

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

March 17, 2019

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



## **Today's Readings:**

### **First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

Abraham's trust in Yahweh wins Yahweh's favor. As a result, Abraham will receive both a son and land, in a covenant initiated by Yahweh, here represented by the smoke and flames.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1, or 3:20-4:1**

Though we Christians have not fully arrived in the new age, we are already enrolled as citizens of "the heavenly city." We will need a transformation and are not to be seduced away from it.

### **Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

The author connects Jesus' transfiguration with His teaching. The Voice from heaven commands the apostles to "listen to Him." Note the subject matter of Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah: His passion and death, or in other words His "exodus."

**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, March 17**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am James Rooney  
 Joyce Hnilicka  
 9:00am Eric J. Muraczewski  
 John A. Norcross  
 10:30am Edward Plenzo  
 Peter Dich Nguyen  
 Dennis Becht (living)  
 12Noon Jose Gomez  
 Maureen Kluxen

**MONDAY, March 18**

**Lenten Weekday;**  
**St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
 8:30am Amber Dering  
 John Galbraith

**TUESDAY, March 19**

**St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:30am Joseph, Sr. & Joseph, Jr. Paparazzo  
 Mary Korab

**WEDNESDAY, March 20**

**Lenten Weekday**  
 8:30am Mary R. Korab  
 Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)  
 6:30pm Josephine & Pat Losquadro  
 Robert L. O'Callahan

**THURSDAY, March 21**

**Lenten Weekday**  
 8:30am Olga & Thomas Lewandowski  
 Laura Feraco

**FRIDAY, March 22**

**Lenten Weekday**  
 8:30am Celeste Pezzi  
 Jordan DeFlora

**SATURDAY, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
 9:30am People of the Parish  
 5:00pm Deborah A. Jones  
 Joell Lanfrank

**SUNDAY, March 24**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Martin & Catherine Brennan  
 Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)  
 9:00am People of the Parish  
 10:30am Edward Plenzo  
 Robert C. Muraczewski  
 12Noon Salvatore Pirrera  
 Domenico Panza

**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

**Tom DiMicelli**

requested by Denise DiMicelli



**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  
2nd Sunday of Lent - C  
March 17, 2019

**WHAT? WHY NO WEARING OF THE GREEN AT HOLY MASS TODAY?** This may shock some, be an outrage and blasphemy to others ... but the liturgical color for Saint

Patrick's Day is NEVER **GREEN**; it's either **ROYAL PURPLE** when it's in **LENT** or **WHITE** when it's a **Solemnity**, as it is in **Saint Patrick's Cathedral** and all of **Ireland** ... but not this year, since it falls on a Sunday in Lent! [I'm sure some clergy will violate this norm, Saints preserve us; of course, the laity can keep the custom of '*the wearin' of the green*' today - but all who celebrate **Saint Patrick's Day** should know something about this popular Saint.

Sadly, just as **Saint Valentine** went down the secular sewer and is all but forgotten on his Feast Day, poor **Saint Patrick** gets lost in the parties, parades, politics - and, dare I say - **green beer** that flows in his 'honor'. After praying the Collect from the Mass in his honor, which may be used to close the Universal Prayer this week-end, we'll review the life of the man who died in or around 461 on what is now his Feast Day, **March 17** ... and the reason why he's such a great Saint!

**Collect - Saint Patrick, Bishop**

O God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland, grant, through his merits and intercession, that those who glory in the name of Christian may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all.  
Through our Lord Jesus ... forever and ever. Amen.

**SAINT PATRICK: THE MAN & THE LEGEND.** Like many Saints of the Church's first millennium, there are countless legends and stories about **Saint Patrick**. Did he drive all snakes from **Ireland**, when other islands, like Hawaii, also have no snakes? Probably not. Was he the first to bring Christianity to pagan **Ireland**? No. Was he **Irish** by birth? No; he was born in Britain and lived at times in France. Did he use three-leaf **shamrocks** to explain the Trinity? Perhaps, but no records show he did that. Was **Patrick** his baptismal name? No. It was **Maewyn Succat**, he adopted **Patrick** or **Patricius** upon becoming a Priest.

