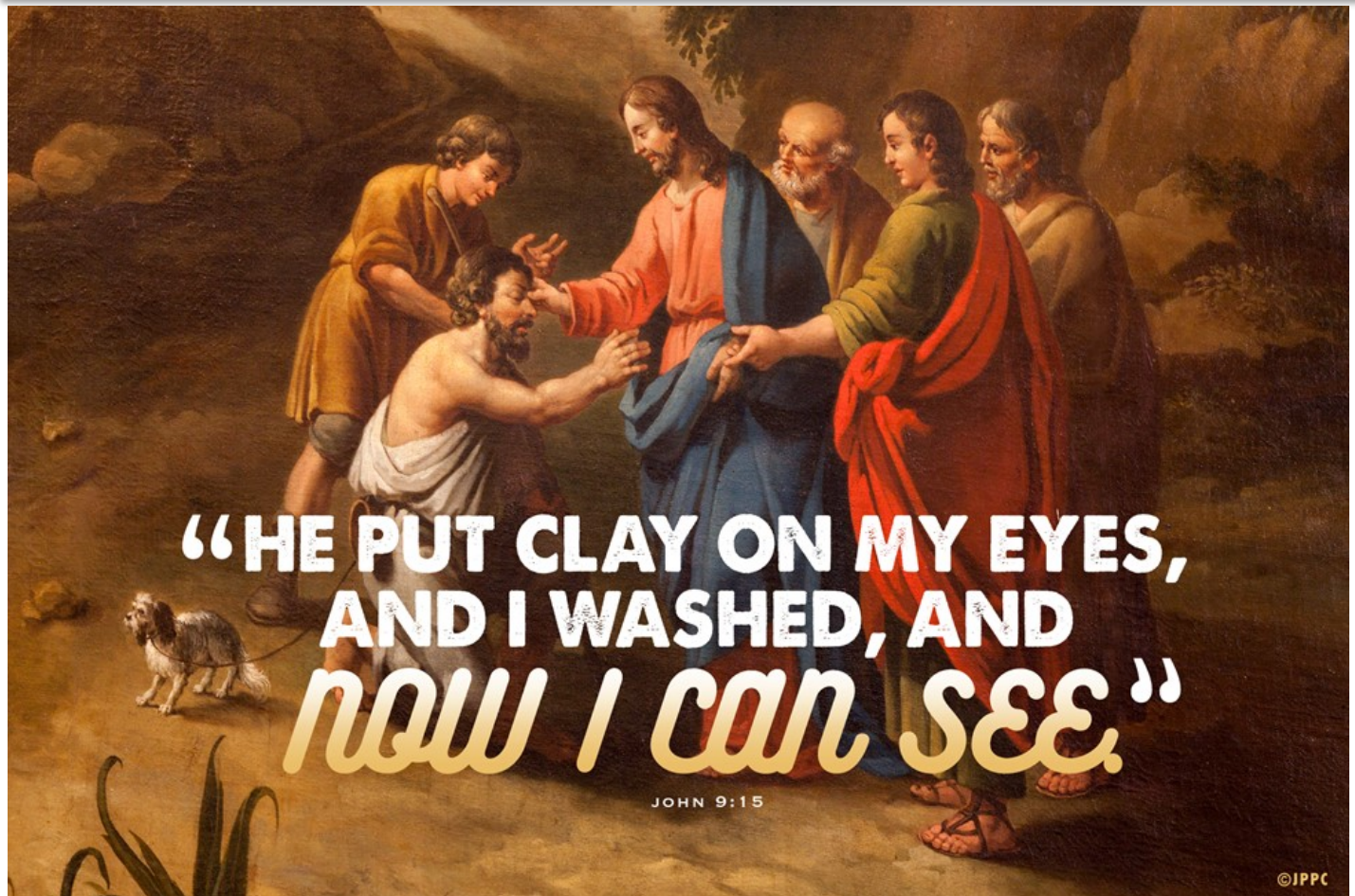


# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Today's Readings:

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### Reading I: I Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

God chooses David, Jesse's youngest son, to be His anointed one, and Samuel complies. This story also contains an element of fear of Saul.

### Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

There is a clear contrast made between Christian and pagan life, in terms of light and darkness.

### The Gospel: John 9: 1-41

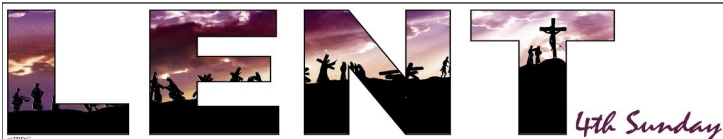
The essence of the "sixth sign" is not simply that a man's sight is restored, but that light is given to one who has never had it. The Pharisees ironically illustrate true blindness, not of the eyes but of the heart.

