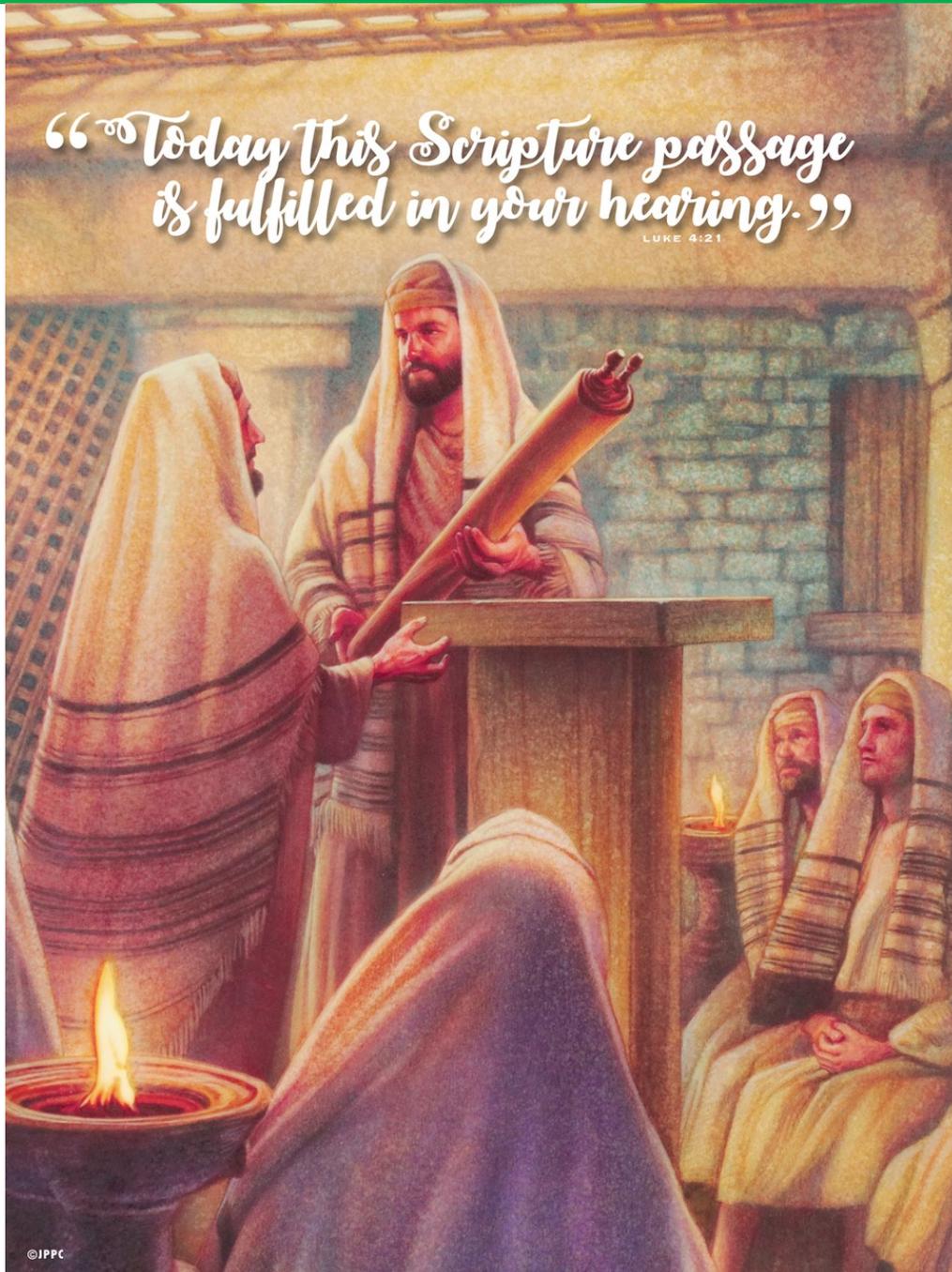


St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

February 3, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*“Today this Scripture passage
is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

LUKE 4:21

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.**



SUNDAY, February 3*
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Chester & Mary Bielski
 Maryanne Bielski
 9:00am Richard Hungerford
 All Souls
 10:30am Peter Dich-Nguyen
 Thomas Palumbo
 12Noon Francis Barrett
 Geraldine Rogers

MONDAY, February 4

Weekday
 8:30am Josephine Kosenski
 Lillian Perrino

TUESDAY, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
 8:30am James Gonzalez
 Janet Mascera

WEDNESDAY, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
 8:30am Thomas Lewandowski, Sr.
 Sally Ann Felse Sardano

THURSDAY, February 7

Weekday
 8:30am Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)
 Rev. Thomas J. Barry, Jr. (living)

