

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Some notes on the Mass

Jesus instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist during the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The Mass has been with us since the beginning of the Church. We lament the fact that we are unable to celebrate Mass publicly these days due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Eucharist is, after all, “the source and summit of our faith.”

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, is required reading for priests, deacons and many religious. It is a collection of psalms and prayers, hymns and readings, focused on the season of the ecclesiastical year and the feasts of the saints.

I have explained the structure of the Divine Office in years past. In summary, the five hours of the Divine Office are: Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer.

I write this because last Sunday, the third Sunday of Easter, the Office of Readings contained an excerpt from our parish’s patronal saint, Justin the Martyr, written in the second century. In that writing St. Justin gave a description of the Mass as it was celebrated in the early Church. In fact, when the Fathers of Vatican II sought to revise the liturgy, they studied the writings of St. Justin who gave the earliest account of how the early Christians lived and worshipped. The Fathers of Vatican II revised the Mass so that we can easily identify it with St. Justin’s description of the Mass from so long ago. We can say, we went back to our roots. As you read this description written by St. Justin the Martyr, you will see the commonalities between his description of the Mass in the second century and the Mass as it is celebrated today. Here it is:..... (read more inside)

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

MASS Intentions

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 3
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Pasquale Cosentino
Jean & John Carillo
First Holy Communicants & Confirmation Candidates
Robert Van Sprang
Grace Galbraith
People of the Parish

MONDAY, May 4
Easter Weekday
Kathryn Brennan
Robert Rush

TUESDAY, May 5
Easter Weekday
Tina Liston Rambo
Joseph Paparazzo, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, May 6
Easter Weekday
Stanislaus E. Gorski
Fred & Clare Schmid

THURSDAY, May 7
Easter Weekday
Joan Sullivan
Elizabeth Koper

FRIDAY, May 8
Easter Weekday
Mark Geraci
Deacon Richard Hauenstein

SATURDAY, May 9
Easter Weekday
People of the Parish
Carmine & Joann Rosamilia
Joell Lanfrank

SUNDAY, May 10
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day
Mother's Day Novena
Debra Collura Bourne
Violet Martorano
Lucia Ferrara
Christina Johnson
Carmela & Pasquale Cennamo
Ann Marie Neverosk

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
Angelina & Andrew Petti
requested by the Petti & Pais families

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2020

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:

Every third weekend of the month.
Contact St. Vincent de Paul for any questions:
732-929-1119

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
4th Sunday of Easter - A
May 3, 2020

**"BLESSED JESUS, MAKE
US RISE ... TO THE LIFE
THAT NEVER DIES."**

We sing these words
in the Easter hymn,
*"Alleluia, Alleluia, Let
the Holy Anthem
Rise."* If we were in
church next weekend,
we would have, as is
our Parish custom,

the *Blessing of Mothers* and *Prayers for
Deceased Mothers* [as we also do on *Father's
Day* weekend] - and for those whose mothers
are deceased, we will reflect on the 5th of 6 sets
of orations for the dead. As I pray for my own
mother and all deceased mothers, please pray
for my Mom, too, who died on April 23, 2003.

Collect - For All the Dead - 5

Almighty ever-living God, who rule both the liv-
ing and the dead and are merciful to all,
we humbly beseech you, that those for whom we
pour out our prayers may obtain pardon
for their sins through your tender mercy,
rejoicing together, blessed in your sight,
and praising you without end.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HOPE TO SHARE IN CHRIST'S VICTORY. In
verse 2 of the above-mentioned hymn, we sing:
*"[Christ] has risen up in triumph From the
darkness of the grave."* But like all loving
parents, *Jesus* did not live and die for Himself;
He suffered death and rose in glory to conquer
sin and death - for US! Now He longs to share
all that He won for us with those who 'die with
Him.' And for the dead who did not totally 'die
to self,' He allows us, the living, to pray for - and
sacrifice for - the forgiveness of their sins. With
the love of a mother who pleads for clemency
for her wayward child, no matter how heinous
the crime that child committed - *Jesus* will grant
pardon and tender mercy to the dead for
whom we plead through our prayers and
sacrifices.

