

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reflection on Today's Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 *by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Luke encourages his Gentile readers to persevere in prayer, aware that they have only limited knowledge of the Old Testament and God as Father.

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
Parochial Vicar: Reverend Daniel Price
Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie
Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.; Richard Hauenstein
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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 28

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)
All Souls
9:00am Justin Peter Mai
Anthony Tuan Kim
10:30am Gaetana LaForgia
(Adult Choir) Joseph F. Crowley
12Noon Rose Bas
James Torella

MONDAY, July 29

St. Martha

8:30am Linda Rolleri
Olga & Thomas Lewandowski, Sr.

TUESDAY, July 30

Weekday;

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Frank Neveroski
Michael Losquadro

WEDNESDAY, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30am Tina Liston Rambo
Maureen Schmid

THURSDAY, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Anthony Falletta, Jr.
Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, August 2

FIRST FRIDAY; Weekday; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:30am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, August 3

FIRST SATURDAY; Weekday; BVM

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Vincent Beeh
Marie Casella

SUNDAY, August 4

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

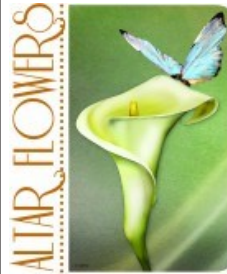
7:30am Ryan Finn
All Souls
Steve Russo
9:00am Peter Dich Nguyen
Ryan Finn
10:30am Alix Nau
(Adult Choir) Anna Tuyet Hoang
12Noon Al Tozzi & Vincent Tozzi (living)
Margaret & James Torella



*The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of
Christ at the Masses celebrated
during the week is offered
in Health Blessings for*

Deacon Rich Hauenstein

requested by Golden Girls: Barbara, Fran & Alice



*The Flowers
Adorning the Altar
are in Loving Memory of*

Marie Gannon

*requested by
Patricia & John Sweeney
& family*

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:

Every third weekend of the month.

PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
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
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - C
July 28, 2019

A SAINT WHO REMINDS US: "BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH OR PRAY FOR!" We often hear the common adage: "*Be careful what you wish or pray for!*" It is usually uttered in reference to - or by - someone who hoped for something and got it ... only to regret it.

This adage aptly applies to the Bishop we honor on his *Feast Day* this *Friday, August 2: Saint Eusebius of Vercelli*. His name is pronounced "*u-SEE-be-us*" which was, centuries ago, believe it or not, a common Christian name. It means 'very holy' or 'pious' like the saintly name of twelve Popes: *Pius*. Born around 283, *Saint Eusebius* died peacefully, of advanced age, in his own Diocese of Vercelli in northern Italy, on August 1, 371. So, what made him a Saint? Pray his Collect; then we'll explain.

Collect - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

Lead us, Lord God, to imitate
the constancy of Saint Eusebius in affirming
the divinity of your Son, so that, by preserving
the faith he taught as your Bishop, we may
merit a share in the very life of your Son.
Who lives and reigns ... for ever and ever. Amen.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE WOES.

Innumerable prayers were answered when, in 313, the Emperor Constantine made *Christianity* the Roman Empire's official religion. Christians could finally gather without fear of persecution or execution; our Bishops even called a Council in *Nicaea*, in modern-day Turkey, to codify our faith and compose the *Nicene Creed* which we still profess to this day! That *Creed* was supposed to settle the question: was Jesus 'just God' - 'just a man' or, as we proudly profess, **BOTH GOD and MAN**. Sadly, that did not settle the issue, for a Priest named *Arian* promoted a heresy named after him: *Arianism*, which said Jesus was ONLY human, NOT God, which would invalidate every adaptation Jesus made to the Jewish faith.

As was the custom in those days, *Eusebius* was **ELECTED** Bishop by the people - which seems like a good idea ... but people 'voted' for Bishops

they preferred, not those who were orthodox. Luckily, *Saint Eusebius* was truly Catholic and not a closet *Arian*. However, to keep the peace, many secular rulers interfered in how the Church ended squabbles and bitter fights over unsettled issues ... and often tried to 'sway' - 'prod' or even 'force' the Church to profess what the local secular leaders believed. So, we got what we prayed for ... and suffered because of it!

A BISHOP WHO PRESERVED THE FAITH. In calling *Eusebius* to be a Bishop, God gave us a courageous man that brutal attacks and violent opposition could not dissuade from the Truth. Over his long life [he died at 88], he was beaten often; his home was ransacked; his possessions were stolen or destroyed; he was exiled and threatened with death. Yet he remained firm ... and kindhearted. For after peace was restored to the Church and the dust settled, *Saint Eusebius* - with *Saint Athanasius* - insisted that Bishops who had given into political pressure or fear - and became *Arians* - were to be welcomed back - if they just performed a moderate penance and publicly professed the *Nicene Creed*.