**WHO WAS THE 'REAL' SAINT PATRICK?** We cannot say anything with absolute certainty about him. Sources list his birth year as in the late 300's or early 400's; he died on what is now his Feast Day: **March 17** in or after 461. He was probably born in what is now Scotland, as Roman forces were withdrawing from Britain. As a teenager, he was captured by **Irish** slave traders who brought him to **Ireland's** west coast, where he tended sheep for six years. It was there that the non-religious, perhaps atheistic youth, heard 'voices' and had 'visions' which led him to embrace Christianity. We know this from his autobiography - his '**Confessios**' - in which he also admitted that, as a Bishop, some of his vile sins of 30 years earlier were still being thrown in his face; he dismissed his critics by saying he had long since 'confessed' and did penance for them! [These days, he'd probably be removed from Priesthood for whatever 'sins' he had committed!]

**SAINT PATRICK'S MINISTRY.** Having felt called by 'visions' and 'voices' to serve Christ, **Saint Patrick** broke free from slavery, walked 200 miles to the **Irish** coast and sailed back to his family. Eventually he went to France where he entered a seminary, was ordained a Priest, and at 43, a Bishop. Returning to then mostly pagan **Ireland**, he began to promote Christianity with great success AND with fierce opposition. He established dioceses all throughout **Ireland**, ordained many Priests, and sought to bring peace and justice to that still troubled land. In the only other authentic work of his we still have - his '**Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus**' - he excommunicated the British tyrant Coroticus for indiscriminately slaughtering the inhabitants of an Irish town, among whom were some newly baptized, still wearing their white garments and on whom the Sacred Oils were still wet!

I am sure **Saint Patrick** is still at work, striving to restore Christianity to **Ireland** where, regretfully, so few now practice the Faith! Besides all the other '**Irish** customs' we keep in his honor, I believe he would be most pleased if we heeded his call to confess and do penance for our sins! [Our Lenten Penance Service is Friday, April 12 at 7:30 pm.] **Saint Patrick, pray for us!**

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

### Readings for the Week of March 17, 2019

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

**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 and 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 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



*Father Vince Gartland was an associate at our parish several years ago. He is now retired from active ministry.*

*Father will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm on March 23rd and the 7:30 am Mass on March 24th. For those of you who remember Father Vince, come and say hello.*

### **Is Catholic School an Option?**

Catholic education has become a more affordable option for your children. St. Dominic School now offers registered parishioners of St. Justin the Martyr the same tuition rate paid by St. Dominic's parishioners. Saint Dominic School is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence that provides a top-notch education for PreK-Grade 8 students in a faith-filled environment. Come and see the great things happenings at Saint Dominic's! Call (732) 840-1412 for a tour.



Save the date

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

SATURDAY, April 13th

1:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Pre-registration is required. Forms were sent home through Religious Education and additional forms can be picked up in

the Narthex. All **completed forms** can be dropped off at the parish office or returned through the Religious Education office by the **deadline April 8th.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - PLEASE NOTE ON REGISTRATION FORM.** There will be a box in the Narthex until April 8th for anyone wishing to donate plastic eggs or chocolate kisses/eggs that are peanut-free.



**St. Vincent dePaul Society will be selling Palm Crosses the weekend of April 6th and 7th. Please support this worthy cause**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **REMINDERS**

**All Confirmation paperwork is now overdue.** Please return all paperwork to the religious education office  
Monday – Thursday

9:00am – Noon      1:15pm-3:30pm

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food to class the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> for our **Saint Joseph's table.**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm the **Stations of the Cross** will be presented by Confirmation Prep I and Prep II students. We invite all to come share this prayer reflection with us.



**Please join men from our parish family for a retreat** at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. It will offer you a time to relax, reflect and grow closer to God. We will explore the theme of **“Transformation”** - letting go of past hurts and wounds so that we can be transformed into the person God has called us to be, living a full and joyful life! The weekend includes preached talks on the theme, daily Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, outdoor stations of the cross, the Rosary and generous amounts of free time for personal prayer and reflection. It is truly a wonderful retreat and the cost is a free will offering.

Led by: Rev. George Collins, SJ.

Arrival Time: Friday between 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Departure: Sunday after lunch

To register contact: Deacon Jim Gillespie  
732-691-2644, email: [jamesgforjesus@verizon.net](mailto:jamesgforjesus@verizon.net).



Our RCIA Candidates were presented to Bishop O'Connell at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine on Sunday, March 10th

Pictured are Brian Callahan, Jonathan Joseph, Walter & Pat Hertz, and representing our RCIA Team, Deacon Jim Campbell & Larry Larson. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey in faith. For info about our RCIA program contact the parish office.



