

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers

**PRAYER IS POWERFUL**

**Churches may reopen for private prayer only, in compliance with public health guidelines, May 13**  
Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., has issued instructions for the reopening of churches in the Diocese of Trenton for private prayer only, following all public health guidelines, beginning May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima or following, once pastors determine they can safely do so. The Bishop's announcement follows:

**"Wisdom consists in following Providence step by step. And you can be sure of the truth of a maxim which seems paradoxical, namely, that he who is hasty falls back in the interests of God." St. Vincent de Paul**

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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

# MASS Intentions

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, May 17**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mother's Day Novena**  
**Kenneth Ritter**  
**Gertrude Heid**  
**Joseph Otroshina**  
**Daniel Foley**  
**The McGuire Family**  
**Deacon Richard Hauenstein**

**MONDAY, May 18**  
**Easter Weekday; St. John I, Pope & Martyr**  
**Mother's Day Novena**

**TUESDAY, May 19**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**Karin Krenek**  
**Lewis Wetzel**

**WEDNESDAY, May 20**  
**Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Sienna, Priest**  
**Dan & Joan Sullivan**  
**Robert Finley**  
**Anthony Pierre**  
**Peter & Frank Fitzgerald**

**THURSDAY, May 21**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**St. Christopher Magallanus Priest & Companions, Martyrs**  
**Steven Senerchia**  
**Dan & Joan Sullivan**  
**Bill Croft**  
**All Souls**  
**Gina Dimesa**  
**Midred Rybaczhewski**

**FRIDAY, May 22**  
**Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
**Susan Kirk & Joan Ellen Gassert**  
**Deacon Richard Hauenstein**

**SATURDAY, May 23**  
**Easter Weekday**  
**People of the Parish**  
**Robert Paul Kuhlwein**  
**Carl & Hilda Stelz**

**SUNDAY, May 24**  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**Maryann Bielski**  
**Chester & Mary Bielski**  
**Rosemarie Bering**  
**Enrico Van Sickell**  
**Deacon Richard Hauenstein**  
**Michele Boland**  
**Nancy Smorra**  
**Joseph Carrasco**



*The Altar Bread,*  
*which will become the Body of Christ*  
*at the Masses celebrated*  
*during the week is offered in*  
*Loving Memory of*

**Dan & Joan Sullivan**

*requested by the Holler Family*

***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.***

## 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](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.



From the Pastor  
6th Sunday of Easter - A  
May 17, 2020

**"AT THE NAME OF JESUS  
EVERY KNEE SHOULD  
BEND, OF THOSE IN  
HEAVEN AND ON EARTH  
AND UNDER THE EARTH."**

You should be happy that the Priest we honor Wednesday, on his *Feast Day, May 20: Saint Bernardine of Siena*, is NOT one of my Patron Saints. For while I strive to keep my homilies to

just 5 to 10 minutes max, *Saint Bernardine* was known to preach for up to FIVE HOURS! Born in 1380 in Italy, he died on what is now his Feast Day in 1444. The two things for which he is known are often seen in his images: *three miters*, tossed on the ground - and the symbol 'IHS.' More about these after praying the Collect for the holy Mass celebrated in his honor.

**Collect - Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

O God, who gave the Priest  
Saint Bernardine of Siena a great love  
for the holy Name of Jesus,  
grant, through his merits and prayers,  
that we may ever be set aflame  
with the spirit of your love.

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

**"HE'LL BE A SAINT SOMEDAY!"** While we have no proof anyone ever said these words about him, these words would certainly apply to young *Bernardine*. Born into a noble, knightly family, he was an orphan by the age of 7 and was raised by relatives. Even as a teenage boy, he deplored crude, disrespectful, irreverent, raunchy, or uncouth talk, and corrected friends and adults who 'misspoke' in his presence.

During a ravaging plague, he volunteered with friends to serve the sick in Siena, contracting the disease from which he recovered. So no one was surprised when - at 22 - he entered a Franciscan Friary, took vows one year later, and one year after that, in 1404, was ordained and began his ordinary, somewhat obscure, Priestly ministry.

**GOD'S MYSTERIOUS PLANS.** In 1417, while ministering in Milan, he was called upon to cover for a renowned travelling Mission Preacher who had fallen ill; this 'unexpected twist' led to his being 'discovered' as a gifted, powerful preacher. Thereupon he began to criss-cross Italy, giving missions and lectures on ethics and morals, and the **Blessed Mother** [he was born on **September 8**: the Nativity of the BVM,

professed vows on that date in 1403 and [was Ordained a Priest on that date in 1404.] But in God's mysterious plan, his success would be his crosses!

While he moved many to repent or give up their sinful vices, some were threatened by his words - and sought to silence him. Some of his brother Franciscans turned against him; out of jealousy they petitioned that he be restricted to parish ministry. His detractors even convinced not one - but two popes to suspend his preaching faculties! But he endured his unjust punishments with such grace and dignity that his help and guidance was sought by those who were also victims of vicious rumors or false accusations.

After his preaching faculties were restored, the many requests for his services and long homilies made him hoarse; he is the Patron Saint of those with respiratory ailments, chest problems, hoarseness, and of advertisers, communication workers and gambling addicts. [He served as a pawnbroker for a broke gambler; he sold the ivory tablets on which the man had engraved three letters in honor of the *Holy Name of Jesus*.]

**THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS: IHS.** Of all of the things for which he is known, his greatest achievement was promoting devotion to the *Holy Name of Jesus* with a contraction derived from the Greek word ΙΗΣΟΥΣ - *Iesus Hominum Salvator* - translated by some as *Jesus Savior of Humanity*. Because of this, Pope Pius II [reigned 1458-1464] dubbed him '*Another Paul*' whose quote from his *Letter* to the Philippians [2:10] began this article and in which the Apostle acclaimed the awesome reverence due to our *Lord's Most Holy Name*.

