

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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**

Masses For The Week



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, June 7

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Kenneth Ritter

Thomas Palumbo

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

Frank Varga, Jr.

Richard Zarrill, Sr.

Dr. Petranto (living)

Kathleen Anelo

Ann Marie Neveoski

MONDAY, June 8

Weekday; (Tenth Week in Ordinary Time)

**8:00am John "Jack" Petrillo
Louis Mastropasqua**

TUESDAY, June 9

Weekday; St. Ephram, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

**8:00am Antoinette Graziano
Deacon Richard Hauenstein**

WEDNESDAY, June 10

Weekday

**8:00am Anna & George Brands
Christopher Mikajlo**

THURSDAY, June 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle

**8:00am Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Patricia Annkuzniewski**

FRIDAY, June 12

Weekday

Mark Geraci

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

SATURDAY, June 13**

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

People of the Parish

Cassie Disporto

Carl & Hilda Stelz

SUNDAY, June 14**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)**

Pasquale Cosentino

Theresa Fanelli

Edward Ferris

Mary Laureti

Monsignor John McCarthy

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

Louis Auriemma

Mary Korab

****Weekend Mass time to be determined**

**Please check our website: www.stjustin.org and our
Facebook page: [St. Justin the Martyr Roman
Catholic Church](#) for all updates & news.**

THE CHURCH IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING READY FOR REOPENING.

We will be opening for daily Mass starting Monday, June 8th. **Daily Mass will be at 8:00am, Monday thru Thursday only.**

As we are limited to 25 people in the church at one time, please come on the days that correspond to your last name:

Monday A thru G

Tuesday H thru L

Wednesday M thru R

Thursday S thru Z

We will be reviewing this system periodically. It is critical that we are in compliance with the law as set forth by Governor Murphy.

Guidelines for reopening for Sunday Masses, the weekend of June 13/14, will be forthcoming.

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:

WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil and

Sunday: To be Determined

WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM;

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: To be Announced

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

Pentecost - A

May 31, 2020

"HE WHO SINGS PRAYS

TWICE." This phrase,

attributed to *Saint Augustine of Hippo* [354-430], was a mere pagan teenager when the holy man we honor this week on June 9, *Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor*

of the Church [306/307-373] died - but that phrase could have been *Saint Ephrem's* motto. For to teach and promote the Christian Faith, *Saint Ephrem* - nicknamed '*The Harp of the Holy Spirit*' - wrote numerous hymns, of which 400 still survive. By putting doctrines to simple melodies, he enabled even children to memorize dogmas - just as trite tunes help them learn their "ABC's" and correctly spell "M-I-S, S-I-S, S-I-P-P-I." [Did you just sing those tunes in your head?] On another 'note,' there is much more to this *Deacon/Doctor-Saint* than his musical skills; after praying the Collect for the Mass celebrated in his honor, we'll discuss some of these things.

Collect - St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

Pour into our hearts O Lord, we pray,
the Holy Spirit, at whose prompting
the Deacon Saint Ephrem exulted
in singing of your mysteries and from whom
he received the strength to serve you alone.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS. We know very little about *Saint Ephrem's* early life; some accounts say he was born into a Christian family and that his father was a Catholic Priest; others say his father was a pagan priest who converted along with his whole family. Most accounts agree that he was baptized when he was about 18 and ordained a Deacon around - or even at - the same time.

We do know, even from totally secular sources, that the world in which he lived was violently anti-Christian and anti-Catholic (sadly, our world is becoming much the same). When the diabolical despot Diocletian, who reigned as Rome's Emperor from 284 to 305, started the last major persecution of the Church, which lasted until the Peace of Constantine in 313, *Saint Ephrem* left Syria. He headed west to Edessa, in modern-day Turkey, where he began to combat his opponents in the Church's 'civil' war: the Arian heretics, who denied the divinity of Christ. Needless to say: his life as not an easy

one!

A MONK, A HERMIT, A DEACON, A PRIEST? We are not absolutely certain HOW *Saint Ephrem* served the Lord and His Church in 'ministry.' While the *Sacrament of Holy Orders'* three stages: *Deacon, Priest, Bishop* - have not significantly changed since apostolic times, the life of a Religious [Monk, Hermit, Nun, Sister, Brother] and the *Laity* HAS radically changed. Nor was it uncommon in *Saint Ephrem's* days for the non-ordained and married couples to promise virginity, perpetual celibacy or abstinence.

As in our own time, a *Deacon* in his days assisted *Priests* by providing food and other aid to the poor, and by preaching the Gospel - which, as already explained, he so beautifully did through song. He is credited with being the first to add liturgical music, in addition to biblical Psalms and Canticles, to the sacred liturgy. It was his first and primary duty as a *Deacon* - caring for the needy, as did the first *Deacons*, who the *Apostles* ordained to serve at table by distributing food [*Cf. Acts 6:1-7*] - that led to his death in 373. As he tended to those suffering from a plague, he contracted the disease and died.

Numerous sources say that *Deacon Ephrem* was encouraged to accept God's call to *Priesthood*, but declined the position for which he felt unworthy. Some sources say he was even nominated to be a *Bishop*, but to avoid that honor, he feigned madness.

While he defined himself as an ascetic, he made a living by performing, in addition to his ministry, manual labor, making sails for ships, and by living an austere, simple life. He sought the guidance of *Saint Basil the Great* to resolve his own spiritual struggles, and spent his last years in solitude, praying and writing to help others combat their demons. He is the *Patron Saint of Spiritual Directors* and of those suffering bodily ills and sexual temptations. *Saint Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church, pray for us.*

In Christ,

Father Mark

We can invoke his intercession, to restore the beauty of music to our liturgies. Since we have been asked not to have the congregation sing at Masses for the time being, we will suspend with music at Sunday liturgies until further notice. Let us be grateful, that we are permitted to celebrate Mass together, even if there are many restrictions.

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..."

Patricia Williamson May, Loriann Manesiotis,

Daniel Joseph Olsen, Robert Redzinak

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.***

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2020

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14;
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10;
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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.



The Altar Bread,

which will become the Body of Christ at the Masses celebrated during the week and

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 Loving Memory of

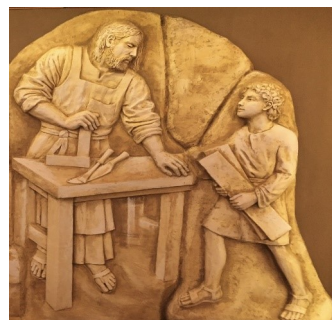
Jaimie Cioffi

requested by Robert & Mary Avalone



Dear Parishioners, if you would wish to submit names for Father's Day Mass Remembrances, please either print out the form 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.

Father's Day Remembrance



(Please Remember)

Name: _____

(Living _____) (Deceased _____)

Requested by: _____

Address: _____

Offering: \$ _____

Envelope No. _____