

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear people of St. Justin's,

As you know I have been transferred to St. Barnabas in Bayville. I know it's a sad day for all of you, (I imagine the wailing, and tearing of garments are happening this weekend) It's a sad day for me also; I have only been here a year, but really it's not been a full year because of COVID. I was just getting to know you, and now I am leaving, but know of my fondness for you. As I said in the video on the website, this is a family and I feel I am a part of it, thank you.

It is a bittersweet moment, but I know that you wish me well in my new assignment working with Fr. Carlos Florez, who is the new administrator/pastor as Fr. Stas is retiring on July 1st. So, pray for me and pray for Fr. Carlos, especially since this is his first assignment as pastor. And of course, please pray for Fr. Mark. Due to the shortage of priests he will be here by himself handling the full work of the parish, because there is just no one to send to replace me; as if that could happen anyway, wink, wink.

So, pray for vocations to the priesthood, we need good, holy priests, but right now the numbers are not there. We have more priests retiring than being ordained in any given year.

Again, thank you for your hospitality, your welcoming me to your parish family and your kindness to me this past year, it will not be forgotten.

So it is, "so long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye, adieu, adieu to you and you and you...."

But you won't be able to get rid of me that easily, I will be back to check in on you from time to time, so it is really, until we meet again...Take care and may God's blessing be with all of you.

Fr. Dan

(To view Father Dan's Farewell Video visit the Home Page of our website: www.stjustin.org)

God Bless You and Thank You Father Dan

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 28

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Father's Day Novena

MONDAY, June 29

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

8:00am

Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, June 30

Weekday; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00am

James Smith

Joseph Paparazzo, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, July 1

Weekday; St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00am

Miriam Kako

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

THURSDAY, July 2

Weekday

8:00am

Neil Patrick Werner, Jr.

Mary Varga

Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, July 4

Weekday; Independence Day; BVM

5:00pm

People of the Parish

David Gupko

Michael Whitby

SUNDAY, July 5

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Maryann Bielski

Chester and Mary Bielski

Rudy Perez

William Lehault

Edward Ferris

Joseph Lazarich

Michael Jankowsky

Ann Marie Neveroski



The Altar Bread,

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

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

*requested by
Kelly Kernasovic*

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

*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 hopppers located in
the parish hall when you enter or exit for Mass.** 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 dona-
tion 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.*

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: (See Directives on parish website)

WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM; 10:00AM; 12Noon

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: 3:30pm –**READ NEW DIRECTIVES FOR
PROCEDURE BEFORE YOU COME:** www.stjustin.org

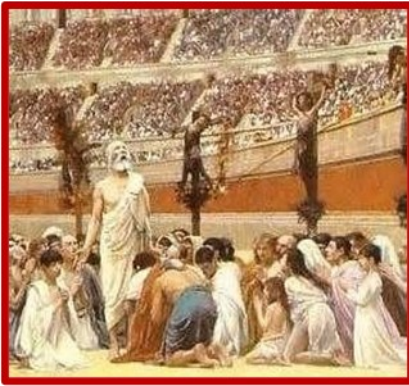
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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 prepara-
tion 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
13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
June 28, 2020

**OF MARTYRS IS
THE SEED OF THE
CHURCH.**

These words, which most attribute to a Christian theologian, Tertullian [circa: 155-240] have

been repeated - and lived out - by Christians of every age and in every time and place.

According to Tradition, 10 of the original *Twelve Apostles* and *Saint Paul* were martyred [Judas committed suicide and *Saint John* died of old age.] In our own time, Christians in many radical Islamic countries and in Communist China face violent persecution and even execution. In recent decades, Communist, Fascist, Nazi and other evil regimes have tried to destroy the Church. And in between these times, others have sought - and failed - to prove Jesus wrong when He told our first Pope: *"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it."* [Matthew 16:18]

Each year, one day after we honor two great martyrs on the *June 28th Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul*, Apostles, we honor the countless, nameless unknowns who paid the ultimate price for their Faith in the first century of our Church's history: *the June 30th Optional Memorial of the First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church*. Women and men, young and old, baptized or catechumen, rich and poor, noble or commoner, they were brutalized and executed. Accosted on the street, dragged out of religious services, turned in by neighbors or even loved ones, these brave souls chose NOT to deny their Faith. They suffered and gave their life for the Faith we so often take for granted. As we pray the Collect for the Mass offered in their honor, may we grow in the strength to faithfully proclaim our Faith in Jesus Christ and His Church - despite all costs!

Collect - The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

O God, who consecrated the abundant first fruits of the Roman Church by the blood of the Martyrs, grant, we pray, that with firm courage we may together draw strength from so great a struggle and ever rejoice at the triumph of faithful love. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint John Paul II once noted, that there are many ways to be a martyr in our times. He noted, simply swimming against the tide, standing up against the status quo, being the voice of the voiceless, the defender of the defenseless, the promoter of Gospel values and other divine mandates in a world that seems to be increasingly rejecting God and His Church, are all forms of martyrdom! And another Saint said: *"You were tempted by the spirit of fornication, but feared the coming judgment of Christ and did not want your purity of mind and body to be defiled: you are a martyr for Christ ... You were tempted by the spirit of avarice to seize the property of a child and violate the rights of a defenseless widow, but remembered God's law and saw your duty to give help, not act unjustly: you are a witness to Christ ... You were tempted by the spirit of pride but saw the poor and the needy and looked with loving compassion on them, and loved humility rather than arrogance: you are a witness to Christ."* [From a commentary of Psalm 188 by St. Ambrose, Bishop.]

