

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, May 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"As I have Loved you,
so you also should Love one another."*

John 13:34

Today's Gospel

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Jesus prepares His apostles for His departure and return to the Father. He calls them "little children," a one time only description. Then He gives His new commandment of love, making it a hallmark of His followers.

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.

alleluia! ALLELUIA! alleluia!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, May 19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Mother's Day Novena
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Miguel Aponte
(Adult Choir) Regina Carson
12Noon People of the Parish

MONDAY, May 20

Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:30am Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 21

Easter Weekday;

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:30am James Rooney
Lewis Wetzel

WEDNESDAY, May 22

Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:30am Evette Arango (living)
Joan Ellen Gassert

THURSDAY, May 23

Easter Weekday

8:30am Joan Ellen Gassert
Susan Kirk

FRIDAY, May 24

Easter Weekday

8:30am Gerald Graham
Zita Oberti

SATURDAY, May 25

Easter Weekday;

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church;

St. Gregory VII, Pope;

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Carl & Hilda Stelz
Lorraine Dowling
John S Leshik

SUNDAY, May 26

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Pasquale Cosentino
Maryanne Bielski
9:00am Jaron Family
Alan J. Berndt
10:30am Edward Plenzo
(Adult Choir) Deacon James Gonzalez
12Noon Ann Marie Neveroski
Livia Cramer

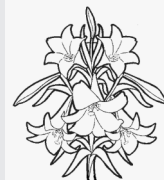


*The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of
Christ at the Masses celebrated
during the week will be offered
In Loving Memory of*

Joan Ellen Gassert

*requested by Alice Rush, Barbara Finley &
Fran Baranowski*

**CHURCH EASTER
UN-DECORATING
& Pentecost Decorating**
Saturday, June 8th at 11:00am
Volunteers needed to help.
**Please call the parish office and
leave your name and number**



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
5th Sunday of Easter - C
May 19, 2019

THE WISDOM AND STRENGTH OF THE CROSS. This week, on May 22, we have the optional memorial of a Saint who teaches us, by her example, the '*wisdom and strength of the Cross*' as we pray in her Collect. Born in 1381 in Umbria, Italy [about 70 miles north of Rome], Margherita Lotti, better known as *Saint*

Rita of Cascia, felt called by God, even as a child, to enter a convent and Religious Life. Her parents, however, forced her into marriage [which was sadly 'normal' in those days for political and/or economic reasons] to a man named Paolo Mancini with whom she had twin boys. She endured his violent temper, infidelities, and ties to mob-like associates; she even helped him become more Christian. But like the two feuding families of 'Romeo and Juliet' fame: the Capulets and the Montagues, the Mancini family also had a mortal enemy - the Chiquis family. After the Chiquis' assassinated Paolo, his sons vowed to avenge his death.

»All this sounds more like a soap opera than the life of a Saint, and these were just SOME of the crosses God asked *Saint Rita* to bear! No wonder she is, among other things, the patron saint of sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties, parenthood, widows, the sick, bodily ills, and wounds. She is also *Saint Jude's* female counterpart: the other patron saint of impossible causes. After praying Saint Rita's Collect, we'll learn more of her inspiring life which can teach us the '*wisdom and strength of the Cross*.'

Collect - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord, the wisdom and strength of the Cross, with which you were pleased to endow Saint Rita, so that, suffering in every tribulation with Christ, we may participate ever more deeply in his Paschal mystery.
Who lives and reigns ... for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD'S EVER MYSTERIOUS WILL. Even though her husband's murder ended some of the crosses she bore because of his angry, sinful deeds, she not only mourned his loss - she prayed for him and performed penances in reparation for his

soul. However, she still feared for her twin boys, who had vowed to avenge their father's death. She dreaded the thought that - if they carried out their murderous plans for revenge - they would die in mortal sin. When her sons contracted dysentery [one of many plagues that decimated Italy back then] and both died, she saw - in that tragedy - God's saving hand by which the boys were kept from dying in mortal sin. She also saw these events as signs from God to pursue her lifelong desire to enter Religious Life. Freed from the bonds of marriage by her husband's death, and from her duties to care for her children by her sons' death, she expected her admission into the convent to be a breeze ... but God does not usually work that way, as *Saint Rita* found out.

The Prioress, afraid that *Saint Rita's* late husband's violent past and ties to the feuding families [some Sisters in that convent were members of the other family], rejected *Saint Rita's* request to join them - unless she was able to end the feud between the two families. A few years later, when a plague afflicted the head of the Mancini family, she ended the feud with the Chiquis Family - and *Saint Rita* was admitted into the convent - at the age of 36.

