St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church 975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coronavirus Protection Prayer from Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/pope-francis-prayer-for-protection-from-covid-19-14273

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

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(Offices Temporarily Closed, please leave message) 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



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon) Francesco Bruno Anthony & Lillian DeCostanza Concetta Martorano Louis Varga Pronti Family **Christina Johnson** Laura May James A. Torella

MONDAY, July 27 Weekday 8:00am **Deacon Richard Hauenstein Kenneth Ritter**

TUESDAY, July 28

Weekday 8:00am

Fred & Clare Schmid Pamela Sohl

WEDNESDAY, July 29 St. Martha

8:00am Kenneth Ritter Linda Rolleri

THURSDAY, July 30 Weekday; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am Frank Neveroski Maureen Schmid

SATURDAY, August 1 FIRST SATURDAY; St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

People of the Parish 5:00pm Ann & Sal DeMarco Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, August 2 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon) Anthony Faletta, Jr. Lubrano Family Russell Pagano **DiGioia Family** Theresa Walicky **Bob Sharkey** Margaret & James Torella Ann Marie Neveroski



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



The Altar Bread,

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

Josephíne DíMartíno

requested by Marie Paparazzo



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.

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.

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From the Pastor 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A July 26, 2020

Happy Grandparents Day! Although July 26 is the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne, liturgical norms do NOT permit us to celebrate it this year since it falls on a Sunday. Saints Joachim and Anne

were, according to non-

biblical sources and sacred Tradition, the Parents of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*, which made them *Jesus*' Grandparents. In 1978, President Carter proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day '*Grandparents Day*' which even has an official flower: the 'forget-me-not.

Since today is the <u>logical liturgical</u> day to honor grandparents, many of whom are deceased, like my grandparents, I'll reflect on one of the seven sets of orations that may be prayed at Masses offered for several deceased persons. May all deceased grandparents rest in eternal peace. May all living grandparents, for whom the biblical blessing is a reality: *"[May you] live to see your children's children"* [Psalm 128:6], be a source of spiritual quidance and faith formation

for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Collect - For All the Dead - 7

Be favorable, Lord, to your servants [N. and N.], whom you washed clean in the font of rebirth, and bring them to the happiness of heavenly life. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

THE HAPPINESS OF ETERNAL LIFE. For many, the days of mandatory isolation, economic instability, countless shortages of many items, etc. - caused by the Wuhan Covid-19 pandemic was their first experience with the traumas and tragedies many of our ancestors suffered during world wars and other calamities. Just as many of them found great strength and hope in their faith, so can we. However, being 'washed clean *in the font of rebirth* 'was only the beginning of their faith journey, not the end. Through thick and thin, they had to learn to sustain their faith in creative ways and in places where it was persecuted or totally outlawed. While we are facing many challenges in living out our Catholic Faith, at least it is not illegal to do so. What are we doing these days to practice our faith, sustain and deepen our faith, and recapture or adapt, where possible,

the customs and habits of our faith, which we so often took for granted?

Prayer over the Offerings - For All the Dead - 7 As we offer sacrifice to you, O Lord, for your departed servants [N. and N.], we humbly entreat that you may be pleased to answer our prayers and confer on these your servants your perpetual mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE MUST PRAY FOR THEM AS THEY PRAYED FOR US.

Seeing an elderly person praying in a church or at a shrine is such a calm, serene scene. So often, although they have difficulty walking and seeing, and must navigate many obstacles, they get themselves to holy places where they pray for us! The least we can do is pray for them, especially after they pass. This oration offers us one way to return the favor by praying for them. While I never knew my maternal grandfather and my paternal grandfather died when I was 8 years old, I knew both of my grandmothers, one of whom went to Mass daily and was very active in the church. I believe her prayers helped plant - and water - the seeds of my vocation to the Priesthood. The least I can do is remember her at the Altar, to which, by her prayers, she helped God lead me. I always found it interesting that she died on July 26th.

Prayer after Communion - For All the Dead - 7 Having received your heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we humbly ask your mercy, that your departed servants, obtaining, through this gift, pardon for sins, may be counted worthy to enter your Kingdom, there to praise you for eternity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ARE WE 'RETURNING THE FAVOR?' When we were young, our greatest advocates and coaches were, for many of us, our grandparents and other 'older' folks. They taught us how to walk and talk, to play sports and perform tasks, to discover and perfect our talents and skills, to study, and so on. And just as we were, and still are, far from perfect, so were they. Do we offer prayers and sacrifices on their behalf? Could our prayers for them be the final push needed for them to enter heaven? *May God bless all our grandparents, living and deceased.*

In Christ,

Father mark

Jo everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:11 ...a time to be born... Isabella Rose Tuminelli "...a time to love..."

... "and a time to be born to fternal fife..." Antonietta DeBartolomeo, David Melchior, Charles (Joe) Berzansky, Daniel Anderl

Those who have died in the Service of our Country. "...and a time for peace in all the world..."

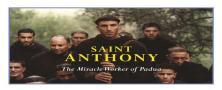
pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad, Cody Fisher, Jason Howie, Daniel Robert Costello, Mark Caruso, Rick DiSanti, A.J. Elbert, Ryan Buckley, Eric P. Fenske, Louis Graffeo, Michael Griffing, Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Audrey Hughes, Antoni Jedra, Charles Jones, Ian Krong, Walter Reed, 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.

Readings for the Week of July 26, 2020

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12 Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SAINT ANTHONY The Miracle Worker of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua is known for his powerful preaching and miracles that won countless souls for Christ. This film beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, love for the poor/oppressed, and wonders of his miracles.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2020-21

All registration forms for those new to the parish, children entering Grade 1 and all re-registrations have been mailed. We ask that you please return all forms completed via the mail as soon as possible. Please continue to monitor our parish website and parish Facebook page for updated information regarding our program.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Due to our current situation with Covid-19 our celebrations for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, scheduled to take place during our spring season, will now take place during the month of August. Some of our families have opted to wait until the fall season to celebrate and we hold all of our students and their families in prayer. May our parents and guardians continue to teach their children the ways of leading a spiritual life and building up the Church on earth. We ask our parish family to hold the children preparing to receive this sacrament in prayer. We thank all those who helped prepare these wonderful young people who have anxiously awaited this day.

PRACTICE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Families who signed up for August communions will receive a phone call from our office with the time and place for the practice for this sacrament. We ask that only one (1) parent attend with the child, due to social distancing, and the child and adult must wear a mask. All details about the sacrament will be provided during the practice.

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 <u>News/Events</u> 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

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