Prayer over the Offerings - For All the Dead - 5

By your acceptance of this sacrificial offering,
O God, grant that your servants (N. and N.)
may be sharers in the abundant riches of Christ,
so that with him they may be raised again to life
and receive a place at his right hand.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

"SO THAT WHERE I AM YOU ALSO MAY BE." During
His Farewell Address to His Apostles [John 14-17;
above verse: 14:3c] at the Last Supper, *Jesus*
comfortingly assured them that they would all be
together again. Don't all loving parents hope
their family is united, enjoying each other's
presence, free from conflict? Sadly, our human
quirks and imperfections, inability to forgive, or
move beyond past hurts, makes the idyllic hope
of 'the perfect family' an unrealistic dream.

Perhaps that is one reason *Jesus* prepared a
perfect place for us, where our hopes and dreams
can - and will - come true! While that does not
exempt us from doing all we can to make 'heaven
on earth,' we can - we must - with the help of His
presence - with us and within us - strive each day
for unity and peace. Knowing this will not be
totally achieved until we are where He is should
allay every reason that would cause us to cease
working for unity and peace with our loved ones.

Prayer after Communion - For All the Dead - 5

Hear, O God, your children,
nourished now by the Sacrament of
salvation, and, as through the Holy Spirit, you
raised Christ, your Only Begotten Son, from
the dead, so grant to your faithful servants
(N. and N.)
the joy of life and immortality.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF SALVATION. Of all that our
Catholic Faith offers to console those who mourn
and to help all people attain heavenly glory, the
greatest grace is the *Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*
during which we remember our beloved dead,
and which we offer for their salvation. As we
previously wrote in an article on the orations for
the dead, *Saint Monica's* dying prayer was that
her son, *Saint Augustine*, remember her 'at the
Altar,' which is where I will remember my mother
and all deceased mothers next weekend.

Let us pray for all the dead until the last line of
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise" is
fulfilled: *"And the dead shall be awakened by the
trumpet's mighty blast."* Father Dan, the
deacons, staff and I extend our best wishes to all.
Know that we are praying for you and please
keep us in your prayers. Hopefully, we will be
back in Church, celebrating Mass soon. God bless
you all

In Christ,

Father Mark

Farewell to Father Dan.

On Friday, May 1, Bishop O'Connell announced the assignments for priests. Sadly, we will be losing Father Dan. Father has been assigned as the parochial vicar of St. Barnabas Parish in Bayville. We thank Father for his service and wish him well. The assignments are effective July 1st. As the Bishop said, we hope; this date may change if things are not up and running by then. We will plan a proper farewell in the future.

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DAILY REFLECTIONS

YOUR DAILY DOSE OF TRUTH, GOODNESS, AND BEAUTY

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 pray for a full recovery for Father Jack Bogacz's brother Dan who was in a serious accident.

Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your circumstances permit, please consider donating to the parish at this time. Donations can be mailed to the church: St. Justin the Martyr, 975 Fischer Blvd.

Toms River, NJ 08753. Also, consider making your online offertory for our parish thru the Diocese, that has now created a "Pass the Basket Emergency Fund." If you wish to make your weekly donation to our parish thru this method, please visit our parish website: www.stjustin.org. Under 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. These are challenging times for all of us. This crisis has hit many of us hard and our parish is no different. I am most grateful to all who have continued to mail in their weekly offerings, or donated on line, so we can pay all bills on time.

Some notes on the Mass (continued from front cover)

Office of Readings—Third Sunday of Easter

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr (Cap. 66-67: PB 6, 427-431)

The celebration of the Eucharist:

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the Eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: This is my blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The Eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

Fr. Mark