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 22**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Maryann Bielski  
Chester & Mary Bielski  
9:00am Mary Ferragamo  
Eleanor McGill Cronin  
10:30am Michael Jankowsky  
Christina Johnson  
12Noon Rita Bubernak  
Josephine & Pat Losquadro

**MONDAY, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo Bishop**

8:30am Bruno Lucareli  
Carmela Snyder

**TUESDAY, March 24**

**Lenten Weekday; St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr**

8:30am Steve Yaremazak  
Carol Monganino

**WEDNESDAY, March 25**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

8:30am Marie Paparazzo (living)  
Evette Arango (living)  
6:30pm Rochelle Jordan  
Joseph Vecchiarelli

**THURSDAY, March 26**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30am Christopher Totino (living)  
Regan Randolph (living)

**FRIDAY, March 27**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30am Marguerite Donovan  
John Galbraith

**SATURDAY, March 28**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:30am People of the Parish  
5:00pm James Rizzolo  
Joell Lanfrank

**SUNDAY, March 29**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Robert Ranft, Jr.  
Louis A. Laureti  
9:00am Alfonso & Anna Ferragamo  
Wieslawa & Wladyslaw Moczydlowski  
10:30am Peter J. Avagliano  
Daniel Foley  
12Noon Margaret Lynn  
Lydia Capodanno

**Dear Parishioners, please note that while there are no public Masses allowed, Father Mark and Father Dan will say their private Masses for the intentions listed on our Mass schedule.**

**Have you ever considered the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood?**

**Do you have questions about what it takes to become a Catholic priest?**

The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Trenton has a resource for anyone who is considering a call to the priesthood! The website [www.godiscallingyou.com](http://www.godiscallingyou.com) provides practical answers to the questions you may have in discerning a call to the priesthood.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:

Every third weekend of the month.

**PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797**  
**(Offices are closed through March 27th)**  
**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  
4th Sunday of Lent - A  
Laetare [Rejoice] Sunday  
March 22, 2020

Having passed the 'halfway' mark of *Lent*, we '*lighten up*' with rose colored vestments, flowers and other signs of joy on this *Laetare* or *Rejoicing Sunday*.

This week we rejoice in honoring the first

known 'New World' Saint: *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*.

Born in Spain on November 16, 1538, into a noble family, *Turibius* studied law and became Granada, Spain's chief judge. He was very devoted to the Catholic Faith; even as a child he prayed, fasted and gave to the poor. Since he prayed the Rosary each day and took part in other public *Marian devotions*, he is often depicted praying before an image of our *Blessed Mother*, but he expressed no desire to become a Priest - however ...

His reputation as a faithful, moral, pious Catholic layman 'altered' his plans to continue his judicial duties in Spain. After praying the Collect, used in *Lent* to conclude the *Universal Prayer* on his feast day - *March 23* - in places not named for him or where there's a strong devotion to him, I'll explain the curious way he became the Archbishop of Lima, Peru and the first 'New World' Saint.

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

O God, who gave increase to your Church through the apostolic labors and zeal for truth of the Bishop Saint Turibius, grant that the people consecrated to you may always receive new growth in faith and holiness. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE NEW WORLD NEEDS A GOOD BISHOP!** While some colonists who came to the Americas had sinister, self-seeking, ulterior motives, most missionaries came with good intention: to share the Catholic Faith - and its promise of eternal life - with Native Americans. And while, these days, many only focus on the crimes and abuses committed by those with evil intent, much good was accomplished by those who gave up so much to come to the Americas. Among them were *Saint Turibius* and those he confirmed: the future *Saint Rose of Lima* and, according to some

sources, *Saint Martin de Porres*.

**THE LAWYER WHO GOT 'TAKEN.'** Church leaders in the 'Old World' knew the 'New World' desperately needed holy Bishops - but, naturally, they wanted to keep their best Priests in Europe. So they asked the layman *Turibius*, who was not even a Deacon or Priest, to leave Spain to be the Archbishop of Lima, Peru; but he cited every canon [Church] law that forbade the giving of such positions to laymen. So they offered to ordain him a Deacon, Priest and Bishop in one ceremony - and he accepted his 'calling.'

**IT WAS EVEN WORSE THAN HE IMAGINED!** He began his service as chief shepherd by reaching out to the many sheep who had been abused, misused or ignored by the foreign clergy sent to help them. He disciplined those who took advantage of the natives, which made him hated by corrupt clergy and laity. He embarked on a seven-year journey, mostly on foot, to visit every Parish in his Diocese, teaching, preaching and celebrating the Sacraments in each place he visited. And he founded the first seminary in the Americas to provide native-born Priests.

**HE GAVE ORDINARY WITNESS TO HIS FAITH.**

Interestingly, *Saint Turibius* did not do anything EXTRAORDINARY or EARTH-SHATTERING; he simply lived out his Catholic Faith in everyday, ordinary ways - which drew many to him and to the Church. He regularly confessed his sins; he actively participated in daily Mass; he celebrated the Sacraments with devotion and fervor; he strove to better understand all that he taught and celebrated; he accepted whatever those he served could afford to offer; and he respectfully challenged all who failed to attain the ideal.

