

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

A COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK A BLESSING OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

At Mass SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020, at 9:30am

*We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass: **Saturday February 8th at 9:30am.***

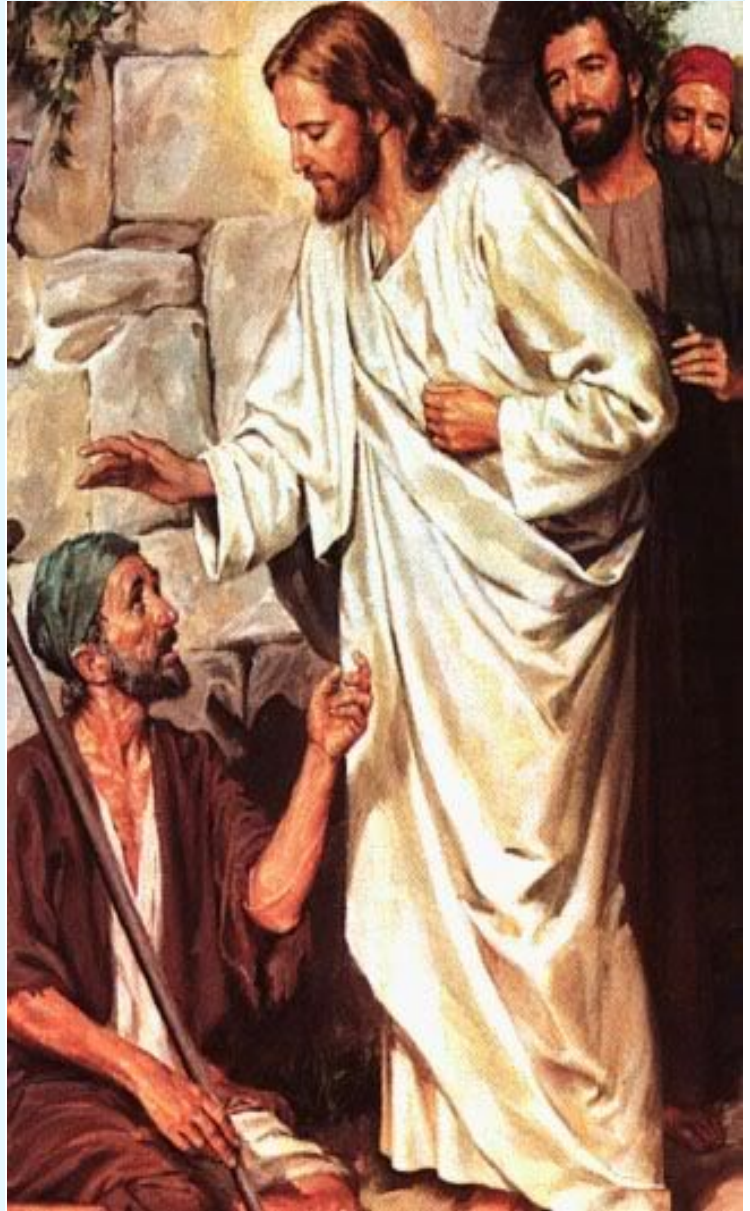
Anointing "is not a sacrament for only those who are at the point of death" but is intended for all those who are seriously ill. Consequently, what we formerly called "Extreme Unction" is now more properly called "The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick".

More has changed than the sacrament's name. Our experience of the revised Sacrament of the Anointing has brought about a change in the way we think about the sacrament. For example: 1) This sacrament (like all sacraments) is a community celebration; 2) sickness involves more than bodily illness; and 3) anointing heals us through faith.

Offering the sacrament before one is in the final moments of life affords the patient a better opportunity to appreciate the prayers and symbols of the rite. Also, in light of a shortage of priestly vocations and increasing demands on the priest's time, a priest may not be immediately available at the final moments of life.

The grace of the sacrament has the following effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ for his or her own good and for that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; and preparation for the passing from this life to eternal life (Catechism 1532). At this time, we will also extend a blessing to all medical personnel, health care workers and caregivers.

Finally, we would ask that those who wish to be anointed call the parish office at 732-270-3980 to register and to arrive with their caregivers about 20 minutes before the start of the Mass. There will be people available to write your name on a label so the priest will know your name when he comes to you.



