

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson on Today's Readings:*

## **Reading I: Sirach 15: 15-20**

Those who keep the commandments and follow God's way will be happy. It is so foolish to think that God does not notice our every deed.

## **Reading II: I Corinthians 2: 6-10**

Paul writes that Jesus reveals a new wisdom, one not meant for the self-styled "mature" Christians in Corinth who looked down on others as "children." Paul also provides a fascinating and encouraging view of heaven .

## **The Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37, or 5: 20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37**

Jesus presents a new law to the people, and a new way of living. His way does not deny but rather fulfills their Jewish inheritance. He also cites six specific examples in His superior ethic.

**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, 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

**MONDAY, February 17**

**Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the  
Servite Order; President's Day**

8:30am James Rooney  
Bernadette Marlowe

**TUESDAY, February 18**

**Weekday**

8:30am Diane Sperduto Conroy  
Joan Caccilla

**WEDNESDAY, February 19**

**Weekday**

8:30am Norman Vaz  
Ben Eramia

**THURSDAY, February 20**

**Weekday**

8:30am Michael & Nancy Rizzilo (living)  
Richard Tallman

**FRIDAY, February 21**

**Weekday;**

**St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30am Ellen Chavenia  
Carmel

**SATURDAY, February 22**

**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

9:30am People of the Parish  
5:00pm The Arango Grandchildren (living)  
Michael R. Jankowski  
Peter Pravato

**SUNDAY, February 23**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Lech Bakowski  
Louis D. Laureti  
9:00am Mary Ferragamo  
Carmela Snyder  
10:30am Robert Muraczewski  
Christina Johnson  
12Noon Carol Curcio Mertz  
Joan Sullivan



*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*



*Joell Lanfrank*

*requested by mom & dad*

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:

Every third weekend of the month.

**PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797**  
**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stjustin.org](http://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.



*The Flowers Adorning  
the Altar  
are in loving memory of*

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### From the Pastor

6th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - A  
February 16, 2020

#### **SEVEN VERY OBSCURE SAINTS?**

While many people call upon their Patron Saints to come to their aid, it is doubtful that the *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order* have many 'customers' who seek their help, but they certainly should be very busy! For their courageous example may be just what 'the

Divine Doctor' ordered for all who are so 'sick and tired' of the 'rat race' we call 'life.'

Imagine living in a world where corporate business rules the day; where the worker is not a 'person,' just a 'commodity' to be traded or used; where religion and faith - and the hope they alone can bring - are rejected and scorned; where all that matters is the 'bottom line' and monetary profit, regardless of the cost to what should be our greatest concern: the human person. Sadly, we do not need much of an imagination to imagine such an unimaginable world!

This was also the sad state of affairs in Florence, Italy, in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, which led seven men to leave the business world, form a Christian community based on enjoying the fruits of their labors, and not just laboring for more and more; a commune united in devotion to our *Blessed Mother* and the sacred liturgy. How can their example and intercession help us? After praying the Collect for the optional memorial which may be celebrated on their Feast Day, *February 17*, we will offer insights and humble suggestions.

#### **Collect - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

Impart to us, O Lord, in kindness the filial devotion with which the holy brothers venerated so devoutly the Mother of God and led your people to yourself.  
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**WE MUST 'MAKE' ROOM FOR GOD.** Most people [if not all!] have no problem finding excuses - and even valid reasons - for *not* making time for spiritual matters. But without God and faith, we are sunk from the get-go! Consider what the *Seven Holy Founders* had to do to make time to practice their Faith. All had to leave their prosperous businesses and risk having little, if

any means of support. Three were unmarried men; two were widowed; two had wives who needed support; some had children who also needed support. These men knew something, or rather, someone had to change - to be living examples of prayer and penance, faith formation and charitable outreach to the poor. So they chose our *Blessed Mother*, under her title *Our Lady of Sorrows*, as their Patroness, and formed an Order that endures to this day: *The Servites*.

**MAKE ROOM FOR GOD THIS LENT.** A good time to practice the virtues and disciplines of the *Seven Holy Founders* is this coming *Lent*, by making it a time of PERSONAL prayer and penance. Search for one of the many Catholic Daily Prayer apps; do something spiritual every day. Give God a few minutes of your precious time each day for 'one-on-one' quality time with Jesus, even if just for a few minutes; it's worth the investment. Do something for the poor; contact someone who needs a boost; do SOMETHING!

Make this *Lent* a time of COMMUNAL prayer and penance. Check out Catholic support groups for your profession or career. While Catholic spirituality groups are forbidden in some workplaces, they are not unheard of, so check it out. If you work in or near a city, 'sacrifice' your lunchtime for a midday Mass - or at least a quick visit to the *Blessed Sacrament*. Join in *Stations of the Cross* and other *Lenten* devotions.

On the home front, continue the time-honored Catholic custom of displaying, in a prominent place, religious symbols. We get so consumed by our duties and responsibilities that we forget to raise our minds and hearts to God in prayer. By having holy 'hints' in various places [an image of *Jesus*, the *Blessed Mother*, a *Saint* or other sacred symbol] we are easily prompted to pray.