As a Religious Sister, *Saint Rita* was exemplary in her prayer life and service to the poor. She was so devoted to the Lord's Passion, which was a common devotion in her time, that when she developed a wound on her forehead, many saw it as a 'stigmata' or physical share in the wounds of Christ. She is often depicted with a thorn pressed into her forehead - or a ray shining from a crucifix to her head. After suffering from tuberculosis for years, which left her bedridden, she died in 1457, at the age of 76, on what is now her feast day: May 22.

Saint Rita was canonized by Pope Leo XII on May 24, 1900; on the 100th anniversary of her canonization, *Saint John Paul* praised her as "*a disciple of the Crucified One*" and an "*expert in suffering*." All who suffer from life's seemingly endless crosses, disappointments, challenges, or impossible situations, should seek the intercession of this great woman! *Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us.*

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of May 19, 2019

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SAVE THE DATE – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “ROAR” JULY 15TH -19TH

9:00 AM – 12Noon

Games, Bible Skits, Crafts, Music, Snacks

\$20 (\$5 additional siblings)

Children ages 5 (entering K- age12)

Get ready to engage the whole herd with an epic African adventure.

At ROAR, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith.

Come join in the FUN IN THE SON this summer! Come discover that God is active in our lives and that his fingerprints are everywhere. You may return the registrations forms by mail or come into the parish office to register. Registration forms are available in the Narthex as well as the parish office.

REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 PROGRAM YEAR

All students returning next year for religious education should have received their registration forms via the mail. Please return all re-registrations as soon as possible. Any child who is registering for religious education for the first time should register in the parish office and then register for R.E. A **Baptism certificate must be provided at the time of registration.**

If you have any questions, you may contact us at (732) 270-3797.



Parish Pilgrimage to the Mexican Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine Monday through Friday November 18-22, 2019

To honor the **Patroness of the Americas**, and as a ‘test run’ for a future pilgrimage to **Lourdes** and **Fatima**, we are sponsoring a five day pilgrimage to the **Our Lady of Guadalupe [OLG] Shrine** and other Mexico City sites. [A parish Alaskan Cruise is being planned for 15 months from now, in the summer of 2020.]

Visit: www.sacreddestinations.com/mexico/mexico-city-basilica-guadalupe for an overview of the most visited Catholic shrine in the world. It will be organized by **Educational Opportunities Tours**. The cost is **\$1,648** which includes a 4% cash discount when paid by check, airfare, hotel, breakfast and meals indicated below. If interested, email your name and phone number[s] to seaspilgrimages@gmail.com. Itinerary includes:

- Day 1:** Newark to Mexico City flight
Welcome Dinner: Hotel Cathedral, Mexico City
Holy Mass at the Hotel
- Day 2:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
Plaza of the Three Cultures; view the Tilma
Holy Mass: the new OLG Basilica
Walking Tour of ancient ruins
Lunch & Show
- Day 3:** Tlaxcala [Archangel Michael Shrine] & Puebla
Holy Mass: Rosary Chapel of Santo Domingo
Puebla Immaculate Conception Cathedral
Lunch
- Day 4:** Zocolo & Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Martyr Shrine
Holy Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral
Festive Farewell Dinner & Show

Day 5: return flight to Newark

Brochures available in the narthex and on our parish website: www.stjustin.org

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal
DIOCESE of TRENTON

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEEDS HELP

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is experiencing a very challenging year thus far. Contributions are down 20% across the Diocese. The Appeal is the source of support for all our diocesan works and ministries. Please take a moment to consider how you can help if you have not done so already. Your participation is essential if we want to continue our ministries as we have done. Thank you for your consideration. May the blessings of the Easter Season be yours.
Bishop David O’Connell

*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..."

Sheila Baita

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.



**Mark Your Calendars—
Social Sunday Next Week**
**Join us after all Masses Sunday,
May 26th in the parish hall for light
refreshments and fellowship.**
**Hosted this month by the
Lay Carmelites.**

Attention Qualified Immigrants:

Free citizenship preparation classes will be offered this
summer at Donovan Catholic High School,
St. Joseph's Parish, Toms River.

Must have a green card, 5 yr. residency, and
be able to speak, read and write English.

