)

"Colleen Kelly-Rayner has been participating in ministry for the last twenty years. Colleen answered God's call to ignite the fire of God's love in His people though an alternative style of evangelization.

Colleen is a dynamic speaker that engages her audience and gets them involved in the retreat. You never quite know what Colleen is going to do. Colleen has worked with thousands of pre-teens, teens, woman's groups, parishes, teachers, clergy, and just about anyone else she can get to listen to her!

Colleen's approach to retreats is to get the participants to break out of their comfort zone and try and do things they wouldn't normally do.. She strives to create an experience that allows Jesus to touch the hearts of each person in the room through her words. Colleen has a gift to open up the faith and share it with you in such a real way that you leave her retreats on fire for God." No charge, free will offering. Please sign up in the narthex or call the parish office so we have an idea of how many will be coming 732-270-3980.

PRESENTING THE GIFTS

During the Sunday Liturgy the gifts of bread and wine are symbolic of the gift of our lives given to God.

They are brought forward to the celebrant of the Mass by members of the congregation in a visible gesture that symbolizes that act of presentation.

We would like to invite any member of our parish to participate in this liturgical action.

To do this, see the usher at the Mass you are attending and express that you would like to "bring up the gifts". If the usher tells you that someone has already been selected, please ask to bring up the gifts for the following week. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to make your request.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important Dates for January

January 11th	Epiphany Pageant – Following 5:00pm Vigil Mass
January 20th	NO CLASSES
January 26th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation 4:00pm
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January 27th	Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat 6:00-9:00pm – Parish Hall

(classes for CPH ONLY are cancelled for this date)

Confirmation Paperwork

We remind the parents/guardians of students preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation to please return all paperwork and if needed sponsor letter. All paperwork is due by February 24th.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

**Gov. Murphy has signed the bill to fund Planned Parenthood. Now our taxpayer money will pay for abortions. You may contact Gov. Murphy to voice your profound opposition to his signing this bill into law. STATE HOUSE, 125 W. STATE STREET, TRENTON, N.J. 08618.
PHONE 609-292-6000.**



2020 March for Life

Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Each year since 1974, the March for Life has been a movement that joins us together as a People of Life in Washington D.C. to oppose the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision which made abortion a legal for any reason, through all nine months of pregnancy.

For updated information about the March for Life 2020, ideas for planning your trip, bus trips available, and much more, visit : <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/march-for-life>

Rally for Life Trenton

NJ Right to Life will hold its annual Rally For Life on **Wednesday, January 22nd** the 47th anniversary of the Roe versus Wade decision. The rally will be outside the State House Annex-145 West State Street, Trenton.

Pro-life elected officials and clergy will address the Rally starting at 11 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. Do not bring signs they will be provided. Bring a chair if you cannot stand. To attend or for additional information please call Betty at 732-270-1972

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Meadow Vienna Vehock, Jesse Nicolas Garcia,
Melia Isla Busa Cascio, Harper Grey Hoffman

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

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

Keith Teague, Joseph W. Sherman, Henry J. Muller, Sr.
Roselee Troia, Frank Scardillo, William Moraco

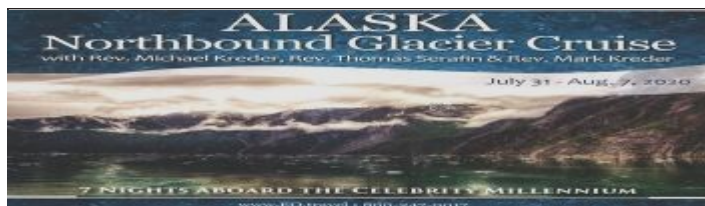
Those who have died in the Service of our Country.

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

pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad,

Cody Fisher, 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,
Walter Reed, Tyler Brandon Sansone, Trevor Smida,
Christopher Sylvester, Nick Roma, Nick Panzara, Greg Hermack,
John DiMicelli, John M. Budenas, Robert Tront,
Joey Colosimo, Michael Anthony DeAnni, Kieran Murphy,
Colin Berrios, Kevin Kreder, Christopher Wright

*And for our President
and elected Leaders of our Country.*



*, Parish Alaska Northbound Glacier Cruise
7 Nights Aboard the Celebrity Millennium
July 31, 2020 to August 7, 2020*

*Mass will be celebrated each day,
receive Jesus in the Eucharist and enjoy the
beauty and grandeur created by God!*

July 31-Embark from Vancouver, British Columbia
August 1 Cruising through the Inside Passage

August 2—Ketchikan, Alaska

August 3— Icy Strait Point, Alaska

August 4— Juneau, Alaska

August 5— Skagway, Alaska

August 6—Hubbard Glacier (Cruising)

August 7—Disembark in Seward, Alaska for deluxe
motor coach scenic drive to Anchorage

Cruise Pricing: (rates are per person, based on double
occupancy) Interior Stateroom \$1298; Ocean View
Stateroom \$1498; Veranda Stateroom \$2298. Includes
Transfers, Cruise Taxes & Fees. Book your airfare
through EO. Additional \$998 Roundtrip from Newark

brochures are also available in the Narthex and
downloadable from our website

*You can also Register on-line from the link on our
parish website: www.stjustin.org*



St. Justin's
FAMILY NIGHT BINGO!
Friday, Feb. 7, 2020

Doors Open & Food Served 5:30pm

Games: 6:00pm Dessert: 7:00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per family, which in-

cludes Bingo cards and dessert (a package of 10 additional
boards can be purchased for \$5 night of event) Hot Dogs
must be pre-ordered and paid in advance at \$1.00 per hot
dog. Soda & Water may be purchased that night.

