

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## ***PARISH MISSION***

PRESENTED BY

***THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS  
of the RENEWAL***

***SUNDAY, MARCH 1 THRU  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4***

**The Friars will be speaking  
at all Masses this weekend**



## ***Retreat Schedule***

***Monday, March 2nd***

***7:30pm: Eucharistic Adoration  
the Friars will be speaking on the theme  
“Blind Bartimaeus, That They May See”***

***Tuesday, March 3rd***

***7:30pm: Eucharistic Adoration  
Sacrament of Penance during Adoration***

***Wednesday, March 4th***

***7:30pm: Eucharistic/Healing Procession-Adoration***

***Free Will Offering***

***Come be refreshed & renewed***



**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, March 1**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Louie Grote  
Daniel A. D'Andrea  
9:00am Rudy Perez  
Carmela Snyder  
10:30am Bill Geddes  
Rhonda Cardoza  
12Noon Nancy McDevitt (living)  
Nelson McDevitt

**MONDAY, March 2**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30am Jeanne Cassilli  
Ali Hammed

**TUESDAY, March 3**

**Lenten Weekday; St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

8:30am Vincent Parigi  
Carmela Snyder

**WEDNESDAY, March 4**

**Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir**

8:30am Michael Kelly  
Olga & Thomas Lewandowski, Sr.  
7:30pm Parish Mission (no Mass)

**THURSDAY, March 5**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30am Joan Sullivan  
Julia P. Leonard

**FRIDAY, March 6**

**FIRST FRIDAY; Lenten Weekday; World Day of Prayer**

8:30am Purgatorial Society

**SATURDAY, March 7**

**FIRST SATURDAY; Lenten Weekday;**

**Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

9:30am People of the Parish  
5:00pm Diane Sperduto Conroy  
Joseph Paparazzo, Jr.

**SUNDAY, March 8**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am All Souls  
Ruth B. Gilmartin  
9:00am Joseph Troia  
Michael Jankowsky  
10:30am Rick Tallman  
Valerie Roma  
12Noon Carol Hodge  
Ann Marie Neveroski

**Just as at Christmas time, so in Lent**  
***"Jesus is again the reason for the season."***



*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 Karen Klaiber & Pat Nadzan*



**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.

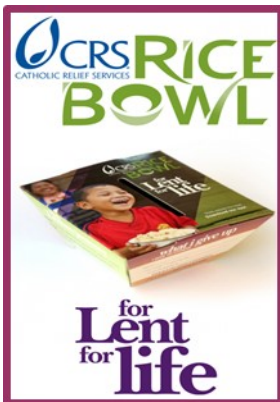
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturdays: At 3:30PM

**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.



From the Pastor  
1st Sunday of Lent - A  
March 1, 2020

**PRAY; FAST; GIVE ALMS.** In Lent we are urged to keep the three traditional Lenten pious practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. As the motto for this year's Operation Rice Bowl almsgiving campaign, 'For Lent for Life,' suggests: all we do

during Lent - should - and can - give life! And in Part 2 of our reflection on the two sets of Mass orations to be used In Time of Famine or for Those Suffering Hunger we are challenged to become bread for others. Here are the three Mass orations for set B.

**Collect - For Those Suffering Hunger - B**

O God, who did not create death  
and who provide food for all living things,  
drive out, in your compassion,  
the hunger of your servants, that our hearts may  
serve you with greater readiness and joy.  
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**WE MUST SHARE GOD'S GIFTS.** One of the first mantras we hear as children, even as infants, is, "SHARE!" This seems to be a lesson we never fully learn. Having four siblings, everything I had to share left very little for me ... but, obviously, I did not starve to death! Nor did I 'do without' any of the other creature comforts I 'had' to share with others. In fact, the more I shared with others, the more they shared with me. And yet stinginess, self-centeredness, and fear of not having enough for '#1' still haunts most of us. Such is the side effect of **Original Sin**, which we can - and must - combat with sacramental grace.

May those who will be washed clean of sin through the **Sacrament of Baptism** this Easter - and those who are already baptized, and who can be rewashed of sin through the **Sacrament of Penance** [aka **Confession** or **Reconciliation**], be given divine assistance in overcoming all human weaknesses. For as this Collect assures us: **God ... did not create death;** nor does God **"take pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live."** [Cf. Ezekiel 33:11b] What must we do to turn and to live a more self-less, self-giving, generous life?