**POWER IN NUMBERS.** While we need personal times of prayer, we find greater power in communal prayers. These *Seven Holy Men* are remembered - not individually, by their names, which we know - but as a team. How can you better 'team-up' with those who form our great Parish team and diocesan team to promote the Gospel? *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, pray for us!*

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

### Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19  
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

### **4th Annual Pancake Breakfast**

**After All Masses  
Sunday, February 23**



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

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

*Please fill out the flyer for the Pancake Breakfast  
from last weekend's bulletin & 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 availa-  
ble to download from our website) [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)*



**St. Patrick/St. Joseph  
Luncheon Celebration  
Sunday, March 22, 2020**

**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*



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY**

**PLEASE NOTE: MARDI GRAS - FEBRUARY  
22<sup>ND</sup> HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

February 17<sup>th</sup> No Classes – President's Day  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

Do you consider yourself a naturally caring,  
compassionate and giving person? If so, come  
and share your gifts with people in need by joining  
**St. Justin Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

If you are interested, contact:  
Maryanne at 732-929-1119.



#### **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:*

*[www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org), under News/Events.*

**Mark Your Calendars!**

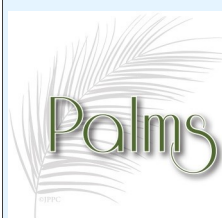
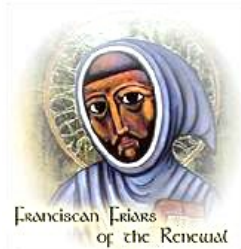
#### **PARISH MISSION**

*given by*

**THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS  
OF THE RENEWAL**

**MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 4**

*Details to follow*



*Please bring in your palms  
from last year. A basket is  
provided in the narthex.*



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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Carmela Sara Cordasco, Lucia Mae Burger

*"...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, Jordan Thomas

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



MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

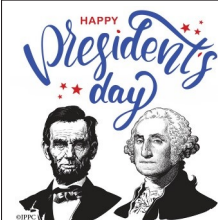
*Loyola House of Retreats*

## MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Loyola Jesuit Center,  
Morristown, NJ  
March 20-22

Please join men from our  
parish family for a retreat at  
Loyola Jesuit Center in

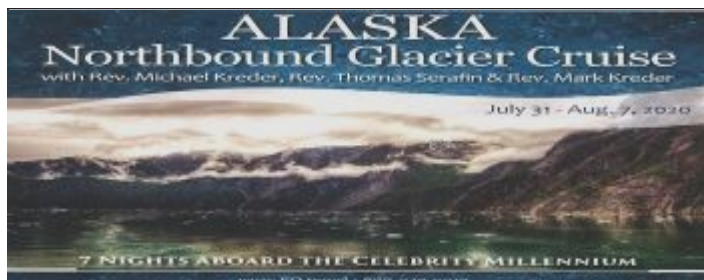
Morristown, NJ. Loyola is a tranquil place where you can slow down, be quiet and still with God, and experience His deep peace. The weekend also includes preached talks on the theme "The Sermon on the Mount" daily Mass, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, outdoor Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer. **Free will Offering** For further information or to register, contact Deacon Jim 732-270-4437



**Please Note that the Parish  
Offices will be closed on  
Monday, February 17th  
in Observance of  
Presidents' Day**

## ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

There are sign-up sheets posted in the Sacristy, for  
**Ash Wednesday Masses & the 4:30pm prayer  
service on February 26, 2020 for  
anyone who serves at Mass as an Extraordinary Minister  
of the Eucharist, Lector, Usher, or Altar Server.**



**, 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](http://www.stjustin.org)**

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -  
The Primacy of the Church



Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom."

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## PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

### 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 TEEN YOUTH GROUP

**Next Meetings: Sundays Feb. 23rd & March 1, 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 BEREAVEMENT GROUP

**Next meetings: Mondays, Feb. 24th & March 9th 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 ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

**Next meeting February 26th attend Lenten Evening Mass at 6:30pm in the church** followed by meeting in the parish hall. Further info: Call the parish office: 732-270-3980

### ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

**Next Meeting—Thursday, March 12 7:00pm,** (Note day change) 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

### **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 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



**BUS TRIP TO Golden Nugget Casino**  
Benefiting Altar Rosary Society  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

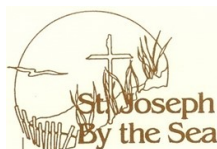
**\$30 Tickets, Receive \$25 in Slot Play, \$5 Food Voucher**

**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)

Don't miss out on the latest news/ events! Further info: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)  
**TrentonMONITOR.COM**  
ONLINE Newspaper of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton, NJ

*The Knights of Columbus are holding their 50/50 raffle this weekend before and after all Masses, please help support this worthy cause.*



**400 Route 35 North  
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738**

**March 19, 2020 - HONORING ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER -**

In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 16. Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Arrival: 10:30 a.m. - (Mass: 11:00 a.m.) - Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Donation. call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional info.



**2020 Catholic Annual Appeal Next Weekend**

### **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: [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://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](http://www.stjustin.org) click the RCCTR tab**