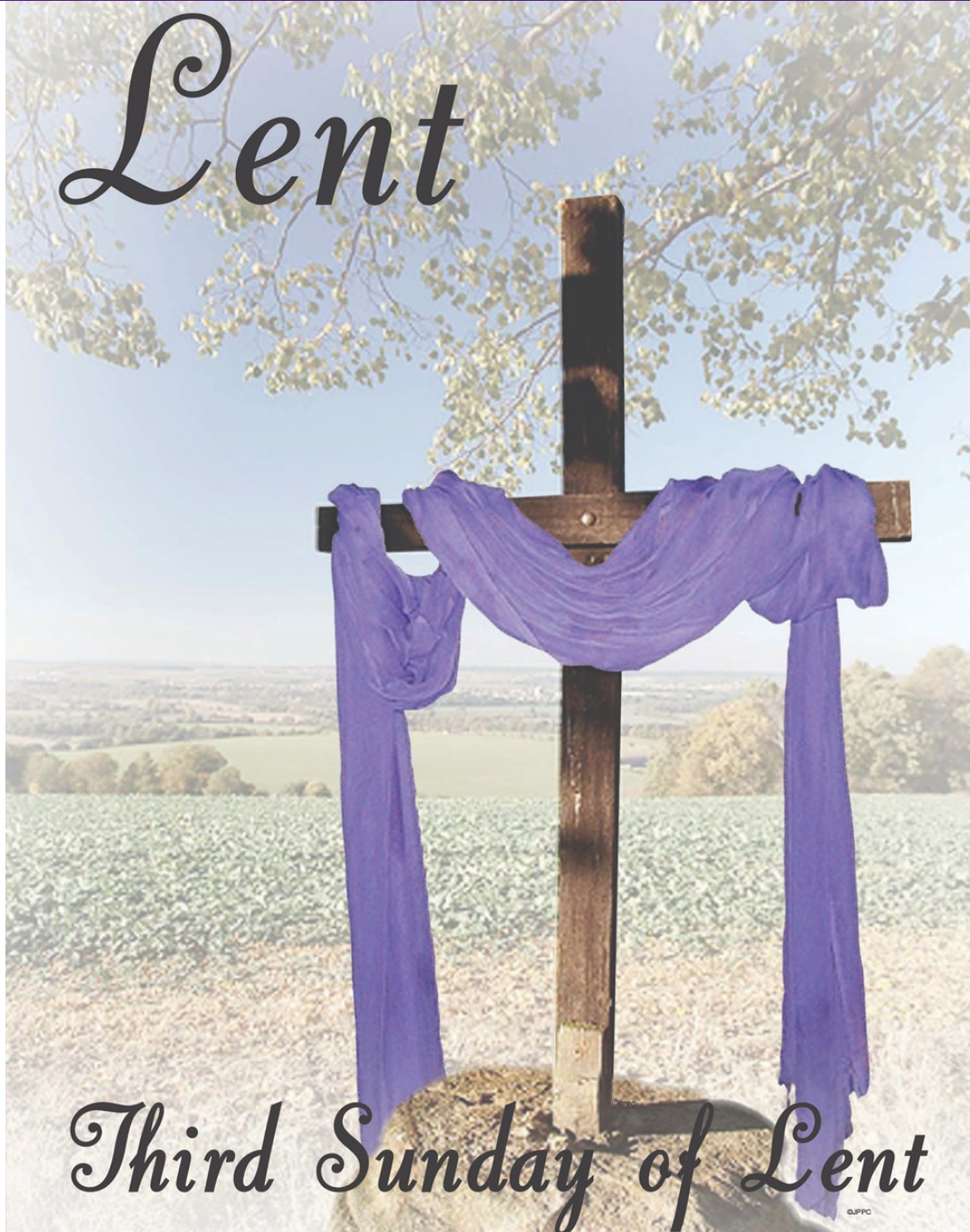


St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

March 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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 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

MONDAY, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30am Dolores Mackin
Phyllis Ilaria

TUESDAY, March 26

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Olga & Thomas Lewandowski
Coleman Brice

WEDNESDAY, March 27

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Rosemary Schott
Peter Melillo
6:30pm Angela Minicucci
Jerry Scala

