

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Take care to guard against all greed,  
for though one may be rich, one's life  
does not consist of possessions.”*

LUKE 12:15



**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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### MONDAY, August 5

#### Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:30am Brian Hennes  
Michele Boland

### TUESDAY, August 6

#### The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30am Joe & Stella Nichols (living)  
Alan Laymon

### WEDNESDAY, August 7

#### Weekday; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs, St. Cajetan, Priest

8:30am Betty Serafino  
James Rooney & Mae Rooney (living)

### THURSDAY, August 8

#### St. Dominic, Priest

8:30am Patricia Mongiardini  
Eleanor Rogers

### FRIDAY, August 9

#### Weekday;

#### St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

8:30am Andrew Nadzan, Jr.  
Mark Geraci

### SATURDAY, August 10

#### St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

9:30am People of the Parish  
5:00pm Linda Dunn (living)  
Sue & Matt Finley

### SUNDAY, August 11

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Maryanne Bielski  
Chester & Mary Bielski  
9:00am Richard Davis  
Justin Peter Mai  
10:30am Earl Kidd  
(Adult Choir) Gaetana Laforgia  
12Noon Nicholas Prumatico, Jr.  
Ann Marie Neveroski

### ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Sacristy, for the August 15th, Holyday, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, for anyone who serves at Mass as EM, Lector, Usher, or Altar Server. *Please sign-up for the Mass that you will be attending.*



*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, as a reminder of the Lord's  
Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist,

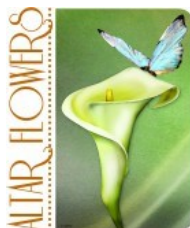
and

### *The Flowers Adorning the Altar*

are in Loving Memory of

### *Bobby Skrable*

requested by The Bergen 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](http://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  
18th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - C  
August 4, 2019

**SAINT MARY MAJOR:**  
**AKA: OUR LADY OF**  
**THE SNOWS.** There  
are four major  
Basilicas in Rome

which Catholics customarily visit while on pilgrimage: **Saint Peter Basilica** [the best known], **Saint Paul Outside-The-Walls** [the newest], the **Lateran Basilica of Saint John** [the Pope or Bishop of Rome's Cathedral] and **Saint Mary Major** [the largest; thus its title 'Major'], oldest, and some say most ornately beautiful **Marian Shrine** in Rome.] Each **August 5** we have the option of celebrating the anniversary of its dedication. It was built in honor of the **Council of Ephesus'** proclamation - in AD 431 - that the **Blessed Virgin Mary** is the **Mother of God**, not just the human Jesus. It has undergone numerous renovations over the centuries, but is mostly unchanged, its original 1,600 year old mosaics are still intact!

While we only **WORSHIP** God who is **Father, Son** and **Holy Spirit**, we **VENERATE** the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and the **Saints**, and **REVERE** holy places, relics, shrines and symbols. And while Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would keep us orthodox and 'on-track' through the **Sacred Scriptures** and **Church teachings**, there are many pious practices and legends concerning this venerable **Marian Shrine** we will address ... after you pray the Collect for **August 5: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**.

**Collect - Dedication of the**  
**Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

Pardon the faults of your servants,  
we pray, O Lord, that we,  
who cannot please you by our own deeds,  
may be saved through the intercession  
of the Mother of your Son and our Lord.  
Who lives and reigns ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE, NOT BUILDINGS!** Even when we 'honor' a building, as we do at the **Solemn Dedication of a Church**, we **MAINLY** honor the **PEOPLE OF GOD** who meet there to celebrate, and even more so, the **LORD** who is made - and remains - **SACRAMENTALLY PRESENT** there. So it is not surprising that there is no mention of **Saint Mary Major** in the Collect offered on **August 5**; however, we do mention our **Blessed Mother's** never-failing intercession.

