

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

March 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)



Reflection on Today's Readings

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

First Reading: Josiah 5:9a, 10-12

"Reproach of Egypt" may refer to circumcision. The people celebrate the Passover, here an older version that did not include the sacrifice of the lamb.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells his readers that not only has God reconciled humanity to Himself, but He has also entrusted the reconciling mission of Christ to us.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

This is perhaps Our Lord's greatest parable. It illustrates several lessons, above all the forgiveness of the father for his younger son's waywardness and his older son's self-righteousness.

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 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

MONDAY, April 1
Lenten Weekday

8:30am Mary Korab
Samantha Rosa

TUESDAY, April 2

Lenten Weekday; St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
8:30am Thomas Lewandowski, Sr.
Mikey LaRocca

WEDNESDAY, April 3

Lenten Weekday
8:30am Thomas Ward
Joe & Ann Bilotta
6:30pm Nicola Cantelmi & Angelo DiMuria
Louis A. Laureti

THURSDAY, April 4

Lenten Weekday;
St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30am Anatilde Espogeiro
Joseph John Sauer

FRIDAY, April 5

FIRST FRIDAY; Lenten Weekday; St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
8:30am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, April 6

FIRST SATURDAY; Lenten Weekday
9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Carl & Hilda Stelz
Rose Gaydos

SUNDAY, April 7

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Maryanne Bielski
All Souls
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Peter Dich Nguyen
James Gonzalez
12Noon Marianne Grille (living)
Thomas Ferruggia

BREAKING RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTED Suicide bills passed the NJ Senate and Assembly. Please call Gov. Murphy and tell him to VETO these bills, so it does not become law. GOV. MURPHY PHONE # 609-292-6000



The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of
Christ at the Masses celebrated
during the week is offered
in loving memory of

Joseph John Sauer

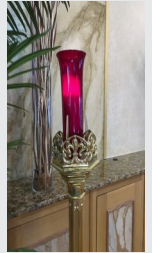
requested by family

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

Dennis Becht (living)

requested by Angela Petti & Judi Pais



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
4th Sunday of Lent - C
Laetare [Rejoice] Sunday
March 31, 2019

Through the gift of the internet, we have access to almost limitless data and endless jokes - literally right at our fingertips - like this silly joke that I hope and pray tickles you ... pink. [Pastor's disclaimer: our Altar Servers are far smarter

than these two ... for our Altar Servers know why we wear rose!]

A VERY, VERY BUSY PATRON SAINT OF THE

INTERNET. In what may be a 'Church first,' the *Patron Saint of the Internet* seems to have been chosen by popular acclaim - via - of all things - the internet! In 2005, Pope *Saint John Paul II* sent out a message seeking suggestions for an '*Internet Patron Saint*.' The great biblical communicator, *Saint Paul the Apostle*, was quite popular among the 'voters,' as was *Saint Anthony of Padua*, who composed or collected volumes of written material ... but *Saint Isidore of Seville, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*, got the most hits! Born in 560, he died in 636 on what is now his Feast Day: **April 4**. [Do NOT confuse him with *Saint Isidore the Farmer*, Feast Day: **May 15**; who is one of the Patron Saints of ... Farmers.] Why was *Saint Isidore of Seville* the *Patron Saint of the Internet*? After praying the Collect for his Mass, we'll explain.

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Graciously hear the prayers, O Lord, which we make in commemoration of Saint Isidore that your Church may be aided by his intercession, just as she has been instructed by his heavenly teaching. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A FAMILY OF SAINTS. Imagine having 3 siblings declared Saints, two of whom were also Bishops! *Saint Isidore's* sister, *Saint Florentina*, who died about 612 and whose Feast Day is **June 20**, was a nun who founded and headed many convents. One of his brothers, *Saint Fulgentius*, died in 533 on what is now his Feast Day: January 1,

though some honor him on January 3. *Saint Fulgentius* spent 25 years as a Bishop fiercely fighting heretics. His other brother, *Saint Leander*, who mandated the profession of the Creed at Mass in the late 500's, was the Bishop of Seville, Spain; after his death *Saint Isidore* then headed that same diocese for 38 years.

There are more than 200 *Saints* with a Feast Day on the Universal Calendar, not counting *Marian* days and countless '*Companions*' remembered with certain *Martyrs*, but many of these 200 Feast Days are optional or limited to their native country; i.e.: *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton* is only on the USA's calendar. Of the four sibling *Saints*, only *Saint Isidore* has a date on our Calendar; I hope there's no sibling rivalry in heaven! What a holy family, to have produced four *Saints*!

