

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



*“I adore You, O Christ, and I praise You...  
because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world”*  
prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**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

# Hosanna to the Son of David

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, April 5**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

All Souls

Pasquale Cosentino

Joan Sullivan

Hilda & Carl Stelz

Justin Peter Mai

Dich Peter Nguyen

Louis Ciardi

Thomas Ferruggia

**MONDAY, April 6**

**Monday of Holy Week**

Lucia Ferrara

Carmela Snyder

**TUESDAY, April 7**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

Carol Curcio Mertz

Adelina Marino

**WEDNESDAY, April 8**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

Joseph, Jr., Lisa Ann, and Joseph, Sr. Paparazzo

Stephen Seger, Jr.

**THURSDAY, April 9**

**Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**

People of the Parish

**FRIDAY, April 10**

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

No Services

**SATURDAY, April 11**

**HOLY SATURDAY;**

People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, April 12**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

James Rooney

Ralph Totino

Mary Ferragamo

Mark Bram

Daniel Pfeiffer

Christina Johnson

Ann Marie Neveroski

Joseph Carrasco

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**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 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 Health Blessings for



**Marlene & Frank Varga**

requested by daughter, Linda

## 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](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.

pray. wait. *trust.* ©JPPC

**Dear Members of the Church of Saint Justin the Martyr,**

Thank you for all your concern and prayers for one another and for me and Father Dan during this difficult time of the Coronavirus. Please be assured that Father Dan and I are keeping you and your loved ones in our prayers and not only are you in our prayers, you are also in the prayers and concerns of Bishop O'Connell, who has asked us Pastors to assure you that we are doing all we can to keep everyone as safe as possible. The cancellation of public Masses until further notice has been most challenging for all of us. As much as you miss coming to Church, we miss seeing you and offering the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. As a priest, it is very difficult not to celebrate Holy Mass and the beautiful Easter liturgies with our parish community. Although we are not celebrating Mass with you, we are celebrating Mass for you and your families. Father Dan and I are offering Mass each day for you and the Mass intentions. These intentions are posted in the bulletin which you can get on our website at [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org).

Since you are unable to attend Mass, 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-televisive-livestream-Masses/4/38/22775>.

Of course, EWTN has always been a source of good Catholic programming. Please 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).

While no one knows what the future holds, and as many have said, we did not even imagine what disciplines and sacrifices this Lent would demand of us - we still look forward to a joy-filled Easter. We know that Our Lord is with us through this global, national and state pandemic. As the coronavirus pandemic evolves, we must remember that Our Lord sacrificed Himself for us, and He does not abandon us in our need. Lent reminds us of this and draws us closer to Him through our own sacrificial practices. His love and protections of His Holy Church will continue.

Needless to say, the parish will be facing financial setbacks in the days ahead. Your sacrificial giving is of great importance. Although we cannot celebrate public liturgies, and Parish and Religious Education events have been cancelled, all of our expenses are still the same, much of our work goes on behind the scenes. I ask your help in this difficult time.

Offerings can be mailed to the church: St. Justin the Martyr, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, NJ 08753. Please consider making your online offertory for our parish thru the Diocese that has now created a "Pass the Basket" link for online giving to our parish along with the Diocese of Trenton's COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Please go to this link to contribute to St. Justin Parish: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/covid-19-emergency-fund>. I thank those who have already mailed in their sacrificial offerings or have dropped off their contributions in the hopper which was located in the Church.

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**For those who have children in Religious Education:** ALL CHILD-BASED EVENTS [Classes, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) & Breakfast with the Easter Bunny] are cancelled. As of now, we do not know the dates and times for First Holy Communions and Confirmation. We have to wait until we are told by Church and civil authorities that it is safe to reopen. I urge parents to continue working with your children from their text books. A chapter a week would be fine. As your child grows in the faith, you will also be refreshed in the faith.

We will communicate any updates regarding the parish and the Religious Education Program via our website [www.stjustin.org, our bulletin is also online] and on phone messages (732-270-3980). As you recall, we were in the process of collecting email addresses so that we would be able to communicate with you via blast emails. Unfortunately, this process was not completed before this pandemic hit. We will work on this avenue of communication when things return to normal.

Last week, I took a walk in Cattus Island County Park. What a beautiful gift of nature right in our own backyard. As I saw nature coming alive again, I was reminded of the Easter message that out of death comes life. Good Friday leads to Easter Sunday. I wrote some thoughts entitled "*Hope in troubled times*" which are posted on the website along with a picture of daffodils in bloom. Things will come back. We must put our trust in God. We pray for the day when our Country (and our world) can return to normalcy and we can all live our lives without fear or inconvenience. I am confident that America will overcome the coronavirus crisis and come out stronger and better as a result. But that will only come about if we individually and as a nation acknowledge our dependence on God and turn to Him. We are people of faith, and, as Psalm 23 reminds us, though we may walk through the valley of death, we should fear no evil, for the Lord is with us.