Call NOW to pre-register: 732-998-3153
or email: free.us.citizenship.classes@gmail.com

to pre-register. Testing and registration

JUNE 11, 2019 @ 6 pm

Classes Tues & Thursday evenings

June 18th to July 25th, 2019



**The Respect Life
Cohort of Roman Catholic
Churches of Toms River
(RCCTR) will be holding a**

**Rosary for the Unborn on
Friday, May 24th 12-1PM.**

**Please meet in the front of Ocean County Library
located on Washington St. Toms River, to pray the
Rosary for the unborn and their parents.**

**For More Information Contact Mario at
732-557-6689. or Betty Sweeney 732-270-1972**

The Easter Season and the spring season are typically
the time we celebrate first communions,
confirmations and ordinations. 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>Anniversary Date</u>	<u>Years Ordained</u>
Father Mark Kreder	May 17, 2003	16
Father Thomas J. Barry, Jr.	June 3, 2017	2
Deacon Rich Hauenstein	May 12, 1984	35
Deacon Fred Ebenau	May 14, 2005	14
Deacon James Campbell	May 13, 2006	13
Deacon James Gillespie	May 14, 2011	8



Save the Date!
Sunday, June 23, 2019

*After the 12noon Mass, there will
be a light reception to say
Thank You and Farewell to
Father Tom Barry*

Mother's Day and Father's Day Gifts

*Our parish will be making a donation to Birthright in lieu
of Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts at the Masses
this year. If you would like to learn more about the
wonderful work of this organization of trained
volunteers that offer pregnant women a chance to
give birth with dignity and pride, visit our parish
website, under Helpful Links for Birthright International
Local Offices in Toms River and Barnegat*

***Please Note that our Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, May 27th, in observance
of Memorial Day —Also***

***On Thursday, May 30th offices will be open from
9:00am to 12Noon only (Ascension of the Lord)***

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

*There are sign-up sheets posted in the Sacristy,
for The Ascension of the Lord, May 30th.
Anyone who serves at Mass as an Extraordinary Minister
of the Eucharist, Lector, Usher, or Altar Server. Please
sign-up for the Mass that you will be attending! Thank
you for your continued service to your ministry*

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our website: www.stjustin.org***

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

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: May 22nd, 6:30pm parish hall.** Further info? Please contact president Pat McDonald: 732-270-4061

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meeting: June 2nd

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 MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, June 3, 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, June 3, 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

WOMAN OF FAITH

June 5, 2019 in St. Justin's Conference Room., 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We will be sharing our faith through prayer, readings and discussions as we explore the role of women throughout Biblical and Modern times, in order to uplift, share and encourage our *Sisters in Faith* in daily life. For more info, call Linda (732) 232-7014.

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: June 10th & 24th 7:30pm in St. Justin's Conference Room, Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer, and sharing.

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Our Senior Luncheon will be held on June 18th at the Clarion Hotel, Rt. 37 West. Cost \$25/person, from 12noon to 4pm. **Our next trip will be to The Staten Island Dinner Theatre, Staten Island, NY for their Octoberfest Show. Full sit down luncheon. Cost \$120.** Flyers are in the Narthex.

For Info: Call Barbara at 732-232-3733

ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

Next Meeting—Wednesday, June 19th 7:00pm, St. Justin's Conference Room. If you like to knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please join us. Please call Fran: 848-241-3976 or 732-492-0329



BUS TRIP TO *Golden Nugget Casino*
Benefiting St Vincent de Paul Society
Tuesday, June 4, 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

THE NEXT

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Registration for Workshop is Required
call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to attend

PRISON MINISTRY REFLECTION

"I've been in quite a few prisons and still go into at least a couple each week, but there is something about going into New Jersey State Prison in Trenton that still shakes me. It's not fear. It is just that most of the men incarcerated there are doing substantial time in prison. Many will die there. I was there recently with a group called Kenosis. Each year, in April, they host a retreat for about 40 to 60 inmates from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. It is grueling for the volunteers...2 hours on Thursday, 10 hours on Friday, 12 hours on Saturday and 8 hours on Sunday. I did the whole thing once and in the following years I went in for either a Friday or Saturday. It is great because the team of volunteers, about 15 men, introduce the men to the gospel and begin to develop relationships with the men there. After the retreat is over, smaller (8 or so) groups of volunteers go into the prison on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month to continue sharing the gospel and building community. There is something about sitting next to a man who is 58 years old and has been incarcerated since he was 19. Or having a conversation with a man who is just beginning a sentence of 50 or 75 years. I don't know how someone without the Lord in his life can make it through that journey or make it through mentally unscathed. Yes, to be handed sentences like that you would have had to do something horrible...but here is the awesome part...if that man, no matter what he has done, surrenders his life to the Lord by accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord & Savior, he is FORGIVEN by God and, once he leaves this earth he will spend eternity in heaven with God. He will still have the practical consequences of his crime/sin (his incarceration), but the God of all creation will have adopted him into his family just like any other person who puts their faith in Jesus. Awesome, just awesome. My prayer is for the men there (and those in every other prison) who do not know the Lord yet, that they would surrender their lives to the lover of their soul and find REAL FREEDOM even though they are incarcerated. Bill"