THURSDAY, March 28

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Peter Pravata
Betty George

FRIDAY, March 29

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Gloria Rebelo
Celeste Pinto

SATURDAY, March 30

Lenten Weekday

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Anatilde Espogero
Angela Beeh (living)

SUNDAY, March 31

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Raffaele & Giovannina Padovano
Chester & Mary Bielski
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Edward Plenzo
Miquel Aponte
12Noon Kathleen Elkhathib (living)
Maeve Cullinan

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace Amen*

Reflection on Today's Gospel: Luke 3:1-9

Jesus demands that sinners repent
before it is too late.
The parable of the fig tree gives comfort to those
Christians who stumble along their way.
It also is a warning to procrastinators
to get to work;
as we say "get with the program."

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



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.



From the Pastor
3rd Sunday of Lent - C
March 24, 2019

**IS YOUR WEDDING
GARMENT CLEAN AND
READY TO BE WORN TO
GREET THE LORD?**

Last Monday we honored a man who lived from 313 AD until what is now his ***Feast Day: March 18, 386.*** Around the time the Emperor Constantine

permitted Christianity to be practiced in the Roman Empire, ***Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*** became bishop of that city.

However, the 'Peace of Constantine' did not bring peace; rather, it brought to the surface numerous heresies and other conflicts of faith that had been festering for centuries. The future Saint not only addressed these challenges firmly, with clear and orthodox responses, ***Saint Cyril*** gave a series of lectures [we still have 24 of them!] commonly called ***The Jerusalem Catecheses.***

By documenting the dogmas and the details of the Church's sacramental and liturgical life in his hope-filled yet tumultuous days, ***Saint Cyril*** left a great gift. For his writings prove how the Church, as she developed and dealt with being welcomed into social and political spheres, did not, as is often falsely said, 'make up'

Sacraments. ***Saint Cyril's*** works show how - even way back in the 300's - the Church did, as she now does, and always will do - faithfully hand on the biblical truths and apostolic teachings that form the basis of our Catholic Faith!

Saint Cyril's catechetical lessons are so profound, segments of his writings are included on six different days in the Office of Readings or daily prayers read by Priests and many others! Here is the Collect from the Mass in his honor, which we used to conclude last Monday's Universal Prayer.

**Collect - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

O God, who through the Bishop Saint Cyril of Jerusalem led your Church in a wonderful way to a deeper sense of the mysteries of salvation, grant us, through his intercession, that we may so acknowledge your Son as to have life ever more abundantly.

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

WHAT ABOUT THAT WEDDING GARMENT?

In a parable [that once made no sense to me], Jesus spoke of a man, expelled by a king from his son's wedding banquet for not wearing a wedding garment, even though that man had been summoned from the highways and byways to fill the hall. But in those days, kings provided the wedding garment, so the man's 'sin' was refusing to accept the king's provisions and rejecting what was provided. [C.f.: Matthew 22:1-14]

From this parable and other biblical sources the Church requires, as ***Saint Cyril*** notes in his writings, as a norm, certain rituals like, among other things, clothing the newly baptized in a white garment. This 'wedding garment' symbolizes how Baptism washes away all sin so that - one day - that baptized person can join the Saints in heaven - based on this biblical vision: "***I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes ...***" [Revelation 7:9]

In his Catechetical Lesson addressed to those preparing for the ***Easter Sacraments***, which catechumens throughout the world are now doing, ***Saint Cyril*** admonished them to properly prepare themselves for the great gifts God was about to give them in ***Baptism*** by, among other things, the three main Lenten disciplines: ***prayer, fasting*** and ***almsgiving***. We who are already baptized are to prepare ourselves to renew our ***Baptismal Promises*** on ***Easter*** by celebrating the ***Sacrament of Penance*** or ***Reconciliation***. I'm sure ***Saint Cyril*** would be proud of every Catholic who confesses away their sins this ***Lent***, which you can easily do at our ***Lenten Penance Service*** on ***Friday, April 12*** at ***7:00 pm.***

For 1,700 years, and, presumably, at least 250 years before that, the Church has used white garments, candles, oils, fonts, water, and other items to celebrate the Sacraments. To quote ***Saint Augustine***: "***Ever ancient, ever new.***" Whenever we celebrate a Sacrament, remember that innumerable Christians once used, now use, or will use, the same earthly elements of which ***Saint Cyril*** wrote to attain heavenly graces. ***Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, pray for us.***

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



We will be decorating our Church for Easter on Holy Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am.