**Prayer Over/Offerings - Those Suffering Hunger - B**

To you, O Lord, we gladly offer these gifts from the little we have, humbly imploring your kindness that they may be for us the first fruits of your life-giving generosity.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST FRUITS.** Some say the term 'first fruits' simply means giving a 'tithe' [10%] of one's 'take' in grateful thanks; but 'first fruits' are not just any 10%; they are the **FIRST 10%** [or more!] of one's **INITIAL** income, given **BEFORE** any of it is used for anything else. It is an act of **total trust** that what God has given us is **just** the **beginning**! In this oration, 'first fruits' refers to the sacred mysteries by which what we offer to God is returned to us a hundredfold. We offer bread and wine; we receive **Christ's Body and Blood**. We finance the Church and her ministries; we gain heavenly rewards for caring for others. We part with our tangible, earthly goods; we gain God's grace and blessing. What 'first fruits' will we offer to God and His Church this Lent?

**Prayer after Communion - Those Suffering Hunger - B**

Having received the Bread of heaven from your abundance, O Lord, we pray that it may give us such hope and strength for our labor, that we may provide effectively for our own needs and for those of our brothers and sisters.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HOPE & STRENGTH VIA HEAVENLY FOOD.** To help us become more like Jesus, He literally enters into us as the **"Bread from heaven."** We are then sent back into the world to be 'food for the hungry.' The **worst** hunger of all is the **SPIRITUAL** hunger endured by those starving for the hope and peace, guidance and direction only God's Word and the Sacraments can give. However, as the Apostle said: **"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"** [James 2:15-16] What can we do this Lent to alleviate the needs of others, to be the presence of the Christ we receive in **Word** and the **Sacraments**, to be 'bread for the world?'

Be sure to attend this week's Parish Mission. You will be grateful that you did!

In Christ,

*Father Mark*



## Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

## Annulment Information Sessions

*For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS annually in parishes within each county of the dioceses. For more information, call 609-406-7411 or e-mail [rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org). Below is the schedule of sessions for Ocean & Monmouth Counties*

<u>County</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Ocean County (Spanish)-March 9th	7:30-9:00pm	at St. Joseph Church, Toms River
Ocean County—March 17th,	7:30-9:00pm	at Church of the Visitation, Brick
Monmouth—March 30th,	7:30-9:00pm	at St. Thomas Moore in Manalapan
Monmouth (Spanish) March 23,	7:30-9:00pm	at Christ the King, Long Branch



## 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**

\*Cause: Social Concerns



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### March Reminders

- March 3rd Grades 4-6 NO CLASSES ONLY  
Grade 2/Sacrament Prep CLASSES IN SESSION—MASS/BANNER MAKING – PARENT AND STUDENT
- March 16-19 Non-perishable food collection for Saint Joseph's Table
- March 20th Religious Education Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm  
Presented by Confirmation Prep I and II



## Catholics Can Always Come Home

Contact our parish office at  
 732-270-3980 to find out more about  
 our RCIA program.

Visit: [Catholics Come Home](#) under  
 Helpful Links on our parish website.



## Annual Catholic Appeal Supported Ministry Youth and Young Adults

"What is the church doing to engage our youth?" The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is our yearly gathering for the youth of the Diocese of Trenton. The event was another success with over 500 students in attendance Saturday, Feb. 8th. DYC is an opportunity for teens in grades 8-12 to encounter Jesus through the joyful celebration of our Catholic Faith, dynamic presentations, and the opportunity to connect with other young Catholics beyond their parish or school. They will also encounter Jesus in Adoration, Confession and the Closing Liturgy with Bishop David O'Connell, C.M. The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund this wonderful event for our youth.



