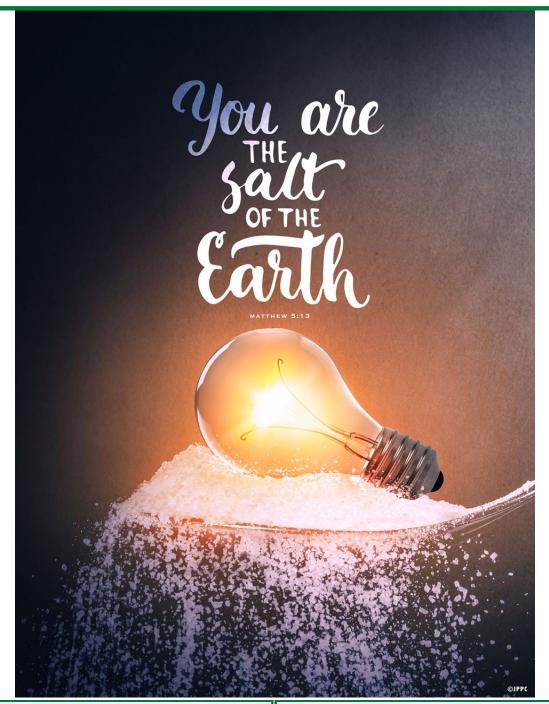
St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church 975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Weekly Mass Intentions

SUNDAY. Februarv 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	

MONDAY, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin 8:30am Marsha Martel Maceo Onyango

TUESDAY, February 11 Weekday: Our Lady of Lourdes: 1

Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick8:30amDeacon Richard HauensteinPat Nadzan (living)

WEDNESDAY, February 12

Weekday 8:30am Julia Munoz Philip Macchianevna

THURSDAY, February 13

Weekday 8:30am

Georgiana Paganotti Rocco Milello, Jr.

FRIDAY, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop 8:30am Joseph Carrasco Christina Marie Johnson

SATURDAY, February 15 Weekday; BVM 9:30am People of the Parish

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5:00pm	Joell Lanfrank
·	Vincent & Mildred Kreder

SUNDAY, February 16

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
7:30am	Lee Belhumeur & Family	
	Joseph Vetere	
9:00am	Steve & Lois Canonico	
	Rudy Perez	
10:30am	Robert V. Kelly	
	Margaret Patterson	
12Noon	Jeanne Cassilli	
	Carol L. Hodge	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen

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



Robert Muraczewskí

requested by family



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 parish office..

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.

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From the Pastor

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A February 9, 2020

<u>A FOUNTAIN OF DIVINE</u> HEALING. On February 11, 1858, the first of 18 apparitions of our Blessed Mother to an illiterate peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, took place in a humble French village. At first disbelieved by her family, her parish Priests, her Bishop and almost everyone, *Bernadette* kept

repeating '*The Lady's*' words, "*I am the Immaculate Conception*" - a dogma Pope Pius IX had only declared 4 years earlier, in 1854, and a Marian title an unlearned child could not have made up! But soon after the last apparition on July 16, 1858, plans were underway for what some say is now the world's <u>third</u> most visited <u>Catholic</u> pilgrimage site after the *Holy Land* and *Rome: Lourdes*.

In the above image, a photo of a stained-glass window in the Underground Basilica in *Lourdes*, *Our Lady* appears in white with a blue belt, asking *Bernadette* to have a church [seen in the center top] built there so people could come for its curative waters. [Do you have any *Lourdes water?*] *Bernadette* said '*The Lady*' told her the *miraculous waters* of Lourdes would <u>not</u> work for her. At just 35, *Saint Bernadette* [Feast Day: April 14; it is <u>not</u> on our Universal Calendar] died of tuberculosis on April 16, 1879, yet she encouraged everyone to seek health and wholeness at *Lourdes.* After praying the Collect for the Mass in honor of *Our Lady of Lourdes*, more about this apparition.

<u>Collect - Our Lady of Lourdes</u> Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God, may, with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

APPARITIONS: TRUE OR FALSE? The Church does not require us to accept apparitions and more often rules <u>against</u> them, if they are fraudulent or are intended for a <u>particular person</u>. She only 'okays' an apparition if it is: consistent with Gospel teachings; adds nothing to what has already been revealed; does not 'profit' anyone in a worldly sense; and so on. At *Lourdes*, as in messages at *Guadalupe* and *Fatima*, *Our Lady* called for *prayer* and *penance* - but at Lourdes she focused on the mystery of <u>sickness</u> - so much so - that *Saint John Paul* made *February 11*, the *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*, the *World Day of Prayer for the Sick*.

While few who go on pilgrimage to *Lourdes* are miraculously cured [though some are, to the wonder of medical science], many, if not most, receive a deep sense that they are <u>not alone</u> in carrying whatever cross the Lord has asked them to bear. And who better to be at our side as we endure <u>our</u> crosses than *Our Lady*, who stood beneath her <u>Son's Cross</u> as He gave His life for us?

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONS. In one apparition '*The Lady*' told *Bernadette* to <u>always bring</u> a <u>lighted candle</u> with her to the site. In the next to last apparition, *Bernadette* was said to have unconsciously held her hand over a candle, yet she was not burned or even reacted to it - but when a State doctor, sent to see if she was sane, held another candle near her, she flinched and drew back! There are still beautiful candlelight processions at *Lourdes*, and the lighting of a candle in a church or shrine, as a sign of prayer for the sick or needy, is still a widespread custom.