A BISHOP WHO CONSOLED HIS FLOCK. With so many conflicts, disagreements and scandals splintering his flock, *Bishop Eusebius* wrote letters to console and comfort them. In art, he is depicted writing a letter to his people. What a timely reminder for us as we struggle with the all-too-human flaws of clergy and ordinary Christians who make us question our divine *Christian Faith*. While we cannot deny the flaws that show our tarnished side, the Church and our Faith are much more than we who strive to follow - and often fail to live up to - the ideals Jesus gave us. May *Saint Eusebius* help us remember that we hold a divine treasure in very fallible earthen vessels - and that we must be compassionate with all who fail but repent.

LEARN & LET GO. Two ways we can honor *Saint Eusebius* is to, one: learn more about our Faith so that we can explain it to those who question it - and, two: forgive those who, under pressure or human weakness, fail to be all God calls us to be. What would *Saint Eusebius* want you to do in his honor? *Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, pray for us.*

In Christ,

Father Mark

An Opportunity to Witness the Sacrament of Confirmation

If you don't remember your own Confirmation or you have never witnessed someone else's, you will have the opportunity to witness a Confirmation at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, August 4th. The Bishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation, but he can delegate priests to confirm. I am grateful that Bishop O'Connell has granted me delegation to confirm a young woman on August 4th and thought I would do a quick review of the Sacrament.

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are called the Sacraments of Initiation. In order to live the Sacramental life, we must fully understand what these three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are, as well as what they are for us through our full participation in them. The Kingdom of God is sustained and kept alive by Christians who are living the Sacramental life. The three Cardinal virtues, Faith, Hope, and Love, are given to us through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and the Church has given us these Sacraments in order to help us live these virtues more fully. This makes us co-redeemers in the Kingdom of God. These three Sacraments lay the foundations of every Christian life.

Baptism is the first of the Sacraments of Initiation. The Catechism describes Baptism in this way: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (CCC 1213)

Confirmation is the strengthening process of the graces we already received in Baptism. The sacrament of Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds. (CCC, 1316) Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life. (CCC, 1317) The traditional ordering of the Sacraments is Baptism – Confirmation – Eucharist. Only in the last 100 years or so has the process changed to have Confirmation come after Eucharist. The essential rite of Confirmation is anointing the forehead of the baptized with sacred chrism, together with the laying on of the minister's hand and the words: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." (CCC, 1320) When Confirmation is celebrated separately from Baptism, its connection with Baptism is expressed, among other ways, by the renewal of baptismal promises. The celebration of Confirmation during the Eucharist helps underline the unity of the sacraments of Christian initiation. (CCC, 1321)

The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church. (CCC, 1407) The Eucharistic celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of his Son; the consecration of bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord's body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship. (CCC, 1408) The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action. (CCC, 1409) It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice. (CCC, 1410) The essential signs of the Eucharistic sacrament are wheat bread and grape wine, on which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is invoked and the priest pronounces the words of consecration spoken by Jesus during the Last Supper: "This is my body which will be given up for you. . . . This is the cup of my blood. . . ." (CCC, 1412) By the consecration, the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is brought about. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity. (CCC, 1413) As sacrifice, the Eucharist is also offered in reparation for the sins of the living and the dead and to obtain spiritual or temporal benefits from God. (CCC, 1414) Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. (CCC, 1416)

The prayers of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist speak clearly of the transforming effects of the Holy Spirit.

At Baptism, we pray over the water: "Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit give to this water the grace of your Son, so that in the sacrament of baptism all those whom you have created in your likeness may be cleansed from sin and rise to a new birth of innocence by water and the Holy Spirit" (Christian Initiation of Adults, #222A).

At Confirmation, we learn what this new life in the Spirit implies: "All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence" (Christian Initiation of Adults, #234).

At Eucharist, with our sins washed away and clothed with the Spirit, we are led to the banquet table of the Lord's Supper. At each Eucharist we ask God to send the Spirit upon the bread and wine so that they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Then we pray that the Holy Spirit comes upon us—we who eat and drink—so that we may become the Body of Christ

In summary, I invite all to come to the noon Mass on August 4th to witness this beautiful sacrament. *Father Mark*

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"...a time to be born..."

Mila Tatiana Ricciardi, Nicolas Robert Dudis, Andy Brian Bates,
Charlotte Rose Connors-Picone, Braylin Dallas Burghard

"...a time to love..."

... "and a time to be born to fternal life..."

Barbara Mickowski

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, David Cozad, 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, Armando Leonor,
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

and for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.

BUS TRIPS

**Our St. Vincent de Paul
Society is running
a bus trip to the**

9/11 Memorial & Museum

Monday September 30, 2019



**Bus departs St. Justin's at 9:00 am
Return trip departs New York 4:00 pm
\$85 includes admission to the Museum
Seating is limited so book early. (proceeds
to benefit the St. Vincent dePaul Society)
Call George Mascera 732-604-2872
or Barbara Finley 732-232-3733**

**A trip to
The Staaten Island
Dinner Theatre,
Staten Island, NY—
Monday, October 21, 2019
for their**

**Octoberfest is available.
Cost \$120 which includes the Show and full sit
down Luncheon.**

**9:45am Depart for Staten Island
11:15 Arrive at Staaten Island Dinner Theatre
3:30pm Depart for Home**

Flyers are in the Narthex.