**A HUMBLE SAINT.** During his long, arduous visitation of his immense Archdiocese, he strove to learn the languages and dialects of his diverse flock. To shun praise and attention, he supported the poor anonymously. He had no plans or desire to get ordained, yet accepted God's call as it came to him through Church leaders. Admitting his limitations, he accepted help from another missionary, *Saint Francis Solanus*, who was canonized in 1726, and whose feast day is *July 14*. *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop, pray for us!*

*This article was written before the coronavirus pandemic. Please check our website and phone messaging system for up-to-date announcements and let us pray more ardently in these trying times.*  
In Christ,

*Father Mark*



## Coronavirus Dispensation and Prayers

Dear Friends,

In view of the temporary suspension of Masses on March 16th (read full article from Bishop O'Connell on the link) <https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/coronavirus> it is important that you make a spiritual communion in some other way. This may include watching a livestream of the Mass on television or the internet. You may decide to pray the rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours.

For a list of parishes in our diocese that livestream the Mass, please visit the website of our diocesan newspaper at

<https://trentonmonitor.com/Content/News/Latest-News/Article/Local-parishes-televise-livestream-Masses/4/38/22775>.

See the schedule for the Mass on EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>. You can also watch the Mass on EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>.

Another excellent source is the website of "Word Among Us" ([www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)).

The Word Among Us, with the help of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has graciously provided complimentary access to the daily Mass readings as well as a reflection on the readings and their entire website to help people pray from home. The USCCB website can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

Though there is a sadness for not being able to participate at Holy Mass, one should not feel guilty for not going to Mass when it is necessary to stay home for the health and safety of all. However, we should all spend time in prayer in these difficult and challenging times.

If we are not able to attend Mass, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion. By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

***We have canceled our Religious Education classes for two weeks starting March 16th and have cancelled all social activities until further notice. Please check our website and our voicemail often for the most up to date information.***

Finally, let us pray for all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic and may the Divine Physician restore us quickly to health, peace and normalcy. God Bless you all!

Pope Francis has suggested we pray the following prayer to Our Blessed Mother during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

In Christ,  
Father Mark

*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..."*

*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.*

**Please note that the Chrism Mass which  
would have been held on  
Monday of Holy Week  
has been cancelled.**

**St. Vincent dePaul Society has cancelled  
the sale of Palm Crosses the weekend  
of March 28th & 29th**

**St. Patrick/St. Joseph  
Luncheon Celebration which was to be held  
on March 22nd has been postponed. Check  
future bulletins/parish website for updates:  
[www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)**

St. Justin's First Annual  
**BREAKFAST WITH THE  
EASTER BUNNY** which was to be held on  
**Saturday, April 4, 2020**  
**Has Been Cancelled**



*Thank you for all who  
volunteered at Simons  
Soup Kitchen. It was a  
beautiful Corporal Work  
of Mercy during this  
Lenten Season! God  
Bless you!*



**PLEASE NOTE:**

**At this time religious education classes  
have been cancelled until March 27th.**

**Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;  
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

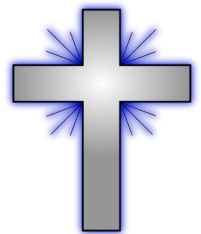
**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4



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

**When I was in Prison...**  
**HELP!** We have a serious shortage of  
volunteers to provide ministry services  
to those incarcerated at the Ocean  
County Correctional Facility on Hooper  
Avenue in Toms River. We minister to  
male and female inmates on Tuesday  
mornings between 9am and 11am.

We need Lay Ministers of the Eucharist to conduct  
Communion Services. We especially need volunteers  
who can speak Spanish and/or are Bi-Lingual.  
If you feel the call, please contact Peter Haas, Diocesan  
Coordinator of Jail & Prison Ministry – 609-403-7198 or  
[phaas@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:phaas@dioceseoftrenton.org). Thank you.



*Lent is a favorable season for opening  
the doors to all those in need and  
recognizing in them the face of Christ."*

*-- Pope Francis*

[http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/  
index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/index.cfm)



## PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

*Parish Ministry Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please check the parish website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org) for further updates.*



**EVANGELIZATION - PASTORAL CARE** Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission

of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person -to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel

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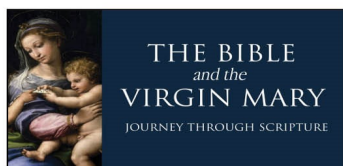
## The Bible and the Virgin Mary

*Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord*

### One "Yes" Changed Everything

Join Matthew Leonard as he takes a closer look at Saint Luke's account of the Annunciation. See the Blessed Virgin Mary's "yes" in a whole new light!

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



"My devotion to Mary is forever transformed after listening to this study!"

—Michelle R.



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

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

*Has been cancelled,*  
*the casinos have been closed as of this time.*

For info/questions  
call Maryann: 908-578-4664 or  
Kim: 732-664-2311



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



Find Domestic Church Media under Helpful Links on our parish website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)

Check their programming for times to listen to the Mass, pray the rosary, and so much more.

Also under Helpful Links on our website find: links to:

EWTN USCCB Vatican

Real Faith TV, and more!



**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



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