SAINT ISIDORE'S 'ETYMOLOGIES.' His greatest work, which earned him, two decades after his death, in 653, the title *Doctor of the Church*, was a compilation of word origins and their historical development called '*Etymologies*.' It was the first 'Christian' encyclopedia, which gave the Catholic 'twist' or understanding, not only to biblical and ecclesial [Church] matters, but to secular topics as well. It was, in a way, the birth of the marriage of Catholic theology with the rest of the world. *Saint Isidore's* vast work was a literal storehouse in which he gathered, systematized, and condensed all of the learning possessed by his time - both religious and secular. And it remained the 'textbook' 'proof-text' source used in many educational institutions throughout much of the Middle Ages.

As academically scholarly as he was, *Saint Isidore* also made time to care for the poor and needy, thus combining the Church's educational, formation and social outreaches. May we never get so busy 'surfing the web' that we fail to make time to care for those around us. And may we use the internet's plethora of data to make our world a better place - and not succumb to its darker side, which has become such a commonly confessed sin in *Confession*! [Our Penance Service is Friday, April 12, at 7:00 pm.] Whenever we log on, may we always pray: *Saint Isidore, Patron Saint of the Internet, pray for us!*

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of March 31, 2019

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 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 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

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, 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: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11



MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!

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.



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*

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 FOR APRIL

April 1st – there will be no Mass celebrated on Monday, April 1st. Classes are in session 4:30-6:00pm. Students in Grades 1 and 3 should be brought directly to the education building at 4:30pm. Students in Grade 8 should go directly to the church where they will celebrate Reconciliation. Classes for Grade 8 will continue immediately following Reconciliation in the Parish Hall.

April 18th - No Classes in Session

April 22nd – 25th – No Classes in Session

April 29th – Classes Resume



The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU**

to all the Religious Education children for their generosity in giving food for St. Joseph's Day collection. 2 full shopping carts worth of goodies were collected!!

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*

Diocese of Trenton Annulment Information

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 diocese. For more information, call 609-406-7411 or e-mail rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org. The next Annulment Session will be held April 2, at St. Charles Borromeo, Cinnaminson

**Please check our parish website:
www.stjustin.org (under news/events)
for breaking Respect Life news**

*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..."

Mary Twist

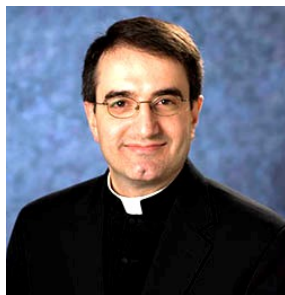
Those who have died in the Service of our Country.

"...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 and
Lecture*

*St. Justin the Martyr is
pleased to have on April 3rd
Father Pablo Gadenz.
Fr. 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!



*Mark Your Calendars—
Social Sunday Next Week
Join us after all Masses
Sunday, April 7, 2019
in the parish hall for light
refreshments and fellowship.
Hosted by our Shawl Ministry*

FORMED PICK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 2: Handmaid of the Lord

One "Yes" Changed Everything

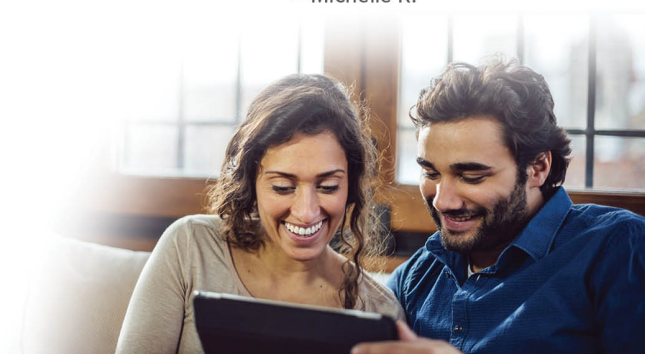
Join Matthew Leonard
as he takes a closer look
at Saint Luke's account
of the Annunciation.
See the Blessed Virgin
Mary's "yes" in a whole
new light!



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

—Michelle R.

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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. Luke's Church

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:15pm

St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

St. Justin The Martyr

Friday, April 12, 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00pm Friday Evenings during Lent:

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

4/19: GOOD FRIDAY, Youth Group

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meetings: March 31st and April 7th

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: April 8th and April 29th 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 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

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 **April 24th, in the parish hall.** Further info? Please contact president Pat McDonald: 732-270-4061



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 4/5 Salad Bread Linguine with Clams, Pasta
Marinara, Stuffed Shells, 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 this weekend for their annual God's Special People collection.

Please help support this worth cause

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is having a

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****Rising high school juniors and seniors who want to be leaders and achieve excellence in whatever they do.***

****Young people whose faith is important to them and who want to know how it impacts their everyday lives beyond liturgy and moments of prayer.***

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For More info:

Email: lighttheworld@cua.edu

Website: lighttheworldcua.org

Social Media: lighttheworldcua

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.