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, February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

World Day for Consecrated Life

7:30am All Souls
Anthony DiFlumeri
9:00am Justin Peter Mai
Dich Peter Nguyen
10:30am Al Zulewski
Daniel Kelly
12Noon Francis Barrett
Joseph Gilsenan

MONDAY, February 3

Weekday; (Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:30am Rev. Thomas J. Barry (living)
Martha E. McKinley
7:00pm Blessing of Throats

TUESDAY, February 4

Weekday

8:30am Janet Szallkowski
Rita Coleman

WEDNESDAY, February 5

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30am Tony Tardi
James Rizzolo

THURSDAY, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:30am Mark Geraci
Harry Rallis

FRIDAY, February 7

FIRST FRIDAY; Weekday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, February 8

Weekday; St. Jerome Emiliani,

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, BVM

9:30am People of the Parish
Francis Xavier Duddy
5:00pm Veronica Hauser
Davey D'Agostino

SUNDAY, February 9

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Maryann Bielski
Chester & Mary Bielski
9:00am Louis Fitamant
Rudolfo Perez
10:30am Robert Schneder
Rick Tallman
12Noon Ann Marie Neveroski
Jean Lewandowski



*The Flowers Adorning
the Altar
are in loving memory of
Deacon Richard Hauenstein
requested by St. Justin's Seniors Club*



*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 offered in loving memory of*



Deacon Richard Hauenstein

requested by St. Justin's Seniors Club

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 Presentation of the Lord
[preempts the 4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time - A]
February 2, 2020

A VERY BUSY SAINT! On this **Candlemas** weekend, which was, in the former liturgical calendar, the last day of **Christmastime**, we recall how the 40-day old **Child Jesus** was presented in Jerusalem's Temple. While this fulfilled the Jewish law requiring a firstborn son to be dedicated to the **Lord**, it also prefigured

how **Jesus** would **BE** the **Sacrifice** who would save us! How appropriate, then that this week, on **February 5**, we honor a woman who was willingly sacrificed for her faith and, in the manner her martyrdom took place, gave hope to so many women and men! More on that after praying the Collect prescribed for holy Mass on the Feast of **Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**.

Collect - Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha implore your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray, for she found favor with you by the courage of her martyrdom and the merit of her chastity. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

AN OBSCURE SAINT. While we have historical proof that devotions to **Saint Agatha** existed from at least the 6th Century, we have little, if any, verifiable data about the woman herself. However, like many Christians of her time [we believe she was born around 231 and was executed some 20 years later, in 251] she is said to have endured vile, painful tortures before she was 'allowed' to die. And given what we know about ancient Rome and its cruel 'sport' of crucifying those deemed worthy of horrific torments, we can easily assume that what is said about her is probably - and sadly - very true.

We know that consecrations to a life of virginity were not uncommon in biblical and post-biblical days. [Even in our time, some promise celibacy or take vows of virginity!] We also know that anti-Christian forces used heartless, horrific ways to get Christians to reject their Faith. [Are those who still behead Christians any different?] And as the 'Me-Too' movement has shown, women - and men - still have their consciences violated and face sexual harassment and abuse.

FACT OR FICTION? Based on the legends told about her, Saint Agatha is traditionally depicted with many curious items, and is the patroness of many 'interesting' causes. Wearing red as a sign of her martyrdom, she often holds a plate with what some say are **two rolls of bread** or **bells**, but since her torturers purportedly severed her **breasts**, you decide what they are. There is a traditional blessing of **Saint Agatha loaves** - and recipes - for her **sweet rolls**. However, some insist they were **bells**, based on another 'tale.'

In 252, a year after her death, there were signs that Mount Etna was about to erupt; the terrified townspeople took her **veil** from her buried body to the site; Etna did NOT erupt, and they credited it to **Saint Agatha's** intercession. If it had blown, lava flames would have destroyed everything, and since **bells** were rung to warn of fire, **bells** are one of her symbols ... but, then again ...

Another legend says that she did not die after having her breasts severed, which is why **Saint Agatha** is the much-relied on **Patron Saint of Those with Breast Cancer**. To kill her, they rolled her over **hot coals** mingled with **sharp shards**, which cut and burnt her to death. Again, since **bells** were rung when a fire was feared, she is **the Patroness of Bell Ringers and Bell Makers**.

We also know condemned Christians were often kept in groups as they were tortured and executed in the hope that some would be moved - or scared into - recanting their Faith as they watched others suffer and die. However, there are many records in the Bible and in secular writings that confirm how the condemned encouraged each other in such frightful times. So, **Saint Agatha** is also the **Patroness of Nurses**, who often journey with - and encourage others - in their times of fear and suffering and death.

No wonder this Saint from antiquity is still mentioned in the long version of Eucharistic Prayer I, the Roman Canon. As I don my **red vestments** on her Feast Day, I will offer a special prayer for all who suffer as she did: as victims of sexual abuse, fire or natural disasters; those with breast cancer or any illness; and for all nurses. **Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr, pray for us!**

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of February 2, 2020

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4,
5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12bcd

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

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 through 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.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE – THIS WEEKEND **FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will
hold a Bake Sale in the Conference Room.
All proceeds will be donated to the social concerns of
the parish. Please help our young people raise the
money for those less fortunate.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

PLEASE NOTE: MARDI GRAS -
FEBRUARY 22ND HAS BEEN CANCELLED

February 1st and 2nd Super Bowl Bake Sale after all
Masses—Sponsored by Confirmation Prep Students

February 10th First Eucharist Parent Meeting – 7PM
Parish Hall

February 17th No Classes – President's Day

February 26th No Classes – Ash Wednesday

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 a sponsor let-
ter. All paperwork is due by February 24th.