SEEK HELP FROM ABOVE TO BE A MARTYR. Whether we are called to shed our tears as we face ridicule, opposition and scorn from those who reject and even work to eliminate Christian morals and values from our world - or to shed our blood for the One who shed His Blood for us - the Bible assures us: we are *"surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses"* [Hebrews 12:1] - the Saints who bravely, gloriously gave their life for the Lord - and who now root us on to victory! May we faithfully follow in the footsteps of all who, for over two millennia, gave their all for God and Church! *The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church, pray for us!*

This is Father Dan's last Sunday with us. Please read his letter and my letter in this weeks' bulletin. Also, pray for our country as we celebrate Independence Day on Saturday. Pray also for our President, Governor, Mayor and all who lead us.

In Christ,

Father Mark



Farewell and Thank You, Father Dan

This the last weekend Father Dan will be with us. He leaves for his new assignment on Tuesday. I want to thank Father Dan for his service to our parish and for all the assistance he has given to me this past year. He has been a great asset. His Bible Study on the Mass was most successful. He was planning to do another one this spring, but the Wuhan Virus came and suddenly, in a matter of days, our lives went from ordinary to being turned upside down. There has been a sudden and collective loss of our normal.

This has been unfortunate for Father Dan and for us as a parish. Each priest brings his own gifts and talents to his ministry. Each parish experience strengthens a priest in his vocation and from each parish experience, he, with the grace of God, is enriched in his priesthood.

Father did not get the full experience of parish life here at St. Justin Parish and we did not get to experience his gifts and to get to know him well. We both suffered a loss.

This is the first time, since I have been pastor, I am writing a farewell to a priest without welcoming another to our parish. This is a sad reality. St. Clement Parish in Matawan and our parish are two parishes in our diocese this year that will now only have one priest to minister to the people of God. Other parishes already only have one resident priest. The reason for this is the shortage of vocations over the past several years. In 2019, the diocese did not ordain any men to the priesthood. This year one was ordained yesterday in a live-streamed ordination rite. Next year, only one man will be ordained for service in our diocese. As Father Dan states in his letter, the number of retirements far exceeds the number of ordinations each year.

Father Owen Campion states the following regarding the decline in vocations:

“Fewer vocations are symptoms of a much greater problem in our culture. Another symptom is the state of marriage and family life. Silly assumptions that stress never comes to marriages, cohabitation outside marriage, avoidance of parenting, exclusion of God from life, and the cultural acceptance if not expectation of divorce add to the problem.

At its root is emphasizing "me, myself, and I." This attitude is crippling us Americans by the millions, is weakening the Church and is eroding our national life.”

This has been a very hard year for our country, our Church and our families. The pandemic, the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer and the protests that turned into violence, looting and rioting have left us wondering about the future. Protesting and political dissent are legitimate when they are peaceful. But violence is not legitimate. Despite what some politicians and media outlets may say, there should be no confusing peaceful protesters with looters, arsonists and those who would kill police officers. The violent rioting, the assaults on police officers, the destruction of property and looting is inexcusable. In fact, it demonstrates a disregard for the sacredness of human life – the very truth the demonstrations seek to hallow by expressing just anger at the manner of Mr. Floyd’s brutal and needless death.

As to the question about the future, we can say with certainty that the Church’s mission will not change. Jesus shared in our humanity so that we may share in his divinity. We witness to the world and all those we encounter, the divinity of our human nature with compassion, forgiveness, mercy, joy and hope. This is the mission of the Church and all baptized Christians.

From the very beginning of our country, faith has played a key role in shaping our culture and our country. The Judeo-Christian values which made our country great, albeit not without flaws, must be restored if we are to survive and live in freedom. Until America returns to God, we will continue to see the moral decline we are witnessing in these times.

At the end of Matthew’s Gospel Jesus commands the Apostles to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all creatures (Matthew 28:19). So we thank Father Dan and pray that he, along with other priests, religious, deacons and laity will be successful in bringing Christ to a hurting world.

God bless you, Father Dan, thank you and know that you are always welcome here at St. Justin Parish.

**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..."

Manny Maldonado, Judith Jehnke, Florence Lowell, Joan Durroff

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.

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2020

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

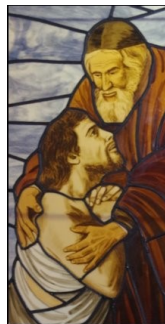
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE
PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW AS WE
NOW RE-ENTER OUR CHURCH FOR
MASS www.stjustin.org PLEASE READ
THE DIRECTIVES BEFORE YOU
COME —WELCOME HOME!**



Guidelines for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:



The sacrament will be available again beginning Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the regular time of 3:30 p.m. —The sacrament **will not be offered in the church** as was the norm before the virus pandemic. **Instead**, those seeking the sacrament will utilize the two doors on the RE building side of the church. The penitent will walk up to one of the doors and knock and the priest will open the door and hear the confession. The penitent

and the priest must both be wearing face masks and practicing social distancing of 6 feet.

—Those waiting in line must also wear masks and distance themselves 6 feet from the next person in line. The line will begin where the asphalt meets the grass and wrap around to the parking lot side of the church.

—The penitent will keep in mind that their confession will be as brief as possible. Confession, as it has in the past, is not the time to seek counsel; Confession is not a therapy session. Confession, in simple terms, is confessing one's sins, the priest may give some brief comments then the penitent receives the penance, then Act of Contrition and Absolution.

****Missing Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation is still under a dispensation until September 7, 2020, so there is no need to confess missing Mass. -**

****Weather permitting.-**

These guidelines are in place until further advised.

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