For Info: Call Barbara at 732-232-3733



Readings for the Week of July 28, 2019

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-14, 17;

Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Last week we had 64 children, 24 youth volunteers and 22 adult volunteers for our vacation bible school, it was a great success. We wish to thank Father Mark, Father Dan and Deacon Jim Gillespie as clergy who were present and supportive of this wonderful event, we are truly blessed. We thank the many hands who brought this to life, all our volunteers, Jessica Gryzb whose art and talent transported us to Africa, our music ministry who made our liturgy come alive with music, and our parish staff who joined in the work to show true collaborative ministry. For you, our parents/guardians, thank you for your continued interest in passing on the faith to your children. Most of all to the children, who we witnessed His love this week through their eyes and helped them to soar with **ROAR!***

"God is good all the time; all the time God is good"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some volunteers for the upcoming program year. If you can fill the following needs, please give us a phone call at (732) 270-3797:

Catechists on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 PROGRAM YEAR

All students returning next year for religious education should have received their registration forms via the mail. Please return all re-registrations as soon as possible. Any child who is registering for religious education for the first time should register in the parish office and then register for R.E. **A Baptism certificate must be provided at the time of registration.** If you have any questions, you may contact us at (732) 270-3797.

St. Justin's 8th Annual Parish Night at the BLUE CLAWS GAME

**Thursday, August 8th
(Faith and Family Night)**

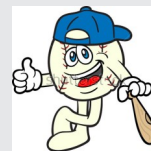
Wear your RED St. Justin T-Shirt!

Time: 7:05pm; Cost \$10/ticket

(if purchased at gate \$15--Save \$5 person)

This night is also Silver Sluggers

Thursday Seniors 60+ eat free.



Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office during regular business hours and after all Masses the Weekend of: Aug. 3-4

Flyers are available in the narthex & downloadable from our website: www.stjustin.org.

If you cannot attend the game but would like to sponsor a family, call the Parish Office.

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction meet once a month to help mend their broken hearts through faith.

The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Building** All Family and Friends are welcome. For further information call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080 or Diane Noonan at 732-503-1536

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, August 5, 2019, 7:00pm, St. Justin's Conference Room Come and See. Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meetings: **Mondays, August 12th & 26th 7:30pm in St. Justin's Conference Room,** Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer, and sharing.

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg. Wednesday, August 7, 2019

*Registration for Workshop is Required
call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to attend*



CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN JULY!

Pictured Christmas Carols at the Haven's on July 20th. Thank you for coming, the residents had a great time!

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHILDREN OR ADULT CHOIRS?

CONTACT ANGELA: 732-797-0978



***2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
Needs Help
Your Contribution Makes a
Difference!***

BIRTHRIGHT FLOWER SALE
After all Masses THIS WEEKEND
***Please support Birthright—A positive
alternative to abortion***

**BIRTHRIGHT 10 Lafayette Avenue,
Toms River, NJ Call 732.349.0154**

New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program. For complete information visit our website: www.stjustin.org under News/Events



BUS TRIP TO *Golden Nugget Casino*
Benefiting St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday, August 6, 2019

\$30 Tickets, Receive \$25 in Slot Play, \$5 Food Voucher

Bus Leaves St. Justin's Parking Lot at 11am

For info/questions call Maryann: 732-270-3404
or Kim: 732-664-2311



Parish Pilgrimage to the Mexican

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

***(Monday through Friday)
November 18-22, 2019***

To honor the ***Patroness of the Americas***, and as a 'test run' for a future pilgrimage to ***Lourdes*** and ***Fatima***, we are sponsoring a five day pilgrimage to the ***Our Lady of Guadalupe [OLG] Shrine*** and other Mexico City sites. [A parish Alaskan Cruise is being planned for 15 months from now, in the summer of 2020.] Visit: www.sacreddestinations.com/mexico/mexico-city-basilica-guadalupe for an overview of the most visited Catholic shrine in the world. It will be organized by ***Educational Opportunities Tours***. The cost is ***\$1,648*** which includes a 4% cash discount when paid by check; airfare, hotel, breakfast and meals indicated below. If interested, email your name and phone number[s] to seaspilgrimages@gmail.com. Itinerary includes:

- Day 1:** Newark to Mexico City flight
Welcome Dinner: Hotel Cathedral, Mexico City
Holy Mass at the Hotel
- Day 2:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
Plaza of the Three Cultures; view the Tilma
Holy Mass: the new OLG Basilica
Walking Tour of ancient ruins
Lunch & Show
- Day 3:** Tlaxcala [Archangel Michael Shrine] & Puebla
Holy Mass: Rosary Chapel of Santo Domingo
Puebla Immaculate Conception Cathedral
Lunch
- Day 4:** Zocolo & Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Martyr Shrine
Holy Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral
Festive Farewell Dinner & Show

Day 5: return flight to Newark

Brochures available in the narthex and on our parish website: www.stjustin.org