## Attention Confirmation Student Parents:

**The date to volunteer for the  
 Simon Soup Kitchen is Tuesday,  
 March 10, 2020 from 4:45 to 7:00pm.**

**Simon's Soup Kitchen is located at 100 Grant Ave.,  
 Seaside Heights. Any parent wishing to participate  
 may leave their name and number at the parish  
 Office: 732-270-3980**

*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..."*

Jason Karkovice, Helen Alaimo

*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.*



### **Lenten Evening Schedule**

**Wednesday, March 4th Parish Mission**  
**At 7:30pm (see bulletin cover)**

**Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30pm (Mass)**

**Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30pm (Mass)**

**Wednesday, March 25th, 6:30pm (Mass)**

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

#### **St. Pius**

Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm

#### **St. Barnabas Church**

Monday, March 30th, at 7:00 pm

#### **St. Joseph's Church**

Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00pm

#### **St. Maximilian Kolbe**

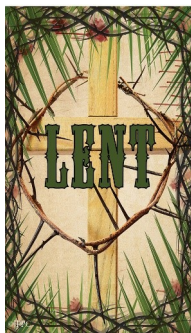
Wednesday, April 1st 12Noon to 1:30pm

#### **St. Justin The Martyr**

**Friday, April 3rd, 7:00 pm**

#### **St. Luke's Church**

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 pm



*Join us for the Stations of the Cross*

### **Stations of the Cross**

Will be held at 6:00pm On the following Fridays:

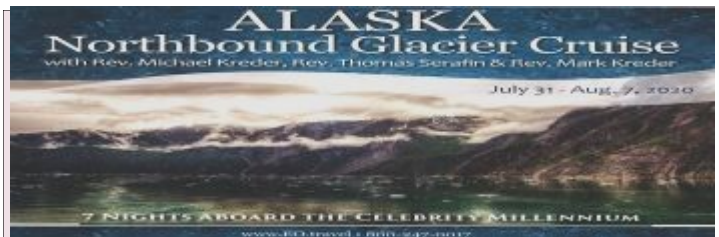
3/6—Men's Faith & Women's Faith

3/13—Holy Innocents

3/20—Religious Education

3/27—Our Deacons

4/10—Youth Group Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm



**WITH REV. MARK KREDER, REV. MICHAEL KREDER, & REV. THOMAS SERAFIN**  
**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 online from the link on our parish website: www.sjjustin.org](http://www.sjjustin.org)



**Unplug from the World and Plug into God**

### **MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND**

**Loyola Jesuit Center,**

**Morristown, NJ**

**March 20-22**

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. 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



## PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

### ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: **Mondays, March 9th & March 23rd**  
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 TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meetings: **Sundays March 1 & March 8, 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 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

### ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Next Meeting: **March 17 2020 St. Patrick Luncheon** in the parish hall. free for paid up members. All others will be at a cost of \$7.50. Enjoy chips, corned beef sandwich, cole slaw, pickle & a drink. Let us know if you are coming so we can get a up to date count by March 10th. Please bring a non perishable item for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We begin at 11:30, with coffee and a pastry. Further info contact: Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733

### ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting **March 25, 6:30pm** Mass in the church, followed by meeting in the parish hall. Further info: call the parish office: 732-270-3980



*Do you have a love of singing for the Lord?*  
**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHOIR?**

*St. Justin's Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of our members. .*

*If you can carry a tune, want to learn, and have a desire to sing with us **we are in need of your voice!***

**CONTACT ANGELA: 732-797-0978**  
*Children Ministry and Adult Choirs*

**St. Vincent dePaul Society will be selling Palm Crosses the weekend of March 28th & 29th Please support this worthy cause**



**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)

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**St. Justin's First Annual  
BREAKFAST WITH THE  
EASTER BUNNY**  
**Saturday, April 4, 2020**  
**9:00am to 12Noon**

Breakfast includes: Juice, Coffee, Pancake and Sausage. Price: \$20.00 Individual Family (parents, children, and grandparents are included in this family price) OR \$5.00 per person.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny \$5.00 Coloring Contest, Face Painting, Tattoos. Children will hunt for Easter Eggs after they eat their pancakes.

Pre-Registration is required by March 30, 2020. Drop off at the parish office or hand in through the Religious Education Classes. Flyers will be available in the Narthex and downloadable from our parish website :[www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)  
There will be a box in the narthex until March 30th if you would like to donate plastic eggs or chocolate kisses/eggs. \*\*All chocolate must be peanut free\*\*

Volunteers are needed. Please leave your name and number in the parish office. Any questions please call Sue Keogh at 908-591-4271.



*For info on events happening in our cohort parishes, visit our website [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org) click the **RCCTR** tab —*