

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

NOTICE TO THE PARISHIONERS

CORONAVIRUS—DIOCESE OF TRENTON INSTRUCTIONS

RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND LITURGICAL PRACTICES

In light of the escalating concern about the spread of the coronavirus (COVID_19) Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. has issued the following instructions on liturgical practices to be observed in **ALL** parishes, institutions and organizations within the Diocese of Trenton, effective immediately until otherwise notified:

1. People who have flu-like symptoms or who are otherwise feeling sick should not go to Mass or other Church gatherings;
2. Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should practice good hygiene, washing hands with soap and water or anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, before and after distributing Holy Communion;
3. People are encouraged not to receive communion on the tongue; worthy, reverent reception by hand is preferred until otherwise notified;
4. The practice of distributing the Precious Blood from the Chalice is suspended;
5. The practice of exchanging the sign of peace by any physical contact (handshake, embrace, kissing) is suspended.

**We continue to encourage the faithful to stay informed through
our diocesan communications online at:**

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus>

www.TrentonMonitor.com/coronavirus

**as well as through the Centers for Disease Control
and prevention at: www.cdc.gov/COVID19**

**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 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

MONDAY, March 9

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Lawrence Cavanaugh
Joseph Carrasco

TUESDAY, March 10

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)
Ida Cohen

WEDNESDAY, March 11

Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir

8:30am Claire Solinski
Alice Kwasek
6:30pm Jaron Family
Theodore Neimic

THURSDAY, March 12

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Joseph Baranowski
Victor Paparazzo (living)

FRIDAY, March 13

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Janet Mascera
John Keseday

SATURDAY, March 14

Lenten Weekday

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Rev. John Bogacz (living)
Michael Jankowsky

SUNDAY, March 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

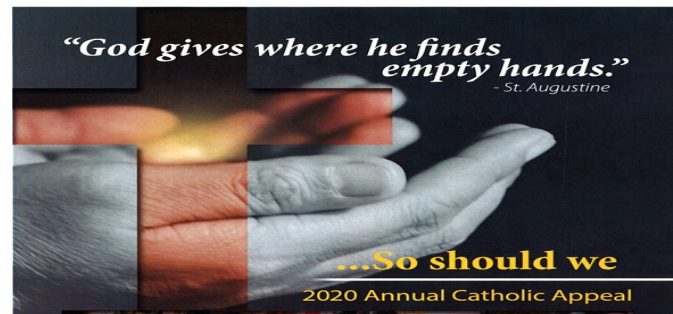
7:30am James Rooney
Marie Wetzal
9:00am Justin Peter Mai
Peter Dich Nguyen
10:30am Robert Schneider
Joseph & Mary Cooney
12Noon Vincent P. "Jim" Cooney
Michael Jankowsky



*The Sanctuary Candle
which burns near the Tabernacle
in Church, the reminder of the Lord's
Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist,
is offered for Health Blessings for*

Marlene & Frank Varga
(living)

requested by daughter Linda



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?

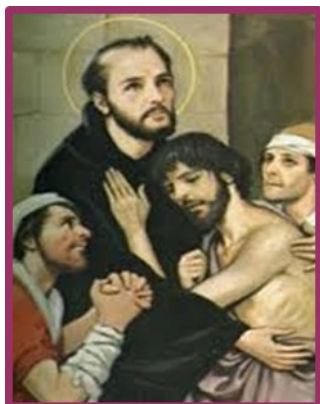
Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office
Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Ed.

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.



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



From the Pastor
2nd Sunday of Lent - A
March 8, 2020

THE PERFECT SAINT FOR LENT.

We have many Saints named John: St. John the Evangelist and Apostle; St. John the Baptist; St. John Bosco; St. John Chrysostom; St. John Damascene; St. John Eudes; St. John

Fisher; the American-German St. John Neumann; the English St. John Henry Newman [the newest, canonized 10/13/19]; Pope St. John Paul; St. John of the Cross; St. John of Kanty; St. John Vianney; and Pope St. John XXIII. *St. John Lateran* is NOT a person; it is the name of the Basilica built on Rome's Lateran Hill in honor of *St. John the Evangelist/Apostle* and *St. John the Baptist*; it is the *Bishop of Rome's* [aka, the Pope's] *Cathedral*, NOT *Saint Peter Basilica*.

