

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"I saw the
Spirit come
down like
a dove from
heaven
and remain
upon him."**

JOHN 1:32



Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

The prophet presents himself as another Jeremiah, with references to having a call while still in the womb, and his obligation to fulfill it. He knows that he is to be "a light to the nations" with his announcements.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 1-3

Paul uses a standard letter introduction, and then claims to have the same apostolic authority as the original Twelve. He tells his readers that they have been set apart by God and must work to be worthy of that.

The Gospel: John 1: 29-34

The writer tells his readers that the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus was the sign for John the Baptist that He was the one designated by God. He is "the Lamb of God" with all the rich meaning of that term making Him the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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 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

MONDAY, January 20

**Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

8:30am Alexander Zulewski
Janet Dula

TUESDAY, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:30am Bob Finley
Robert VanSprang

WEDNESDAY, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:30am Right to Life Protection of the Unborn

THURSDAY, January 23

Weekday; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

8:30am Frederick Fauci
Angelo Tedesco

FRIDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Rev. Mark Kreder & Rev. Daniel Price
(living)
Deacons of the Parish (living)

SATURDAY, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Eileen Murphy
All Souls

SUNDAY, January 26

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Maryann Bielski
Chester & Mary Bielski
9:00am Mary Ferragamo
Rodolfo Perez
10:30am Joan Sullivan
Christina Johnson
12Noon In Thanksgiving Blessed Mother & St. Jude
Edward H. D'Autorio

RESPECT LIFE NEWS UPDATE

The Senate passed A5508/S3804 last week. The bill removes the exemption in current law for religious employers to provide coverage for abortifacients because it conflicts with the religious employer's bona fide religious beliefs and practices. The legislation will expand insurance coverage for abortion inducing drugs. PLEASE CONTACT GOV. MURPHY AND TELL HIM TO VETO THIS BILL:PHONE 609-292-6000. Any questions contact Betty: 732-270-1972



*The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of Christ
at the Masses celebrated
during the week is offered in loving
memory of
Gerard "Jerry" Coleman
requested by Marie Paparazzo*

The Sanctuary Candle

*which burns near the Tabernacle
in Church, the reminder of the Lord's
Presence in the
Most Holy Eucharist, is
in offered for 90th Birthday wishes*

Carl Aglio

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
2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
January 19, 2020

**A SAD SITUATION EVER
ANCIENT, EVER NEW.**

This week, on **January 21**, we honor one of the most famous early-Church female martyrs: **Saint Agnes**. There's a plethora of pious tales about her; most say she was born in 290 into a wealthy Christian family who wanted her to marry

one of her well-to-do suitors. However, she dedicated her life to **Christ** and His Church by maintaining her chaste virginity. Some accounts say after she rejected a man who had lusted for her, he turned her into anti-Christian Roman authorities. She was arrested, pressured to give up her virginity, and persecuted for remaining steadfast; she was executed when she was 12 or 13 in 309. Some sources say the jilted man who had lusted for her and betrayed her went blind! After praying her Collect, more about **Saint Agnes**.

Collect - Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Almighty ever-living God, who choose what is weak in the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant, that we, who celebrate the heavenly birthday of your Martyr Saint Agnes, may follow her constancy in the faith.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

"NOTHING IS NEW UNDER THE SUN." As this quote from Ecclesiastes 1:9: ***"What has been, that will be; what has been done, that will be done. Nothing is new under the sun."*** reminds us: our struggles in keeping the faith are not new. Many are still pressured or forced to violate their consciences, abused or raped; human trafficking remains a scourge. As we write this article, the horrors allegedly committed by Jeffrey Epstein are still in the news, as are accounts of teachers, coaches, law enforcement officials, politicians, clergy of every faith, and others, who abuse our very vulnerable young people.

May all victims of abuse, rape or any violation of human dignity rely on the intercession of this powerful Patron Saint who knew - firsthand - the pains they endured. May **Saint Agnes** help them move beyond and let go of their pain, may all offenders be brought to justice; and may those falsely accused be vindicated.

GOD CAN TURN OUR MOURNING INTO LAUGHTER AND OUR SORROW INTO JOY. The customs, devotions and rites developed to honor **Saint Agnes** and promote her 'cause' or patronage began soon after her martyrdom. **Saint Ambrose** [340–397] extolled her courageous determination; since antiquity she is one of the 7 female martyrs: **Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anathasia** named in the Roman Canon or Eucharistic Prayer I. [The only other woman named is our **Blessed Mother**.] And her name: **Agnes**, which in Latin means 'lamb' - set the stage for a Church custom that is still practiced to this day.

THE PALLIUM. As a sign of the Church's unity, all **Metropolitan Archbishops [MA]** wear a **pallium**: a white woolen 'scarf' with six black silk crosses. New Jersey's **MA** is **Cardinal Tobin** of the Archdiocese Newark. When the 5 Ordinaries of the State of New Jersey meet [the main Bishop of each of New Jersey's five



Dioceses: Newark, Trenton, Paterson, Camden and Metuchen] **MA** takes the lead and directs all their deliberations. Where do **palliums** come from?

