

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Create in
me a
pure heart,
O God,
and
renew a
steadfast
spirit
within me"

PSALM 51:10

LENT



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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 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

MONDAY, March 30

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Deceased Members Kolmansberger Family
Muriel W. Rogan

TUESDAY, March 31

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Nicole Butler
Mary Peragine

WEDNESDAY, April 1

Lenten Weekday

8:30am Ronald & Barbara Orosz
Angela Beeh (living)

THURSDAY, April 2

Lenten Weekday, St. Francis of Peola, Hermit

8:30am Christina Marie Johnson
Larry Mascera

FRIDAY, April 3

FIRST FRIDAY; Lenten Weekday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, April 4

FIRST SATURDAY;

St. Isadore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Joseph John Sauer
Angela Beeh (living)

SUNDAY, April 5

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am All Souls
Pasquale Cosentino
9:00am Joan Sullivan
Hilda & Carl Stelz
10:30am Justin Peter Mai
Dich Peter Nguyen
12Noon Louis Ciardi
Thomas Ferruggia

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.



*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*

William Morrocco

requested by wife, Lillian Morrocco



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:

Every third weekend of the month.

PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
(Offices are temporarily closed until further notice)

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
5th Sunday of Lent - A
March 29, 2020

"LAZARUS, COME OUT!"

This weekend, our readings take us to where many dread to go: to the grave. Through the Prophet Ezekiel, who lived 600 years before Christ, God promised: *"O my*

people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them." [C.f. Ezekiel 37:12] In the Gospel, at his friend Lazarus' tomb, Jesus exclaimed: *"Lazarus, come out!"* [John 11:43] And in our Second Reading, Saint Paul assured us: *"If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."* [Romans 8:11] So, if we welcome Jesus into our life, we will NOT be left out of God's postmortem party!

This week we are encouraged to rise from the death of sin so that God's Spirit can more fully live within us. And since it is customary around **Holy Week** to visit the graves of loved ones (this custom may not be possible this year), adorn their resting places with *blessed palm branches, Easter flowers* and other signs of our Faith, and pray that God will *forgive the sins of all the faithful departed*, we will offer reflections on three sets of orations: today, the *Mass for All the Dead-2*; next week, on *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*, the *Mass for All the Dead-3*; and on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, the *Mass for All the Dead-4*.

Collect - For All the Dead - 2

Almighty ever-living God, life of all that is mortal and joy of the Saints, we humbly pray to you for your servants (N. and N.) that, freed from the bonds of mortality, they may possess your Kingdom in everlasting glory.

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

THE BONDS OF MORTALITY. The term *'the bonds of mortality'* is not a banking term or a financial matter; it refers to our many finite, mortal, human limitations. However, although we are physically limited by time and space, we are spiritually unlimited by time and space. This means that - even now - through prayer - we are still united with our deceased loved ones - and they with us - despite the *'bonds of mortality'!*

Prayer over the Offerings - For All the Dead - 2

Receive, O Lord, in your kindness the sacrificial offering we make for your departed servants (N. and N.) and for all who sleep in Christ, that, set free from the bonds of death by this singular sacrifice, they may merit eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BONDS OF SIN AND DEATH. After Jesus called forth Lazarus from his tomb, he was still bound by the Jewish ceremonial burial cloths in which he [and Jesus] were buried. Curiously, Jesus did not remove Lazarus' burial cloths; He directed Lazarus' family and friends, the onlookers and others who were present to: *"Untie him and let him go."* [John 11:44] Through our prayers and sacrifices, offered on behalf of the dead, we have the ability and honor to untie and release those for whom we pray from the bonds of their sins. This is why it is important to pray for the dead and offer Masses for them!

Prayer after Communion - For All the Dead - 2

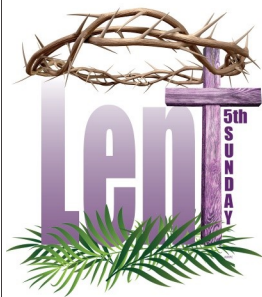
As we participate in the divine mysteries we pray, almighty God, that they may advance our salvation and bring pardon to the souls of your servants, for whom we implore your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BONDS OF LOVE. In the poetic Preface for the *Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I*, we hear these powerful words said of God: *"Never did you turn away from us, and, though time and again we have broken your covenant, you have bound the human family to yourself through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer, with a new bond of love so tight that it can never be undone."* However, our *'bond of love'* with Jesus is often taken for granted, ignored or even left unused.

Although we are not able to be in Church as a community this year in the final days of **Lent**, and throughout **Holy Week**, we are gifted with so many opportunities to *bond* or *'re-bond'* with Jesus in our homes with our families! We can remove any obstacles that hinder our relationship with God by prayer and growing through spiritual reading. Although we cannot be physically present, through modern technology, we can join in the once-a-year, grace-filled events that make present the deeds by which God saved us. What will we do to fortify our *'bonds of love'* with God and one another?

In Christ,

Father Mark



We have canceled our Religious Education classes and our parish offices are closed until further notice, and have also cancelled all social activities until further notice. Please check our website and our voicemail often for the most up to date information.

☐ ***As you know, collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. Since you are not coming to Mass donations can be dropped off in the church narthex in the hopper labeled "Weekend Donations/Contributions, or mailed to the church: St. Justin the Martyr, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, NJ 08753"***

In view of the temporary suspension of Masses and Holy Week Services on March 20th (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). 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.

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.

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:

At this time religious education classes have been cancelled- please check the parish website for future notifications

www.stjustin.org

Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 41c-62;

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

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Find Many Resources for:

Prayer *All of us need to be in Prayer for our church and the world.* Devotionals including Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Way of the Cross Presence/Presencia, focus on the Eucharist since Masses are cancelled

School Children Missing School Grades K-2; Grades 3-5; Middle School; High School—

Find Family ideas on FORMED (to keep your kids busy)

Read with Children, The Book of Saints and Heroes

Read with Children, Golden Legend of Young Saints

Listen with Children, St. Dominic Savio, The Schoolboy Saint

Watch the Brother Francis Movies together

Preparing for Holy Week—With Lighthouse talks:

Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Dr. Brant Pitre, English and Spanish

Have a Movie Night Together! Unplanned—Behind the Scenes; The Bible Collection-Solomon; Bakhita; Bernadette, Padre Pio, Between Heaven and Earth, Lourdes, A Story of Faith, Science and Miracles ——— and *So Much More!*

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

Parish Ministry Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please check the parish website: www.stjustin.org for further updates.



Getting Started with Prayer

Prayer is an essential part of being Catholic. From a few simple, heartfelt words of thanks, or a cry for help, to the celebration of the Mass, prayer in all its forms is part of the rich tradition of our Catholic faith that gives life to our relationship with God.

We may pray alone, simply speaking our thoughts to God or by praying familiar prayers like the Our Father or Hail Mary. We may pray with others in parish prayer groups, perhaps saying a Rosary together or gathering for a Novena or Stations of the Cross. There are many ways to pray.

We invite you to explore these different ways of praying so you may discover the way that is best for you.

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/pray>

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

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



***Don't miss out on the latest news/events!
For further info visit: www.stjustin.org
Click the Monitor Tab on the Home Page***



**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**

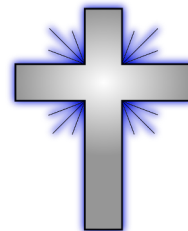
Domestic Church Media UpDATE

Find Domestic Church Media under Helpful Links on our parish website: 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 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 pahaas@dioceseoftrenton.org. Thank you.



"God gives where he finds empty hands."

- St. Augustine



...So should we

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