

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
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, July 12

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Charles Joseph Schmidt, Jr.

Kenneth Ritter

Mary Varga

Stephen Seger, Jr.

People of the Parish

Thomas C. Forrester

Madeline Altamura

James Henry Gowell

MONDAY, July 13

Weekday; St. Henry

8:00am

Carol Carrubba

Kenneth Ritter

TUESDAY, July 14.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00am

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

Anna Pierre

WEDNESDAY, July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

Joseph (Jay) Guzzi

THURSDAY, July 16

Weekday; Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00am

Rev. Thomas J. Barry (living)

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

Mark Geraci

SATURDAY, July 18

Weekday; St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM

5:00pm

People of the Parish

Celeste Gennaro

Carl & Hilda Stelz

SUNDAY, July 19

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Frank & Mary Alloca

Ann Esposito

Deacon Richard Hauenstein

John Bergin

Joseph Kloss

Nicholas Torre

Frank Laudino, Jr.

Vincent Amatucci



*The Flowers
Adorning the Altar
are in Blessings for*

Rosario & Fernando DeGuzman & family

requested by the children



*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 Blessings for
Rosario & Fernando DeGuzman & family
requested by the children*



ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

for any assistance/questions please call: 732-929-1119

We are not accepting Food Donations at this time.

Please see full notice on page four of this bulletin.

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 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
15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time - A
July 12, 2020

**THE LILY OF THE
MOHAWKS.**

This week we honor the one and only *Native American* [so far] to be canonized: *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*: born in 1656 in what may now be the town of Auriesville,

NY, about 40 miles northwest of Albany. Devotion to her began soon after her death on **April 17, 1680**, when she was 24, but she was only declared '*Venerable*' [the title given to one for whom the canonization process has begun] in 1943. She was '*Beatified*' [the last step before Sainthood] by *Pope Saint John Paul II* on June 30, 1980 and '*Canonized*' [added to the Church's 'canon' or 'catalog' of Saints] by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012.

A Saint's Feast Day is usually his or her last day on earth/first day in heaven, but since *Saint Kateri* died on a day that usually falls in *Holy Week* or *Easter Week*, her *Feast Day* is **July 14**. However, Catholics in Canada and some Native American communities honor her on **April 17**. Baptized on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1676, she took the name *Kateri* or *Catherine*, in honor of *Saint Catherine of Siena* to whom she was devoted. We do not know what her parents originally named her, but her Iroquois name - *Tekakwitha* - suggests she bore some crosses, which led her to Christ and His Church. More on that after praying the Collect for the holy Mass offered on her Feast Day.

Collect - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

O God, who desired the Virgin
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha to flower among
Native Americans in a life of innocence, grant,
through her intercession, that when all are
gathered into your Church from every
nation, tribe and tongue, they may
magnify you in a single canticle of praise.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**"WHEN YOU WERE BORN, YOU CRIED AND THE
WORLD REJOICED. LIVE YOUR LIFE SO THAT WHEN
YOU DIE, THE WORLD CRIES AND YOU REJOICE."**

This Cherokee proverb is apt for the child born of a Christian Algonquin mother and a Mohawk chief. When she was 4, her parents and her only brother died during a smallpox

epidemic which horribly scarred her face. It also impaired her vision, which seems to be why she had the Iroquois name '*Tekakwitha*' which means '*she who bumps into things*.' Adopted by an uncle and two aunts, she lived a secluded life. To keep her away from the '*Black Robes*' or *Jesuit Priests* - who, because of a peace treaty with France, Native Americans had to permit in their villages - they tried to force her to marry a Mohawk brave, but she prevailed.

Then they tried to divert her from anything Catholic; they ridiculed her religious practices; forced her to work on Sundays; tried to trick her into marriage; and her uncles even urged others to molest her. Yet she remained positive and loving. Eventually, she fled her village, became a catechist - learning about the Faith as she taught others - and maintained a prayerful relationship with the Lord. Her Jesuit spiritual director dissuaded her and her friends from starting a Religious Order, but she made a vow of virginity on March 25, 1679; a year later, she fell seriously ill and, after receiving *Viaticum*, died on **Wednesday of Holy Week, 1680**. Some say her first miracle occurred immediately: after breathing her last: the face of the one called '*The Lily of the Mohawks*' was beautifully restored!

Some may dismiss this cute 'Hallmark' ending, but many have been, and continue to be, cured through her intercession. Her courage is evident in that, being born barely 9 years after the Jesuits *Saint Isaac Jogues* and others were tomahawked to death, and *Saint John de Brébeuf* and others were violently tortured to death, she was willing to pay the price for being a Catholic. As she found Jesus, His Church, and the path to holiness through every cross she bore, so must we!

Of course, she did not do this alone. She had a good Christian mother who planted the seeds that others watered. She had the support of good Priests, Catholic friends, and, above all, she sought out a community that helped her live out her Faith. So can we with the help of *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha*, one of the Patron Saints of people in exile, Native Americans, ecology and the environment. *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, 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..."

Tony Buccieri, Peter Buccieri, Gisela K. Warhola;

Joseph C. Franceschini

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 July 12, 2020

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15;

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18,

19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16;

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;

Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Notice from our
St. Vincent DePaul Society:
**Food Donations CAN NOT BE
ACCEPTED** at this time of any
kind until the government lifts all

bans and clears the state of
restrictions from the virus but if you
would like to help, monetary donations would be
greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off in the
poor box located in the narthex just before the doors
to the church. **Please contact the St. Vincent
dePaul Society for any questions: 732-929-1119**
Thank you and God bless.

**Please Read the New Guidelines for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation before you come!**
Available on our website: www.stjustin.org.



To Our Families at Saint Justin the Martyr Parish,

We hope this note finds all our parish family members in good health and good spirit. Covid-19 came upon us rather quickly and brought to a pause our weekly sessions, our Lenten, Easter communal celebrations and the celebration of our sacred sacraments. As we now move forward with reopening our office, we are following the directives of our Bishop and state government to be in full compliance. As per Father Mark's letter a few months back, all families were encouraged to continue with a chapter a week in the student textbook and we hope those efforts enriched and continued a shared faith experience. We have missed so much during these difficult months, but most of all the smiling faces of the children who bring so much joy each week.

We are in the process of planning how to proceed for the next program year and how and when we will celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Several families have been contacted last week as we are still in need of Confirmation paperwork. We ask that you please return all information immediately via the mail. You may also drop off the information at the parish office Monday, 1:30-3:00pm or Wednesday, 9:00-11:00am, or leave the information in the drop box by the front door.

We wish to thank our clergy, staff, volunteers, students and most of all you, the families for your support this year as we look to the ways we will make religious education at Saint Justin's Parish an integral part of family life.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families and refer to our parish website and bulletin.

Bless and Be Blessed,

Ellen Noble and the Religious Education Staff

*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
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 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. Father Mark*