Ironically, one of the Popes who had silenced him: Martin V [reigned 1417-1431] named him the Bishop of Siena after he was exonerated. After he was reexamined by Pope Eugene IV [reigned 1431-1447], *Saint Bernardine* was again acquitted of all the devious rumors against him, and was offered an episcopal 'promotion.' Since he declined being ordained a Bishop, playfully stating that "*all of Italy is already 'my diocese!'*", he is often depicted with one or more bishop's miters or hats tossed at his feet. May we imitate his humility and his humor.

*Saint Bernardine of Siena, pray for us!*

*On a personal note, today is the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to priesthood. I am grateful to Almighty God for this great gift of priesthood and for all you wonderful people of St. Justin Parish.*

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

## **Churches may reopen for private prayer only, in compliance with public health guidelines, May 13**

(Continued from Cover)

Every faithful Catholic has been eagerly anticipating the day when we will be able to reopen our churches for prayer and worship. Contrary to what some people think or feel, the reopening of our parish churches will not be easy. There are many precautions that must be considered in order to ensure the health and safety of the faithful before we reopen churches. **It's not just a matter of opening the door and "flipping the switch." Simply reopening churches for private prayer — even without Mass, sacraments, group prayer— must continue to incorporate some of the restrictions that we have become used to by now: no more than 10 people in a given space at the same time, wearing of masks in public, social distancing, etc.** It is not merely the "opinion" of some people — well-intentioned or maybe not — that influences the decision to reopen. Most important is the expert advice of experienced public health officials who have cautioned us not to rush into reopening churches to the faithful before their safety can be assured or, at least, uncompromised, in the face of this virulent contagion.

The Diocese of Trenton has carefully followed their advice. At the same time, however, we realize that the current state of affairs cannot stay as it is forever without some spiritual relief. In order to address this challenge, I have created a Post Pandemic Parish Task Force of Pastors, chaired by Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, vicar general, to develop a "phased approach" from the reopening of churches for private prayer to the gradual restoration of our full Catholic and sacramental life.

Following the three phases outlined by public health officials in New Jersey, the Task Force has submitted its recommendations to me for Phase One, "Reopening of Churches for Private Prayer." These recommendations are divided into two sections: one set of common directions for all parishes in the Diocese of Trenton to observe and the second set for individual pastors to adapt and implement in their parishes. Unless otherwise notified, these recommendations will take effect on Wednesday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, or anytime following once pastors determine they can safely do so. We commend our efforts to Our Lady's maternal care.

### **TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Phase One: "Reopening of Churches for Private Prayer beginning: May 13, 2020

Common Directives to be Observed by All Parishes

- \*Dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day obligation remains in force until further notice.
- \*Pastors determine whether or not and when they can open their churches safely.
- \*No public Masses or other group liturgical/devotional celebrations until further notice.
- \*Sacramental celebrations in church (baptisms, confirmations, ordinary schedule of confessions, weddings) continue to be postponed until further notice.
- \*Live-streaming of Masses without congregations to continue.
- \*Churches will be closed for private prayer and empty during live-streamed Masses and will be reopened for private prayer after Mass.
- \*Faithful from at risk groups as identified by CDC/NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH should remain at home.
- \*Regular sanitization of churches after use.
- \*Limited days open for private prayer: at least Monday through Friday.
- \*Hours for private prayer in open church to be determined by pastor.
- \*Limited number of visitors at one time (no more than 10) according to NJ state guidelines and social distancing (minimum of 6 feet between visitors) to be observed.
- \*Areas/pews for seating to be reserved to facilitate cleaning afterward.
- \*Wearing of masks required for all those making visits

### **Directives Determined by Individual Pastors**

- \*Pastors determine whether or not and when they can open their churches safely.
  - \*Limit days/times open for private prayer: at least Monday through Friday.
  - \*Coordinate "staggered hours" for open churches with pastors/parishes of deanery.
  - \*Designate a single entrance to control number of visitors; no gathering at entrance, steps or parking lots.
  - \*Close public restroom facilities as a preventive health measure and post closure on restroom doors; consider posting this on website.
  - \*Remove all worship aides, pamphlets, books and paper from church pews; provide no handouts.
  - \*Utilize a volunteer cleaning crew if possible.
  - \*Encourage visitors to bring their own disinfectant wipes; provide trash receptacles at church entrance/exit.
  - \*Begin online searching for coronavirus deep cleaning services (for example, resources on CDC website).
  - \*Parishes with multiple church sites should only open one site, preferably the larger one where social distancing is easier.
  - \*Post ALL directives in online parish bulletins, parish websites, social media and at church entrance.
- If church is open on weekends, close one hour before live-streamed Mass time.

Approved by Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D. Bishop of Trenton

### ***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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.*

### ***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..."*

Nan Mulcahy, Theresa Duenzl

### ***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](http://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.

## **FORMED**

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### **Have a Movie Night Together! Watch:**

Unplanned—Behind the Scenes;

Bernadette,

Padre Pio, Between Heaven and Earth,

Lourdes, A Story of Faith, Science and Miracles ——— and ***So Much More***



**Our priests and deacons will be celebrating the anniversary of their ordinations in the months of May and June. Please keep them in your prayers and thank them for answering God's call to serve Him and His Church and for their service to our parish.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Anniversary Ordained</u>	<u>Years</u>
Father Mark Kreder	May 17, 2003		17
Father Dan Price	June 4, 2016		4
Deacon Fred Ebenau	May 14, 2005		15
Deacon James Campbell	May 13, 2006		14
Deacon James Gillespie	May 14, 2011		9

### **Readings for the Week of May 17, 2020**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20