4th Annual
Pancake Breakfast
After All Masses
Sunday, February 23



Hosted by
The Men's Faith Group
and Women's Faith Group
(in conjunction with Altar Rosary Society)

Stop in after Mass and enjoy pancakes, sausage,
coffee, juice, and fellowship!

Save the Date!

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Luncheon Celebration
Sunday, March 22, 2020—Tickets on sale starting
Feb. 29th—More info to follow

Trip to Careme's Restaurant Plus
Golden Nugget Casino
Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Cost: \$80.00
(Payment due by February 20th)

Depart St. Justin's 10:45am Arrive at Careme's
Restaurant, Gourmet Dining at its finest. 4 Course sit
down lunch. Operated by students of the Academy of
Culinary Arts. At 2:30 pm arrive at Golden Nugget
Flyers in Narthex, Further Info Call Barbara:
732-232-3733 or 732-929-0298



Blessing of Throats:
Monday, February 3rd
(Feast of St. Blaise)
at 8:30am Mass and
at 7:00pm

*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..."

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.*



*Welcome Father Robert
(Bob) Laferrera*

*This weekend, we
welcome Father Robert*

(Bob) Laferrera to our parish. Father recently retired from active ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark where he most recently served as the pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland. Father will be assisting us in ministry at St. Justin Parish. This weekend, he will celebrate the 10:30 am Mass. We welcome him and look forward to getting to know him. He will be a great asset to us.



St. Justin's
FAMILY NIGHT BINGO!

Friday, Feb. 7, 2020

Doors Open & Food Served
5:30pm

Games: 6:00pm

Dessert: 7:00pm

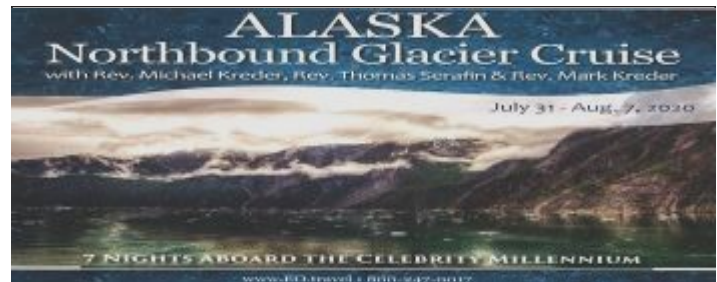
Cost is \$5.00 per family, which includes Bingo cards and dessert (a package of 10 additional boards can be purchased for \$5 night of event) Hot Dogs must be pre-ordered and paid in advance at \$1.00 per hot dog. Soda & Water may be purchased that night.

**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



*, 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

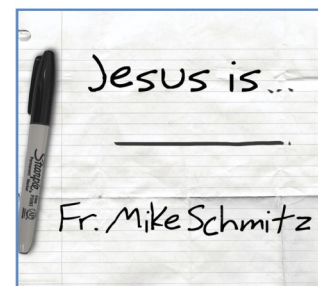
**You can also Register on-line from the link on our
parish website: www.stjustin.org**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Jesus is...

By Father Mike Schmitz



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In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do you say that I Am?"

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PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

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 TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meetings: Feb. 9th & Feb. 23rd 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 BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: Monday, Feb. 10th, & 24th 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 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

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Next Meeting: February 18, 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. Tickets available for Careme's Restaurant plus Golden Nugget Trip on Wed. April 1st. Flyers in Narthex Further info contact: Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733



BUS TRIP TO Golden Nugget Casino
Benefiting Altar Rosary Society
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
\$30 Tickets, Receive \$25 in Slot Play,
\$5 Food Voucher

Bus Pickup St. Justin's Parking Lot at 10.45am Return approx. 7:30pm

For info/questions call Maryann: 908-578-4664 or Kim: 732-664-2311 (Must be over 21 & have valid ID)

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 stjoeschoolltr.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@stjoeschoolltr.org



"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!



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Contact Ray Gabbia 732-966-4758 or visit the council home at 113 Tennyson Avenue, Toms River.

Attention Men!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 23rd Annual Men's Conference



Sat, February 29, at Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish in Middletown, NJ. Theme "Discipleship: The Greatest Adventure." Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and features Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; Mark Teixeira, former Yankee first baseman and MLB All Star, and current ESPN analyst; Marcellino D'Ambrosio AKA Dr. Italy, author, evangelist & the funniest theology professor you will ever meet; Stephen Auth, the CIO for Federated Global Equities and author of The Missionary of Wall Street. Music, Catholic vendors, and 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 \$30 per person in advance (\$35 at the door); \$15 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more info or to register online: 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



For info on events happening in our cohort parishes, visit our website www.stjustin.org click the RCCTR tab
—At St. Joseph's: Tickets Available for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang—Feb. 14-15-16