And then there's the *Saint John* honored on what is now his Feast Day: **March 8**, the day he was born in Portugal in 1495 and on which he died in Granada, Spain, exactly 55 years to the day, in 1550: *Saint John Duarte Cidade*, better known by the nickname given him by a bishop who was so impressed by his humility he called him *Saint John of God*. After praying the Collect for the Mass offered in his honor, we will reflect on the highlights of the life of *Saint John of God*.

Collect - Saint John of God, Religious

O God, who filled Saint John of God with a spirit of compassion, grant, we pray, that, giving ourselves to works of charity, we may merit to be found among the elect in your Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

"GOD WRITES STRAIGHT WITH CROOKED LINES."

This adage was certainly proven true in the tumultuous life of *Saint John of God*. When he was 8, he was kidnapped, abandoned, and left to wander homelessly in a remote part of Spain. He worked as a shepherd until, at 22, he joined the Holy Roman Empire's army to oppose, among others, the Turks who sought to impose Islam on all of Europe. [Over the centuries, many Saints had to combat radical Islam, as we are doing today.] Sadly, young John embraced the brutal, greedy, lawless, immoral lifestyle of the soldiers with whom he was supposed to be - but failed to be - serving many just and noble causes

PRACTICING OUR FAITH CAN CHANGE US! As he tried to end his scandalous escapades, his soldier buddies, who despised his turn to God, tricked him into doing some naughty things [he was very impulsive] and he was almost hanged by the army! Saved at the last moment, he repented, confessed his sins, and returned home, hoping to find his parents, but they were dead. Then, by chance - or Divine Providence - he was moved by a homily preached during a retreat by a man now known as *Saint John of Avila* [another St. John! Feast Day: May 10].

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD. In his 'new' life he became so fanatical, performing many painful penances, he was committed to a mental institution! Over time, and with spiritual guidance, he eased up on himself, and reached out to the other patients. His unpaid nursing help was so admired by the hospital's administrators they were reluctant to release him, but he left and started his own hospital. Eventually he formed a new Religious Order, the *Hospitallers*, who still run health facilities for those needing medical help.

DO UNTO OTHERS. Having known, first hand, the horror of what [with good intention] was offered to - and done for - and to - the sick, especially the mentally ill, *Saint John of God* insisted his Order treat others with compassion and love. While his outreach to the poor and rejected was mocked and countered by many, he remained firm in his belief that God called him, through many, wildly varied, experiences, to bring hope to those seen by many, if not most, as hopeless. He even risked his life to rescue, from a burning mental hospital, those deemed 'dispensable.' Until his last breath, at 55, he continued to serve the poor and needy.

No wonder *Saint John of God* is the *Patron Saint of Booksellers, Printers, Heart Patients, Hospitals* and their *Administrators, Nurses, the Sick, and Firefighters*. When we feel an impulse to serve or do good to others, do not let opposition, past failures or unworthiness - or a lack of emotional, mental, physical or spiritual strength - stop us; pray to the one who has 'been there/done that:' *Saint John of God* - who always *prays for us!*

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2020

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; n 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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. 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

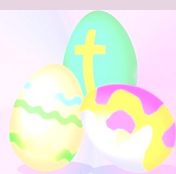
**Cause: Social Concerns*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

March Reminders

- March 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 Students



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

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.

We will be decorating our Church for Easter Holy Saturday, April 11th at 10:00am.
Anyone interested in helping please leave your name & number with the parish office:
732-270-3980



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..."