Since at least the 5th Century, two lambs are blessed by the Pope on **Saint Agnes Day, January 21**; on **Holy Thursday** their wool is removed and woven into the **palliums** which the Pope blesses the following **June 29: The Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul**. During a Mass at **Saint Peter Basilica** the Pope used to put a **pallium** on each new **MA** as a sign of his unity with Rome. In 2015, Pope Francis 'tweaked' this tradition: the Pope now **HANDS** a **pallium** to each new **MA** which is placed on his shoulders in his own cathedral by his country's apostolic nuncio or papal ambassador as a sign of unity between the **MA** and the Dioceses he oversees. Ever ancient, ever new! **Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr pray for us and for the unity of the Church!**

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of January 19 2020

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; +
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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.



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 to oppose the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision which made abortion a legal for any reason, For updated info about the March for Life 2020, visit : <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/march-for-life>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grade 1 Epiphany Pageant

We thank all our parents/guardians, catechists, aides, Angela Petti and our choir, Alicia Winters and our staff for making the pageant a success. Most of all we thank the children who put their heart into this pageant and helped us close out our Christmas Season. As always we thank our pastor and clergy for their support; along with all the parishioners who attended.

Important dates for January

January 20th NO CLASSES

January 26th Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 4:00pm

January 27th Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat
6:00-9:00pm – Parish Hall

Student accompanied by parent/guardian OR adult (18 yrs.)
(classes for CPHI 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.



The Sacrament of *Baptism*

Baptism at the Mass

Each week we gather to celebrate our oneness in the Lord. Through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism,

Confirmation and Eucharist, we acknowledge and deepen our unity with the Lord and one another. The

Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the Sacrament of Baptism in this way:

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door that gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and the word." (CCC # 1213)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish, or any parish, is a very special day. Besides welcoming our newest member (s), the Sacrament enables us to reflect on our own baptismal commitment to loving Christian service to all. It also reminds those of us who are baptized of our duty to work to make God's world a place of love and peace.

On Saturday, January 25th, at the 5:00pm Mass I will baptize Michael Paul and William Peter

Our Christian Initiation begins at the Baptismal Font; So I invite you to come to this special day and ask you to join me in welcoming our newest members.

Fr. Mark

*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..."

Angela Marie Chiappelli, Rose Marie Senatore,
James Kennedy

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.

**Please note that our Parish Offices will be closed
on Monday, January 20, 2019
in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr., Day**



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**

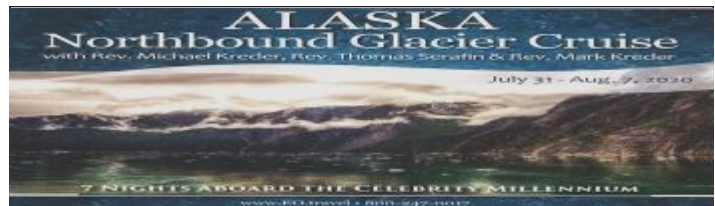
For more info contact the parish office or Susan at
908-591-4271. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the event,
please call the parish office and leave your name &

Number. Flyers available in the narthex

& on parish website www.stjustin.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB. 1ST

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



**, 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**



**BRING YOUR BIBLE FOR
A SPECIAL BLESSING
January 25/26, 2020**

Bring your Bible[s] to Mass on
January 25/26 for a special
blessing! On September 30, 2019, the **Feast of Saint
Jerome [347-420]** and the 1600th Anniversary of his death,
Pope Francis declared the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
'The Sunday of the Word of God.' May this annual day
to focus on the basis of all Catholic rituals and teachings:
the holy Bible, promote a closer relationship with Holy
Scripture and its dissemination in the world. Every
Catholic should have a Bible - read it - and seek Church
guidance, through faith formation, to properly understand
it! To read the Apostolic Letter, search for it by its Latin
title: *Aperuit illis: "Then he opened their minds to
understand the Scriptures."* [Luke 24:45] which is
subtitled 'Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God.'
Saint Jerome, pray for us!

***Social Sunday This Week!*
Stop by after all Masses in the parish hall
Hosted by St. Justin's Teen Youth Group**

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

ST. JUSTIN'S TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meetings: January 19th & Feb. 9th

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 BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: Monday, January 27th & Feb. 10th, 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 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 joint 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.

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

This week's highlight selection is City of Saints, which is a docu-series from St. Michael's Abbey bringing the light of Christ to the faithful through powerful testimonies from lay people and deep insight from the Norbertine Fathers.

FORMED is a free gift to you from our parish. For further info visit www.stjustin.org Click on FORMED

2020 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Inspired.
"You are the light of the world" Mt 5:14

Saturday, February 8, 2020
DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
TOMS RIVER, NJ

"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!



St. Joseph's Grade School
Begin the Process Now in
Building a
Foundation for Life!
Pre K3-8th Grade

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION IS FEB. 5TH.
Just follow these easy steps....Go to stjoeschooltr.org
.Click on New Student Application

.Fill out an application on-line and download the required documents

.Come to SJGS on Feb. 5th from 10am-12noon
OR 5-7PM

For Further info contact the Admission Office at
732-349-2355 x2005

Or email dsilvestrone@stjoeschooltr.org



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH,
(7-11pm) TICKETS \$20.00

FEATURING THE D-CEE'S
FOOD, DRINK, DANCING PRIZES & 50/50
Contact Ray Gabbia 732-966-4758 or visit the council
home at 113 Tennyson Avenue, Toms River.

Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast After All
Masses Sunday, February 23rd



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