Anyone interested in helping please leave your name & number with the parish office.

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

Confirmation Paperwork

All paperwork for the Sacrament of Confirmation is **now overdue**. Please bring all information to the religious education office.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Loyola Jesuit Center,

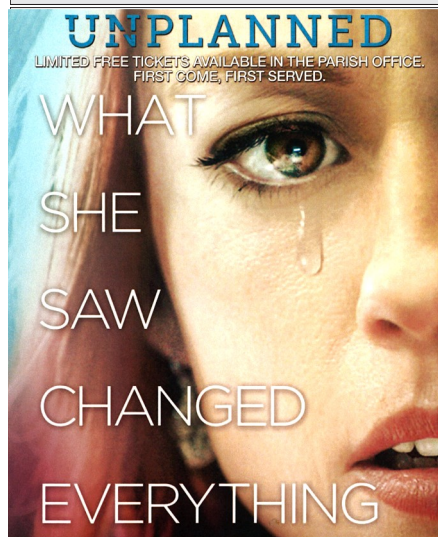
Morristown, NJ

April 12-14 2019



Led by Rev. Tom Marciniak. Come and be refreshed & renewed by the beautiful landscape, peaceful gardens & waterfalls. The theme of the retreat is How to Surrender to God. 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*



The movie "Unplanned" the story of Abbey Johnson will be officially released on Friday, March 29th. A Pre-release screening will be held on Thursday, March 28th, at the AMC Seacourt Pavilion, Toms River. The movie starts at 7pm, the doors open at 6pm. There will be no trailer/coming

attraction, so plan to arrive by 6:45 at the latest. While there is no cost for the ticket a Goodwill Offering will be taken. The movie is rated "R" due to one abortion scene

There are limited tickets available, on a first come first serve basis, for our parish. Please call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to place your name on the list.

"Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abbey Johnson (played by Ashley Bratchers) was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. ***Until the day she saw something that changed everything***, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

*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 fteral life..."

Ellen Crilley, Joan Ellen Kanya, Mary Ann Pagano

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, Kevin Kreder

*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 27, April 3**

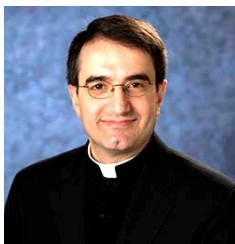


**Immediately following the Mass -
on these dates—enjoy our
Lenten Enrichment Program Lecture Series:**

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!



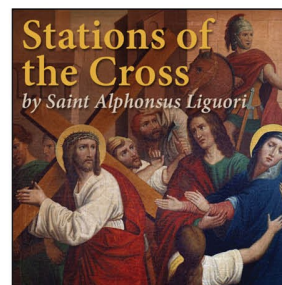
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ
and His Sorrowful Mother
on their journey to Calvary
with the Stations of the
Cross. Moving meditations
by Saint Alphonsus
Liguori accompanied by
the beautiful Latin hymn,
Stabat Mater, draw you
into a more intimate
experience of the Church's
powerful Lenten prayer.



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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:**

3/29: Parish Deacons

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

4/19: GOOD FRIDAY, Youth Group

**God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear
my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.
Amen.**

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meetings: March 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 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,

at Fran's House, your choice of time from 1:00 to 3:00pm and 7:00 to 9:00pm. 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**

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16th, 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. For Info: Call Barbara at 732-232-3733



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
Tennyson 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 3/29 Salad Bread Linguine with Clams, Pasta
Marinara, Eggplant Parmesan Coffee, Tea and Dessert



God's Special People Collection

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4969 will be in the narthex following all masses during the weekend of March 30th and 31st for their annual God's Special People collection. Each year, collected funds are donated to local groups and organizations that provide services to adults and children with special needs. Some of the groups receiving funds are Our Special Kids of Toms River, 21 Plus, St. Justin Holy Innocents Society, Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) and the Toms River East Little League Challenger Division.

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



Helping Others...

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.