Anita Gemignani, Christine Longo

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 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

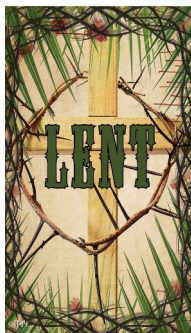
Wednesday, April 1st 12Noon to 1:30pm

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

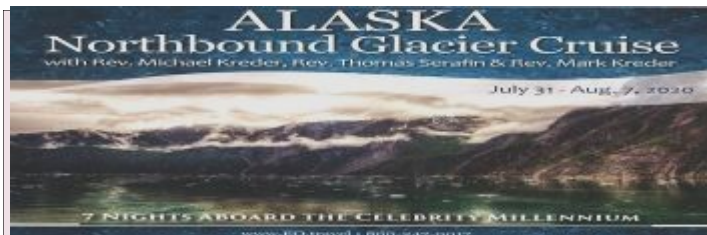
Will be held at 6:00pm On the following Fridays:

3/13—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!*

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**



Mark Your Calendars—

Social Sunday Next Week

*Join us after all Masses Sunday,
March 15, 2020, in the parish hall for
light refreshments and fellowship.*

Hosted by our St. Justin's Center of Learning

St Justin's Center for Learning THE HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY

is a Diocesan Society whose membership is
dedicated to the spiritual welfare of Special Needs
Children of all ages; Autistic, Blind, Emotionally or
Physically Handicapped, Neurologically Impaired
or Learning Challenged.

Dedicated volunteers are needed to prepare the
students for reception of the Sacraments, and
prepare them to take an active role in the church
community. The program meets in the Parish Hall on
Saturdays, from 9:45am-12 Noon

*If you feel God could be calling you to this special
ministry, please contact Francine at 980-814-2242*

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK



Ready Reasons

Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

The Catholic teaching on penance is often
rejected because they think it implies Jesus'
death on the cross was not enough. Learn why
that is not actually the case.

**FORMED A FREE GIFT to you from your parish, visit
our website: www.stjustin.org today!**

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 8 & March 15, 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. we will have a speaker from Caregivers of Central Jersey Further info: call the parish office: 732-270-3980

WOMAN OF FAITH

April 1, 2020 in St. Justin's Conference Room., 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We will be sharing our faith through prayer, readings and discussions as we explore the role of women throughout Biblical and Modern times, in order to uplift, share and encourage our *Sisters in Faith* in daily life. Come join us!

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, May 4, 2020, 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, May 4, 2020 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.



BUS TRIP TO *Golden Nugget Casino*
Benefiting St. Vincent DePaul Society
Tuesday, April 7, 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)

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1

YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ Chapter1 Retreat Day. The day consists of Mass, music by: Joyful Praise, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker Camille Herr. Join her as she shares: ***"Be Not Afraid,*** Remember that you are never alone. Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives!" (Saint John Paul II) **Saturday, March 14, 2020, 9:00 am--2:00 pm.**

Mass: 9:00 in the Church. —St. William the Abbot

2740 Allenwood Lakewood Rd. Howell, NJ

\$20.00 includes lunch (Pay at the door). Pre-Registration Needed: **Call and leave your phone number, spell your last name at 732-202-8352 no later than Tuesday, March 10th.** You can also register on line: **www.cwoz.org**



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU STOPPED TO REST?

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ
April 17-19 2020

"Come to me, all you who are weary and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28-29 Please join women from our parish family for a quiet listening retreat. A retreat is a time to come away from the busy world and reflect on your spiritual life. It will give you a time to rest, pray and grow closer to God. The weekend includes preached talks, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass optional private consultations with retreat leaders, praying the Rosary, outdoor stations of the cross and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. It is truly a wonderful experience and the cost is a free will offering. All are welcome regardless of financial status. The retreat begins on Friday evening with dinner at 7:15pm and ends on Sunday after Mass & lunch around 1:00pm

Please Contact Debra for More Information:
 732-270-3218 or visit **www.loyola.org**
 to register on-line.

Unplug from the World and Plug into God

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Loyola Jesuit Center,
Morristown, NJ March 20-22



"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



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