**OUR LADY OF THE**  
**SNOWS.**

According to legend, Pope Liberius [reigned 352-366] had a dream in which our **Blessed Mother** requested a church be built



in her honor on Rome's highest hill: the Esquiline Hill. She even directed the Pope as to where to build it - and its size - by way of a freak snowstorm in Rome on **August 5**. The miraculous snowfall 'marked out' the church wall's 'specs,' as seen in an image [above] in the basilica - which gave the basilica its nickname: '**Our Lady of the Snows.**'

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: MOTHER OF GOD.** I doubt we can appreciate the angst and agita caused by the debates over these honorific, theological **Marian** titles. It took the Church 3½ centuries to define the dual nature of **Jesus: True God** and **True Man**. Once that was 'settled' in 325 at the **Council of Nicaea**, which gave us the **Nicaean Creed** we still profess almost 1,700 years later, the Church grappled with the role of the woman of Nazareth, chosen by **God**, to give birth to **His Son**, and the awesome, unique, mysterious words said to her by the **Angel Gabriel** when he asked her, in **God's Name**, to be the **Mother of His Son**: 'full of grace' - 'highly favored' - 'blessed among woman' - etc.

To this day, white rose petals are dropped from the cupola to 'reenact' the miraculous **August 5** snowfall that outlined the walls of this **Marian Shrine**. Many dismiss and mock this cute custom, but a more intriguing 'coincidence' took place in **Saint Mary Major** on **October 7, 1571** - later known as the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**. On that day, Pope Pius V made a pilgrimage to Saint Mary Major to seek her intercession for the severely outnumbered Crusaders fighting to keep Muslim forces from conquering Europe. Little did they know, lacking today's instant communications, that Christian forces **WON** the Battle of Lepanto on that day ... through Our Lady's intercession! **Holy Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of the Snows, pray for us!**

Make sure you read Father Dan's letter on the Gospel of Saint Luke which we are currently reading in this liturgical year.

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

### Readings for the Week of August 4, 2019

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23  
**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21;  
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.stjustin.org)



### The Gospel According to Luke:

As we progress through this Liturgical Year, we will hear mainly from the Gospel of Luke, so it's helpful to know a little about the narrative as a whole. The author is St. Luke who also wrote the Acts of the Apostles; these two books are considered a two-volume set. Luke was not an apostle of Jesus, but he was a missionary companion of St. Paul (cf. Col. 4:14). He is known as "the beloved physician" and was the only Gentile author in the New Testament.

The dating of the text is said to have been completed by no later than 62 AD because it does not reference the widespread persecution of Christians in Rome that took place in 64 AD, nor does he reference the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD. If Luke was writing during or after this time, he couldn't escape its influence upon his writing. In comparison, Mark is said to have been written around 60 AD and is the first Gospel written.

The audience is Gentile and Jewish converts and as such he prefers to use Greek instead of Hebrew or Aramaic terms words or allusions, than to quote directly from the Old Testament. Luke addresses the text to "Theophilus," which means "beloved of God." Scholars have debated whether Theophilus is a real person or a fictitious character used as a literary device to represent all of God's faithful people.

Luke presents a coherent narrative that is both history and biography, although it's not a biography as we know it in the modern sense. An ancient, Hellenistic biography did not go in chronological order of one's life as a modern one does (it was more thematic in nature and it took into consideration the audience it was directed to); so, it's not an exact account of Jesus' life. Luke's text is considered the most elegantly written of the four Gospels and it contains many unique details not found in the others. Luke, alone, describes the Annunciation, the Visitation to Elizabeth, the prophecies of Simeon and Anna, finding of Jesus in the temple as a boy, the prayers of Zechariah and Mary. In addition, he is also the only one of the four Evangelists to have the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

There are several themes that can be seen woven throughout the text of the Gospel, such as: the emphasis on the Holy Spirit, mentioned 33 times; the role of prayer; the role of women; the reversal of status roles; Jesus as a friend of sinners and outcasts; money/wealth; traveling/banquets-food; Jesus as a conduit for God's mercy and compassion. One can say that Luke's overarching theme is that the Gospel message is for all people, Jew and Gentile. Although Jesus came to preach his message to the Jews first, his invitation to faith and repentance extends to all, and Luke gets that across in his text.

One of the themes emphasized is the role of women. See the attention he takes with the Blessed Virgin Mary, which has inspired much of the Marian piety and theology that has developed over the centuries. In a patriarchal society Luke uses women as examples of faith, cf. Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, and even Elizabeth who calls Mary, "the mother of my Lord" (1:43).