*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 fternal Life..."*

Joan Mulcahy, Robert Knemoller

*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.*

### **Wednesday Evening Mass**

during Lent will be held at 6:30pm  
on the following dates:

March 20,

March 27, April 3\*

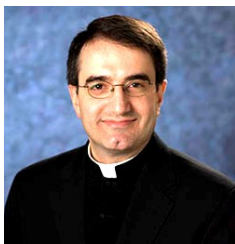


*Immediately following the Mass -  
on these dates—enjoy our*

*Lenten Enrichment Program Lecture Series:*

March 20th: A Pastoral Approach to Difficult  
Topics Facing Catholics

March 27th: The Image of the Church as a Ship



**\*\*April 3: Father Pablo Gadenz  
will celebrate Mass at 6:30 and  
then offer a presentation on  
The Passion and Resurrection  
Narratives in Luke's Gospel.  
St. Luke's account of the Passion  
will be read this year on Passion  
(Palm) Sunday.**

*In November, we were privileged to have Father  
Gadenz lecture on: An Introduction to St. Luke's  
Gospel and the Infancy Narrative.  
He is an associate professor of Biblical Studies at  
Seton Hall University and the author of a  
commentary on the Gospel of Luke. Father is an  
outstanding teacher.*

*Do not miss this informative lecture!*

### **St. Patrick/St. Joseph Luncheon Celebration**

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Time: 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm

Where: Parish Hall

**Featuring:**

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**ADULTS- \$25.00**

**AGES 13-17 - \$15.00**

**CHILDREN 12 & UNDER - FREE**

*Tickets go on sale beginning Saturday, March 2nd  
after all Masses, and will be available  
at the Parish Office during regular business hours*

*\*All Profits Go To Social Concerns*

**Menu: ♣**

*Salad with Dressings, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Carrots, Chicken Francaise, Penne ala Vodka  
Rye Bread with Butter Chips, Homemade Desserts  
Coffee, Tea, Soda, Milk, Water*

*For further info call the parish office  
at 732-270-3980*

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

**St. Barnabas Church**

Monday, April 8, 7:00 pm

**St. Joseph's Church**

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00pm

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**

Wednesday, April 10, 12Noon to 1:30pm

**St. Justin The Martyr**

Friday, April 12, 7:00 pm

**St. Luke's Church**

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
6:00pm Friday Evenings during Lent:**

3/22: Confirmation Candidates

3/29: Parish Deacons

4/05: Holy Innocents-St. Justin Center of  
Learning

4/19: GOOD FRIDAY, Youth Group

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

## **PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS**

### **TEEN YOUTH GROUP**

**Next Meetings: March 17th, 24th, & 31st  
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 to a meeting for Pizza & Fun! Any questions? See Deacon Fred after Mass.

### **ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 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. **Our March meeting on the 19th, St. Patrick's luncheon**, corned beef sandwich, chips, cole slaw free to paid up members, guest will pay \$8.00 For Info: Call Barbara at 732-232-3733

### **ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

**Next meetings: March 25th & April 8th 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 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 **March 27th 6:30pm in the church for the Lenten evening Mass, & Lenten Enrichment program at 7pm.** Further info? Please contact president Pat McDonald: 732-270-4061

### **ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP**

**Monday, April 1, 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, April 1, 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 SHAWL MINISTRY**

**Next Meeting—Wednesday, April 10th** 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.

**For details & information about the meeting call Fran: 848-241-3976 or 732-492-0329**



**BUS TRIP TO Golden Nugget Casino**  
Benefiting St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

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

**Bus Leaves St. Justin's Parking Lot at 11am**

For info/questions call Maryann at: 732-270-3404  
or Kim at 732-664-2311

Ladies Knights of Columbus Council #4969 113  
Tennysen Avenue, Toms River Council

### **LENTEN DINNERS**

Friday Night at 5:30-7:00 pm.

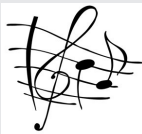
All You Can Eat While Supplies Last

\$9.00 Adults \$3.00 Children 7-12 under 6 Free

Menu 3/22 Salad Bread Linguine with Clams, Pasta  
Marinara, Stuffed Shells, Coffee, Tea and Dessert

***Knights of Columbus will be collecting for God's  
Special People March 30 and 31  
Please support this worthy cause!***

***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 and Adult Choirs**

## **FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

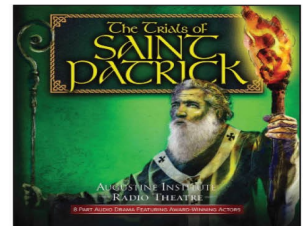
### **The Trials of Saint Patrick**

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