**THIS IS A FAMILY NIGHT THEREFORE ALL
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT**

For more info contact the parish office or Susan at
908-591-4271. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the event,
please call the parish office and leave your name &

Number. Flyers available in the narthex

& on parish website www.stjustin.org

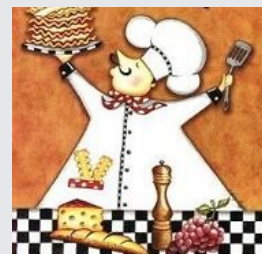
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB. 1ST

St. Justin's 1st
INTERNATIONAL
POT LUCK DINNER

Will be held on

Saturday, January 18, 2020

At 6:00pm in the parish hall.



*Please bring your favorite family
dish (pre-heated) in a throw away
tin. If you choose to attend without preparing a dish there
will be a free will offering basket at the door. Feel free to
decorate your table with anything depicting your country of
heritage. Pre-registration is required. Flyers are available
in the Narthex and can be returned to the parish office by
January 15, 2020. If anyone would like to volunteer please
leave your name & number at the parish office
(732-270-3980) Any additional questions
call Sue at 908-591-4271*



Mark Your Calendars—

Social Sunday
Next Week

Join us after all Masses
Sunday, January 19th

in the parish hall for light refreshments and fellowship.

Hosted this month by St. Justin's Teen Youth Group
For info on joining the Youth Group see Deacon Fred

*Have you ever considered the possibility
of a vocation to the priesthood? Do you have
questions about what it takes to become a Catholic
priest? The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of
Trenton has a resource for anyone who is considering
a call to the priesthood! The website
www.godiscallingyou.com provides practical
answers to the questions you may have in discerning
a call to the priesthood.*

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: **Monday, January 13, & 27th, 2020**
7:30pm in St. Justin's Conference Room, Anyone who has
lost a loved one, please come join us in prayer & sharing

ST. JUSTIN'S TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meeting: **January 19, 2020**
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in St. Justin's Conference Room.
Open to all students in Grades 8th – 12th.
Info: see Deacon Fred Ebenau

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Next Meeting: **January 21, 2020** in the parish hall.
Coffee at 11:30 followed by our meeting at noon. Anyone
52 years young and over is more than welcome. Please
bring a non perishable item for St. Vincent dePaul. **We will**
be having a nutritionist speak at this meeting. Further
info contact: Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733

ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:30pm .**
Rosary in church, followed by our meeting in the parish hall.
We are a faithful group of women striving to live our Catholic
faith thru prayer and good works. ***We would love to have you***
join us! New members always welcome! For further
information call the parish office.

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, February 3rd 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.

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through
addiction The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday,**
February 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed
Building For further info call or text Kate Miick at
732-237-4080 or Diane Noonan at 732-503-1536

ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

Next Meeting—**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:00pm,**
St. Justin's Conference Room. If you like to knit or
crochet, or would like to learn, please join us.
Please call Fran: 848-241-3976 or 732-492-0329

NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP *Wednesday,*
February 5, 2020. 7:00pm in the Religious Ed Building
Pre-registration required call the parish office
at 732-270-3980 to register.

St. Justin the Martyr Body of Christ Healing
Prayer Ministry is available to
anyone desiring personal prayer.

Each individual hour is
personal and confidential!

For an individual prayer appointment and/or
further information, please contact
Lorraine at 732-270-4081.

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“Inspired” @ DYC 2020!

The Diocesan Youth
Conference (DYC) is an
annual celebration that brings
together all teens in grades
8—12 in our Diocese. ***This***
powerful day is filled with
dynamic speakers, fun
activities, breakouts, games
and so much more! This
year we will also feature a

special service opportunity to help our teens be an
“Inspiration” to other young people in the world. Most
importantly, DYC offers us the opportunity to unite as the
young Catholic Church of our Diocese and to have an
encounter with Christ as we explore what it means to live
Inspired. All those in grades 8 to 12 are invited on:

Saturday, February 8, 2020 @10am

Where: Donovan Catholic High School, Toms River, NJ
Advance Registration (ends Feb. 3, 2020) \$25

Walk-in Registration \$35

Register at: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/youthministry>

Or Call: 609-403-7182

Prepare your teens to #Liveinspired2020!



For info on events happening in our
cohort parishes, visit our website
www.stjustin.org click the RCCTR tab