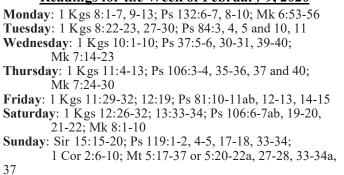
ETERNAL HAPPINESS & WHOLENESS. As 'The Lady' bluntly told Bernadette: "I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other." Did not Jesus say the same to us: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." [John 16:33b] Yet, knowing we need a nudge, a glimmer of hope, and outward signs that confirm our faith, God offers us signs that our Faith is true. Could Marian apparitions and other supernatural

events be what the Evangelist wrote about at the end of His Gospel: "*There are also many*

other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written." [John 21:25] Could we who publicly express our Faith: at holy Mass; while on a pilgrimage; or when we bravely bear our crosses - also be the living signs through which Jesus speaks to the world today? Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us and all who are sick!

In Christ, Father Mark

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2020





4th Annual Pancake Breakfast After All Masses <u>Sunday, February 23</u>

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

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

Please fill out the flyer for the Pancake Breakfast in this weekend's bulletin, and return by Feb. 16th to the basket in the narthex, so we can have an idea of how many will be attending! (The flyer is available to download from our website)<u>www.stjustin.org</u>



St. Patrick/St. Joseph Luncheon Celebration Sunday, <u>March 22, 2020</u>

Time: 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm Where: Parish Hall

> Featuring: WILLIE LYNCH IRISH BAND

COME ENJOY: GREAT COMPANY- DELICIOUS FOOD—BRILLIANT IRISH MUSIC ADULTS- \$25.00—AGES 13-17 —\$15.00 12 & UNDER (FREE)

Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage; Boiled Potatoes, Carrots Chicken Francaise, Cheese Ravioli, House Salad/Dressing Semolina Dinner Rolls/Butter Applesauce, Mustard, Parmigiano Cheese



Sheet Cake & Homemade Desserts Coffee, Tea, Soda, Milk, Water (Catered by Capone's Restaurant)

Tickets go on sale beginning Sat., Feb. 29th after all Masses, and will be available at the Parish Office during regular business hours after 3/2/2020. For further info call the parish office at 732-270-3980

*Cause: Social Concerns



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We thank everyone who supported the Bake Sale sponsored by our Confirmation candidates last weekend. We raised \$763.00 which will go towards the social concerns of the parish. We especially thank all the volunteers and students who donated their time to help sell our baked goods and to all who provided the goods to sell.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

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

February 10 th	First Eucharist Parent Meeting –
	7:00PM Parish Hall
February 17 th	No Classes – President's Day
February 26 th	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 letter. All paperwork is due by February 24th.



St. Justin's 2nd Annual Lenten Stations* & Family Supper As we prepare ourselves for Christ's Resurrection, let us journey with Jesus

Christ at the Stations of the Cross. Please join us for Soup and Salad on Friday, February 28, 2020,

following the 6:00pm * Stations of the Cross. Pre-registration is required so we can ensure we have enough soup and salad for all who attend. Please return registration forms to the parish office by Monday, February 24, 2020. Flyers are available in the narthex and downloadable from our parish website: <u>www.stjustin.org</u>, under News/Events.



Jo 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 <u>f</u>ternal <u>f</u>ife..." Francesco Bruno, Katherine McGuire

Jhose 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.



Unplug from the World and Plug into God

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ

March 20-22

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

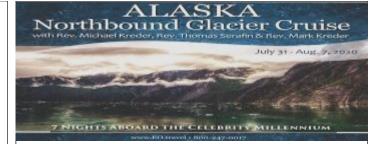
Picture from Loyola House of Retreats

In our increasingly plugged-in world, taking time to unplug can have refreshing benefits for the body, mind and spirit. Please join men from our parish family for a retreat at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. Loyola is a welcoming, peaceful oasis where you can unplug from the distractions of the world and plug into your relationship with God.

"The theme for this retreat is "The Sermon On The Mount: The Lord's Blueprint for Living a Faith Based Life and the Key to Spiritual Freedom." Psalm 4 asks, "What can bring us happiness, many say?" True happiness, or joy as the scriptures describe it, can only come from living God's will. Join us as we explore the depths of Christ's Sermon on the Mount and its many challenges to the Lord's faithful who seek that one thing necessary"

The weekend also includes daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, outdoor Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer . *Free will offering*

For further information or to register, contact Deacon Jim 732-270-4437, or visit <u>www.loyola,org</u> to register on-line..



, 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 <u>You can also Register on-line from the link on our</u> <u>parish website: www.stjustin.org</u>

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PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

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

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—<u>Wednesday, February 12, 2020</u> 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

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.
On Feb. 18th we will have a speaker from Angelic Health, Further info contact: Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733

ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY Next meeting February 26th 6:30pm in the church for the Lenten evening Mass,. followed by meeting in the parish hall. Further info: Call the parish office: 732-270-3980

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



CKET

BUS TRIP TO Golden Nugget Casino Benefiting Altar Rosary Society <u>Tuesday, March 3, 2020</u> \$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)*

> The Knights of Columbus council #4969 will be selling 50/50 tickets before and after all masses on Feb. 15 and 16. The cost is \$5.00 for each ticket.

The profits from this raffle go the Knights charitable programs including the Christmas Food Basket Program, Coats for Kids, God's Special People and Pride in our Priests.

New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program Deadline Extended to Feb. 15, 2020 for submission of all claims.

As had been announced in February of last year, the Diocese of Trenton – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as minors, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese. The IVCP will be open to claims beginning June 15.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and will operate independently of the Diocese or any Church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP will have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the Protocol for submitting a claim, and for further information.

Anyone who was sexually victimized as a minor by a priest or deacon of the Diocese is strongly encouraged to participate in the IVCP. The Diocese also asks that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to pass along this information to the victim so that he or she is aware of the IVCP.

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, other 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:w<u>ww.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.</u> 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

REETR

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

At St. Joseph's: Tickets Available for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang—Feb. 14-15-16