FRIDAY, February 8

Weekday; St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 8:30am Mark Geraci
 Sal Ferrara (living)
 Davey D'Agostino

SATURDAY, February 9

Weekday; BVM
 9:30am People of the Parish
 5:00pm Vincent Ingato
 All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, February 10

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Martin & Catherine Brennan
 Stanislaus Gorski
 9:00am Berta Henriques
 Anna Marie Beiswinger
 10:30am Edward Plenzo
 James Gonzalez
 12Noon Joseph Gilsenan
 Joseph Napolitano

****PLEASE JOIN US! This Sunday February 3rd
 A ROSARY FOR LIFE
 WILL BE PRAYED AFTER THE
 12 NOON MASS**

*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*

Richard Hungerford

requested by Beth DeLucia



*May the heart of Jesus, in the Most
 Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored,
 and loved with grateful affection, at
 every moment, in all the tabernacles of
 the world, even to the end of time.
 Amen.*

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 sal-
 vation of their soul, and in building up the Body of Christ.



From the Pastor
4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - C
February 3, 2019

SAINT BLAISE: A 4 PART STORY. Most know only one of four stories of the physician who became a 4th Century Bishop, martyred in 316: **Saint Blaise.** Many know how, at the request of a mother who desperately sought help for her son, **Saint**

Blaise saved the boy from choking to death on a fishbone. [See the icon's upper RIGHT panel.]

What other three things was he known for and which endure in the **Blessing of Throats** attributed to his intervention? After praying his Collect, read on ... for there's more to him than the Blessing we will receive at the end of **SUNDAY** Masses today only, February 3, his feast day: "**Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.**" [This may be given by a lay minister, but only an Ordained Minister makes the sign of the cross over others.]

Collect - Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Hear, O Lord, the supplications
your people make under the patronage
of the Martyr Saint Blaise,
and grant that they may
rejoice in peace in this present life,
and find help for life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus ... forever and ever. Amen.

WHY DO WE USE TWO CANDLES? To avoid arrest and persecution, *Saint Blaise* sought solitude and safety in the wilderness, and lived among wild animals. [Upper LEFT panel.] While this sounds like Dr. Doolittle, biblical prophecy says that on God's mountain, all beasts and human beings will peacefully coexist. [See Isaiah 11:6-9.] Anyway, while being led away by Roman guards, who found and arrested him, he ordered a wolf to return a pig it had stolen from a woman who sought *Saint Blaise's* help - and it obeyed him! [Lower LEFT panel.] In thanks, the woman brought candles to him in his

prison cell to provide light so he could read Scripture. Over the centuries, two candles - in the form of a **Saint Andrew Cross** [an 'X' cross, unlike our Savior's '†' Cross] - were made a part of the **Blessing of Throats** to recall **Saint Blaise's** martyrdom.

SHOULD THE CANDLES BE LIT OR NOT? Ideally, and by ancient tradition, the candles **SHOULD** be lighted ... but for safety and economic reasons, they are usually unlit. They are lighted to remind us that to give light and warmth, candles must allow themselves to be 'used up' and 'spent.' They must so totally commit themselves to their purpose that they 'die' ... and so must we! To this day, the Church still requires **ONE** candle to be 'real:' the **Paschal** or **Easter Candle**. It must be new at each Easter Vigil, the night before **Easter**, and should be lighted at every celebration during the 50 days of **Easter** until **Pentecost**, and at every **Baptism** and **Funeral**. All other candles can be oil-filled tubes or other non-wax 'candles.'

HOW WAS SAINT BLAISE MARTYRED? We get a clue to what instrument they used to kill him in his 'patronage' list: he is also the **Patron Saint of Wool Combers** and those who work in the **Wool Industry**. Before the 18th Century, a Wool Comber had to complete a 7-year apprenticeship, starting at age 12 or 13, before being entrusted with 'combing' raw wool - with a small rake - to remove foreign particles and to straighten the tangled fibers. An additional step was required for 'worsted' wool ... in which fiber was equal in length and width. [We're clueless as to how difficult making clothes was!] Anyway, wool rakes were used to flay **Saint Blaise** alive [Lower RIGHT panel] after which he was beaten, beheaded and buried in his **Sebaste** [Turkey] Cathedral. In 732, a storm diverted the ship carrying his remains to Rome to a seacoast city south of Rome [Maratea] where he is now buried.

We who seek the intercession of **Saint Blaise** for sore throats should at least take time to know about him. For by imitating the Saints' virtues, following their example, and relying on their intercession, we can hope to join them in heaven. **Saint Blaise**, pray for us!

