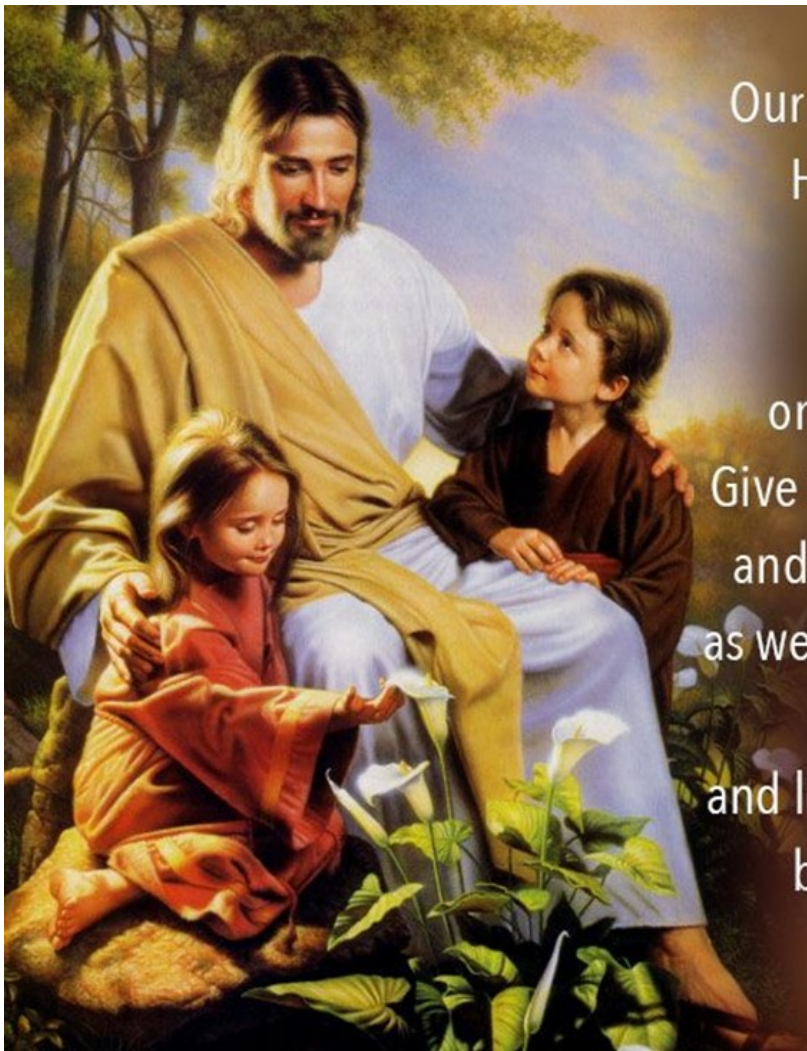


St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.'

*'The Lord's Prayer is also commonly referred to as
Our Father Prayer.*

*This prayer was taught to us by Jesus Christ in
Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4*

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:
(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

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, September 6
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 (8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Francesco Bruno
 Barbara Dellans
 Charlotte & Harry Sinsheimer
 Jerry Parisi
 Patricia McKenna
 Louise & Joseph Becht
 Robert Sharkey
 Ann Marie Neveroski

MONDAY, September 7
Weekday; LABOR DAY

8:00am Peter Pravata
 Rose Marie Senatore

TUESDAY, September 8
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am Thomas King
 Daniel & Joan Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am Theresa & Margaret Strich
 George Mascera (living)

THURSDAY, September 10
Weekday

8:00am Regina Polokowski
 Christian Walsh
 Mark Geraci
 Eric Muraczewski

SATURDAY, September 12
Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM

5:00pm People of the Parish
 Veronica Hauser
 Patricia Jarocki

SUNDAY, September 13
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 (8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Steven Senerchia
 Richard Regg
 Patrick Monaghan
 Patricia Jarocki
 Peter Jacovino
 Bettina Passarelli
 Louise A. Riccio
 Barbara Pistilli

Readings for the Week of Sept.6, 2020

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;
 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1B-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-34;
 Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
 Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



*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 Loving Memory of*

Michael Jankowsky

requested by mom & dad



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, 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**

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
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
September 6, 2020

**ALL ARE WELCOME IN
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

Did you know that Sacramental registers as far back as the late 1500's record the baptism of slaves, or those sold by their own people in Africa? While most were baptized when they

reached the New World, some were baptized en route, others in their native country. This counters the claim that - for centuries - the Catholic Church did not believe dark-skinned Africans had souls! While she DID, at one point, declare they do have souls, she did so to refute those who said they did not! Here are more facts:

We have had three African Popes. **Saint Victor I** [Pope #14, reigned 189-199] set the schema we still use for setting Easter's date; **Saint Melchiades** [#32; 311-314] signed the Emperor Constantine's laws ending persecutions and making Christianity the Roman Empire's religion; **Saint Gelasius I** [#49; 492-496] clarified our Eucharistic doctrines. Among New Testament Africans are **Simon of Cyrene**, who helped carry **Jesus'** Cross and **Deacon Philip's Ethiopian** convert. Among African-born Saints are **Augustine** and his mother **Monica**; the female martyrs **Perpetua** and **Felicity**; the male martyrs **Charles Lwanga** and his **Companions**; recently canonized **Josephine Bakhita**. The **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**, a former slave and New York hairdresser who died in 1853 and is buried in **Saint Patrick Cathedral**, is [hopefully] on his way to Sainthood. According to 2018 statistics, 20% of Roman Catholics are black. So, it is only right that, with all that has been going on, we honor **Saint Peter Claver**, whose powerful story attests to the Catholic Church's protection of - and love for - her African-born children.