This is just a brief sketch of the whole of Luke's Gospel, but hopefully this gives one a sense of the text, and the themes to listen and look for as we go through this beautiful Gospel this Liturgical Year. **St. Luke, Evangelist and Physician, pray for us. Fr. Dan**

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Harper Elizabeth Hannon, Sebastian Andrew DiAntonio

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

*..."and a time to be born to Eternal Life..."*

Bruce Corduan, James MacMillan

*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, 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.*



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING MEETING**

**Saturday, August 10, 2019**

**at 11:00am in the Church**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

***\*If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server?  
(and have received your First Eucharist)  
and \*All Current Altar Servers***

***See Father Mark, Father Dan or our Deacons  
after Masses for further info.***

**"The altar server has a privileged place in liturgical celebrations. Those who serve at Mass present themselves to a community. They experience from close at hand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgy. Jesus is present whenever the community gathers to pray and give praise to God. Jesus is present in the words of Sacred Scripture. Jesus is present above all in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. He acts through the priest who celebrates Holy Mass and administers the sacraments in persona Christi [in the person of Christ]...Therefore in the liturgy you are far more than mere "helpers of the priest". Above all, you are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest. Thus you altar servers are especially called to be young friends of Jesus. Strive to deepen and foster this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."**

John Paul 11, address to Altar Servers, Wednesday Audience, 8/1/01

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS 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. Please note that if you have a particular day in mind classes are filling up so please register as soon as possible. Our hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-Noon and 1:15-4:00pm for registration.

**VOLUNTEERS** needed Our religious education program cannot function without the many volunteers who help build up the Body of Christ by sharing faith with the children of this parish. It is with this in mind that we ask our parents/guardians to prayerfully consider if this ministry is right for you? Please note that you do not have to be a parent/guardian to volunteer, as all adults who are interested in volunteering in the catechetical ministry are welcome. You may be a retiree and looking for something to volunteer your time or a grandparent. Training and all materials needed for faith formation are provided by the parish. All volunteers must be cleared through our safe environment program. The following volunteer positions needed at this time are:

Catechist on Monday small class  
Catechist on Tuesday small class  
Catechist for Grade 5 on Thursday  
Classroom aide Grade 2 Tuesday  
Building Aide on Wednesday

Our weekly classes take place Monday-Thursday from 4:30-6:00pm from September-May. Please contact us at (732) 270-3797.

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"  
"Here I am;" I said; "send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

**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](http://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*

### **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



**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



*The Roman Catholic Churches of Toms River (RCCTR), St. Joseph's, St. Justin's, St. Luke's and St. Maximillian Kolbe have been collaborating in an effort to provide services more effectively and efficiently to the Catholic community of Toms River. Going forward, the RCCTR will be inviting all to participate at certain activities and events at the other churches. There is a new page on our website which will include news about these opportunities and other news about the RCCTR. We encourage you to follow this information by visiting our website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org). On the Home Page click the RCCTR link.*

#### ***Mission Statement***

*Leading People to the heart of Jesus where they can experience the beauty of the truth as contained in the Catholic Faith*

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION**

#### **Chapter I Retreat Day**

The day consists of Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker: **Kathleen Tobin** She has worked in various jobs for the Church, both nationally and internationally. Kathleen is co-founder of Catholic Beads & More, which sells handmade religious Rosaries, Chaplets and other religious products and *helps to support Rachel's Vineyard*, after having attending a retreat following a miscarriage. The ministry side of the company is called Turn it Around. Kathleen is currently writing a book to share how God's grace has helped her to keep moving forward, holding Mary's hand, through moments of her life that have shaken her faith to the core. Most recently, Kathleen has spoken about her personal experience on Mary, sacramental's and spiritual warfare. Kathleen invites us to join her as she shares:

#### **"Turn it Around: Moving forward with Mary"**

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019— 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: St. William the Abbot

2740 Allenwood Lakewood Rd Howell, NJ

Admission: \$20.00 includes lunch (Pay at the door)

Reservations: are necessary. Please call and leave your phone number, spell your last name at 732-202-8352 no

later than Tuesday, Aug. 13th. You can also register on line: [www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org) Come and bring a friend!

**New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program.** For complete information visit our website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org) under News/Events