I have been urging people to read 2 Chronicles 7: 14 which reads:

"If then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land." In many ways, our nation has forgotten God. We must remember that He is always here to heal, to forgive and to love. Let us turn to Him during these very unsettling, uncharted times.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have offered us many "Resources for Families, Parishes and Dioceses during the COVID-19 Crisis" on their website::

<http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/covid-19-crisis-resources-from-catholic-publishers.cfm>

In closing, let us pray for all of those who have died, all of those affected by the virus, all health care workers who risk their own lives caring for the sick, for all essential workers, for our president, governor and mayor, and we pray that a resolution soon may be found. During times such as these, we are called to trust in God's will, but we are also called to do our part in order to keep ourselves and our brothers and sisters safe by taking practical steps to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. God bless you all!

*In Christ,  
Reverend Mark A. Kreder*

*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.*

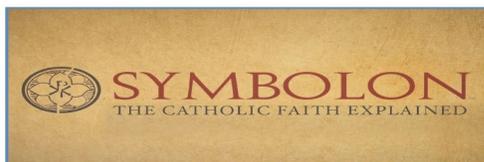
*"...and a time for peace in all the world..."*

*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.*

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



### Symbolon The Paschal Mystery

Do we understand what the "Paschal Mystery" means in the greater story of Salvation, from the Passover in Egypt to the Last Supper and Crucifixion of Jesus?

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

At this time religious education classes have been cancelled- please check the parish website for future notifications [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org) (please see Father Mark's letter this week in this bulletin)

### Readings for the Week of April 5, 2020

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

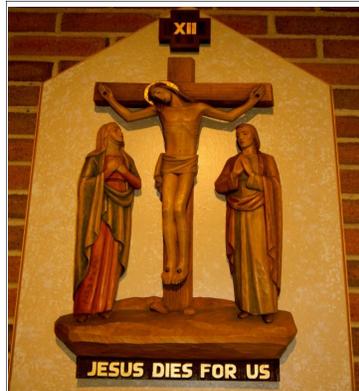
i) Mt 28:1-10

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

**ON-LINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR PARISH.** The Diocese of Trenton has set up an on-line giving option for each parish thru their website. If you wish to make your weekly donation to our parish thru this method, please visit our parish website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org). Click the News/Events tab, select the On-Line Giving tab.

When the Diocese page opens, scroll down to the "Pass the Basket" option, select St. Justin the Martyr Parish. You will receive a confirming email from the Diocese for your contribution.

As you know, collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. Since you are not coming to Mass donations can also be mailed to the church:  
St. Justin the Martyr, 975 Fischer Blvd.  
Toms River, NJ 08753"



**Pray a virtual Stations of the Cross** using the beautiful pictures of our Stations of the Cross here at St. Justin's. Visit our website under News/Events! Click the tab for the Stations of the Cross.

## 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.



**One Body in Christ**  
Pope Francis reminds us that God is mercy, And every day, throughout the Diocese of Trenton, our parishes share God's mercy through the many diocesan ministries made possible by your generous support.

**Catholic Social Services**—Through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, you partner with the Diocese and your parish to make the corporal works of mercy tangible for people who are most in need through: Diocesan Parish Counseling Services, Parish Emergency Assistance Program, Diocesan Social Service Workshops, Home Health Nursing Program and Emergency Assistance.

**“O Lord, hear my prayer,  
and let my cry come to you.”**

*(Psalm 102.2)*

### FAST AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Those 14 and older are to ABSTAIN from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Lenten Fridays. Those between 18 and 59 should FAST by eating only one main meal and two smaller ones on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those unable to abstain or fast for a valid reason [i.e., St. Patrick's Day party or wedding] may abstain on another day or perform a different penance; Canon law only permits PASTORS to dispense from fasting or abstaining. Ignoring penitential days, without good cause, is a serious sin of omission.



Don't miss out on the latest news/events!  
For further info visit: [www.stjustin.org](http://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

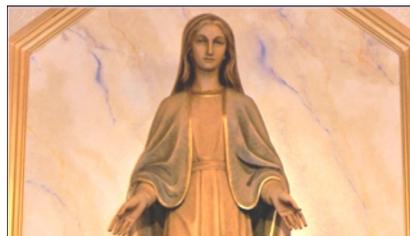
## Domestic Church Media UPDATE

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



**An Act of  
Spiritual  
Communion**

*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.*



*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.*



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