Collect - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ, we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

'A SLAVE OF SLAVES.' Born into a poor family in Spain in 1581, **Saint Peter Claver** was educated by the Jesuits, the Religious Order he joined when he was about 20. As a student, he was influenced by a simple Jesuit Brother who served as door-keeper, and who was also canonized a Saint with him in 1888. **Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez** encouraged him to help save the 'millions of perishing souls' being brought to the Americas as slaves. While 'racial' slavery was condemned by Pope Eugene IV in 1435, long before Europeans 'discovered' America, and by Pope Paul III [reigned 1534-1549], it continued to be widely practiced, even by Catholics. **Saint Peter** was so moved by their pitiable plight that in 1610 he left Spain, never to return, sailed to the main slave trading reception site in the Americas: Cartagena, in what is now Columbia, was ordained a Priest in 1615 and began his mercy-mission, dubbing himself, "**A slave of slaves.**"

In a letter written by **Father Claver** [from his Feast Day's Office of Readings: September 9] we get a glimpse of the horrors he faced; here are some clips: "**numerous blacks ... disembarked from a large ship ... the sick were lying on the wet ground [or] puddles of mud ... [and] ... were naked ... [we covered them with] ... our own cloaks ... and to ask the owners for [clothes] would have been a waste of words ... they [were] convinced ... they had been brought here to be eaten ... we bathed their faces and bodies ... began an elementary instruction about baptism ... [and] about the one God, who rewards and punishes each one according to his merit, and the rest.**" After 40 years of service, **Saint Peter** died in 1654, having baptized over 300,000!

"WE SPOKE TO THEM, NOT WITH WORDS BUT WITH OUR HANDS AND OUR ACTIONS." Those who now criticize him 'imposing' religion on slaves, and not doing more to free them, are not dealing with **Saint Peter's** reality. Calls to release them would have been fruitless; he did the most he could do, given the circumstances. And by baptizing them, he was able to chide their 'owners' to treat them more humanely, as brothers and sisters in Christ. **Saint Peter Claver, pray for us and for an end to all racial disharmony**

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..."

Gianna Lynn Pacheco

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

Jessica Elizabeth Vail & Justin Alexander Thiry

*... "and a time to be born to **f**eternal **l**ife..."*

Margaret Christian, Joan O'Neill Milus, Laura Pisano

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,, Autumn Hale

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.



**Part-time
maintenance/
custodial position.**

We are in need of
fulfilling a position
for a part-time

maintenance/custodial position. The hours will
average about 5-10 hours per week. The person will
do light maintenance and cleaning as well as some
outside ground work. If interested, please call
732-270-3980 extension 315 and leave a message.

*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*



PLEASE NOTE: 2020-21 PROGRAM YEAR UPDATE

The onsite parent meetings for the upcoming program year
have been cancelled. We were informed by our
publishing company that it is not necessary to hold in
person meetings as the program is self-explanatory and
you will be given instructions via the internet. This
information will also be shared on our parish website and
Facebook page and Parents/Guardians of those students
who have registered will be notified via telephone.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Last weekend, the following children received their long
awaited Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sara Barreres

Sean Cole

Tristan Farrell

Finley Insalacio

Mia Jobes

Natalie Monica

Kara Novak

Patricia Raffaele

Brogan Reed

Julian Reed

Liam Reed

Julia Seidel

May they inspire us to receive Jesus with such joyful
anticipation. We thank all who helped prepare them for
this special day.

Congratulations to the children and their families!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our 2019-20 students will be receiving their Sacrament of
Confirmation on November 9th or November 16th at
7:00pm. Families will be notified of their child's
scheduled ceremony. We are still in need of paperwork
requirements for this sacrament. We ask that the
paperwork be returned to us via the mail or dropped off at
the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9:30am-Noon or
1:30-4:00pm, as soon as possible.

We thank you for your cooperation.

2020-21 REGISTRATION

As mentioned in prior notifications, our program this year
will be distance learning with e-Books with a portal access
for activities and videos where the student will be able to
learn in the safety of their home. For those who do not
have internet capability, a hard copy of the materials will
be provided. Please notify our office if this is a concern
for your family. Our first learning session is scheduled to
start the week of October 5th. We ask that you please
register your child immediately so that you are in our
system for the online notification of this program. We
wish to thank our families for your patience,
understanding and support during this difficult time. As a
parish and a global family let us remember that we are all
in this together. If you have any questions or concerns
please contact us at (732) 270-3797.