

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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

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Maryann Bielski
Chester & Mary Bielski
Rosemarie Bering
Enrico Van Sickell
Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Michele Boland
Nancy Smorra
Joseph Carrasco

MONDAY, May 25

**Easter Weekday; Memorial Day; St. Bede the Venerable,
Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Margaret Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**

Zita Oberti
Jack Vasarkovy

TUESDAY, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Rita Coleman
Mary Sinnott

WEDNESDAY, May 27

Easter Weekday; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Louis A. Laureti

THURSDAY, May 28

Easter Weekday
Steve Yaremazak
William Miller

FRIDAY, May 29

Easter Weekday
Thomas Sturchio
The Arango Family (Living)

SATURDAY, May 30

Easter Weekday
People of the Parish
Rev. Robert A. O'Leary
Re'ne La Vigne

SUNDAY, May 31

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Francesco Bruno
Matthew Rybaczewski
Anna Rutishauser
Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Carlos Lopes
Sal Ferrara & family (living)
Kenneth Ritter
Bela Karolyi

Dear Parishioners, please note that while there are no public Masses allowed, Father Mark and Father Dan will say their non-public 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 Becht

requested by the Petti & Pais Families

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

Name	Anniversary Date	Years Ordained
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

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
7th Sunday of Easter - A
May 24, 2020

TRIALS ARE NOTHING ELSE BUT THE FORGE THAT PURIFIES THE SOUL OF ALL ITS IMPERFECTIONS. Our great Catholic Faith offers many ways for God and us to communicate with each other. While not every method is for everyone, there are some NON-optional means of prayer, like the Sacraments,

especially the *Most Holy Eucharist*. Some means, like the *Liturgy of the Hours* [Morning/Evening Prayer] are obligatory for most Clergy and Religious. Some 'find God' and serve Him by performing works of mercy; we have devotions, like the *Rosary, Novenas, Stations of the Cross*, etc. Some take an academic route to God through their study of Scripture, the Saints or the Church. Many, if not most, use a combination of the many methods available for us to grow in our Faith.

This week we honor a woman whose method may be the least understood means of prayer: Christian mystical, ecstatic visions and personal revelations. However, it should not be so strange, for *Saint Paul the Apostle* had many mystical experiences: he received the 'stigmata' or marks of Christ's crucifixion on his body [Galatians 6:17]; had a vision of heaven [Ephesians 3:8-9] and a blinding vision of the *Risen Lord* [Acts 9:1-18; 22:3-16; 26:2-18]. Before reviewing *Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi's* ecstatic visions, pray the Collect for the Mass celebrated on her optional Feast Day: *May 25* and whose quote above, on the benefits of suffering, captures the essence of her teachings.

Collect - Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

O God, lover of virginity,
who adorned with heavenly gifts
the Virgin Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi,
setting her on fire with your love,
grant, we pray, that we, who honor her today,
may imitate her example of purity and love.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

"LOVE IS NOT LOVED." This sad lament, which *Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi* wrote in her accounts of her visions, that *"Love is not loved,"* permeated everything she strove to do and experienced. Admittedly, some 'methods' she used to 'love the God who is so often not loved' may seem strange, even bizarre to us, but they

were common religious practices in her time. However, we must ask ourselves if we have gone too far the other way by rejecting any and every means of suffering or self-denial as a just and beneficial 'penance.' So maybe we need to imitate what *Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi* tried to teach us.

Born in Florence, Italy, on April 2, 1556, baptized *Catherine* or *Catrina*, she became a Carmelite cloistered nun - taking her name in honor of *Mary Magdalene* - when she was 16. She had learned at an early age how to pray - not only with memorized words - but in prayerful silence. [I think we'd all agree we ALL need MORE silence in our hectic, noisy world!] In response to all that God 'revealed' to her in her 'visions' and 'ecstasies', she performed severe penances, lest she become inflated with pride - just as *Saint Paul* admitted he was given *"a thorn in the flesh"* [2 Corinthians 12:6-7] that kept him from becoming too elated with his special revelations and other spiritual gifts.

She chose to enter the *Saint Mary of the Angels Carmelite Monastery* since its nuns had unique permission [rare in those days!] to receive daily Eucharist. This enabled her to establish a very personal relationship with Jesus; in one vision, when Jesus chided her for not replying to Him, she lightheartedly retorted: *"You didn't call loudly enough!"* - and then told Him to shout His love.

Nor was she content to rest from worldly woes or current issues; she wrote letters to the pope and other church officials, demanding they do more to implement the Council of Trent's policies for refuting the Protestant Reformation. Like *Saint [Mother] Teresa of Calcutta* and many other Saints, she experienced the *'dark night of the soul'*: dreadful times of spiritual dryness, unanswered prayers, devastating doubt, and frightening temptations - like those Jesus Himself experienced in His 40-day desert fast.

She continued to fight every assault from Satan with prayer, penance and humble service. All this took a toll on her body; in 1604, she was confined to bed due to headaches and paralyzation; after 3 years of intense pain, she died on *May 25*, 1607 at the age of 46. She is the Patron Saint against bodily ills and sexual temptations. *Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, pray for us.*

In Christ,

Father Mark

*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..."

Brother Peter Lyme, S.S.P.

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.

**PARISH TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE
IN NOVEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AS SOON AS THEY
ARE RECEIVED FROM THE THEATRE.**

*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. There are also collection hoppers located in the church if you choose to drop off an envelope during the time the church is open for private prayer. 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.

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.

Dear Parishioners, if you would wish to submit names for Mother's Day and Father's Day Mass Remembrances, please either print out the forms or simply write the information down and either mail in or drop off an envelope to the church. They will be placed in the church and remembered by Fr. Mark and Fr. Dan at their non-public Masses.



*Mother's Day
Remembrance*

(Please Remember)

Name: _____

(Living _____) (Deceased _____)

Requested by: _____

Address: _____

Offering: \$ _____

Envelope No. _____

Father's Day Remembrance



(Please Remember)

Name: _____

(Living _____) (Deceased _____)

Requested by: _____

Address: _____

Offering: \$ _____

Envelope No. _____