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;
Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11
or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11



**Dear Parish Family, Our
St. Vincent
de Paul Society is
seeking new members
for their Ministry**

**What is the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul?**

The society is an international Catholic lay organization whose members, inspired by Gospel values, seek to serve the poor and suffering in the imitation of Jesus Christ. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was "founded in Paris by Frederic Ozanam in 1833. Ozanam, a layman, was deeply moved by the poverty and disorder that gripped Paris in the early stages of industrialization. He and his companions formed a Catholic organization of laypersons devoted to individual holiness, personal contact with the poor, and the distribution of alms." With St. Vincent de Paul as its patron saint, the society soon expanded. Today, the society is active in 112 countries.

What do we do?

We help the less fortunate of our community with a monthly food collection and provide assistance as needed. The ministry of serving the poor also provides:
Rent/utility assistance
Budget counseling
Advocacy: Voice of the Poor
And much, much more!

If you would like more information, members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be available in the narthex. Or call us: 732-929-1119
IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THIS MINISTRY?
(must be 18 years or older to volunteer)



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Attention Men!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton For the

22nd Annual Men's Conference

on Saturday, February 23, at Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish in Middletown, NJ. **The theme of this year's conference is "Rebuild My Church"**. The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by **Curtis Martin** who, in addition to being the founder and CEO of Fellowship of Catholic University Students, is an internationally renowned author, Catholic radio & TV host; **Max Ford**, an evangelist, singer and songwriter who co-founded Holy Spirit House in the south of France; **Kevin Reilly**, motivational speaker, former NFL Player, Philadelphia Eagles Radio Announcer, cancer survivor.

There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to 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 \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to 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

St. Justin's FAMILY NIGHT BINGO!

Friday, February 8, 2019 Parish Hall
Doors Open & Food Served At 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) 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. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, and downloadable from our website: www.stjustin.org
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, Feb. 4th

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Norah Alexandra Kopp, Paisley Jo Sabba,
Landon Thomas Hagburg, Harper Rae Hagburg,
Anthony Sergio Tardi

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

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

Carl T. Breininger, Brian Hennes, Patricia Kenney

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, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale following all Masses this weekend

February 2nd and 3rd.

The students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will raise funds for the social concerns

of Saint Justin's parish. We thank everyone in advance for their dedication and support.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

Parents/Guardians of students preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist are asked to attend an information meeting which will take place in the Parish Hall on February 11th at 7:00pm.

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.



The Sacrament of the

Anointing of the Sick

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World Day of the Sick— Communal Anointing of the Sick and Day of Prayer for Health Care Workers

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass: **Saturday February 16th**

Time: To be Announced

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 approximately 20 minutes before the start of the Mass.** There will be people available to write your name on an index card which your caregiver will give to the priest when he comes to anoint you.

Just before the reading of the gospel, we make a little cross on our head, lips, and heart, why?

"May Christ's words be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart."

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

**Next Meeting: February 3, 2019 & February 17th,
6:00—8:00pm St. Justin's Conference Room**

All Grade 8 through 12 youth are invited to become part of the "Youth Group." 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!**

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, February 4, 2019, 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 meet once a month to help mend their broken hearts through faith. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Building**

All Family and Friends are welcome. For further information call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080 or Diane Noonan at 732-503-1536.

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: February 11th & 25th in St. Justin's Conference Room Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer, and sharing. The meetings will be held at 7:30pm.

ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

Next Meeting—**Wednesday, February 13th at 7pm, St. Justin's Conference Room.** If you crochet or knit or want to learn how to do either, you will be welcomed by our group. We also happily accept donations of yarn for creating prayer shawls, baby blankets, lap blankets and various other items for people in need. Call Fran for info: 848-241-3976 or 732-492-0329

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2019, in the Parish Hall—Starting at 11:30 (please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting) We will discuss an Upcoming trip on May 21st. Bateaux—New York, Luncheon Cruise. This is a glass enclosed yacht giving you a beautiful view of the NY skyline, stop at South Street Seaport for 1 1/2 hrs. Special Chicken and a vegetarian lunch, cost \$120.00 All payments must be in by April 15th. For Info: Call Barbara at 732-232-3733

ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join this wonderful group of women, we welcome new members as we pray the rosary, and serve God and the parish thru charitable events such as a shower for Birthright. Next meeting **February 27th 6:30pm in the church** to pray the rosary followed by our meeting in the parish hall. Further info? Please contact president Pat McDonald: 732-270-4061

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

*7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.
Wednesday, February 6, 2019*

*Registration for Workshop is Required
call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980
to attend*



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Save the Date!
**Pancake Breakfast
After All Masses**
Sunday, Sunday, March 3rd
The Men's Faith Group in conjunction with the Altar Rosary Society will be hosting their 3rd Annual Hospitality Sunday after all Masses. Stop in after Mass and enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and fellowship!

**The Knights of Columbus Council #4969
Will be holding a Raffle Ticket Fundraiser
after all Masses the weekend of
February 23/24**

Please Support this worthy cause!

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant,
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.