

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

November 21, 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today's Gospel:

Gospel: John 18: 33b– 37

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Scholars call this section of John "Scene two" of Jesus' trial before Pilate. It is high drama, as Jesus not only assures Pilate that His kingdom "does not belong to this world", but also that He came to testify to the truth

KINGDOM



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: 732-270-3980

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797

(please call and leave message)

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, November 21
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:00am Daniel Deichman
10:00am Charles Berzansky
George Hagel
Tom Sheridan
12noon The Climento family
Edward Duva
Salvador Chicote

MONDAY, November 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Patricia Jarocki
Nick Donato, Sr.
Joanne Hnilicka

TUESDAY, November 23
St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

8:00am Frank Bonaccorso
Arango Family (living)
John Bruno

WEDNESDAY, November 24
St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:00am John, Grace & Kevin Galbraith
The Heid Family
The Shaw Family

THURSDAY, November 25
Weekday;
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr;
Thanksgiving Day **Note Time Change for Mass**

9:00am Laura Pisano
Carlos Lopes
Joan & Michael Duroff

Saturday, November 27
Weekday; BVM

5:00pm Sheehan Family
Jason Danno
Frank & Rose Carroll

SUNDAY, November 28
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am Michelle Sawruk
10:00am Mike Perchiccia & family
Rose Lappostato
Margie Gilligan
12noon Anne-Marie Neveroski
Zulma & Carmelo Pais
Michael Krug



The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of Christ at the Masses celebrated during the week is offered In Loving Memory of
Patricia & Domínic Preziose
requested by the Pais & Petti Family



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2022

The Sunday Mass schedule of 8am; 9:30am and 11:30am

received the most votes. This new schedule will be effective Sunday, January 2nd: 5:00pm Sat. Vigil; Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am

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

Louis Najarian, Jr.

requested by the Pais & Petti Family



Bishop's Annual Appeal Needs Your Help!

Did you know you can contribute to the ministries that you wish? You also help our parish as funds are returned to us when we have met the parish goal. Please consider giving a gift if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

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MASS SCHEDULE:

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:

Confession will be Saturdays from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Outside the door of the church on the side of the Religious Education Building. Kindly knock on the door, remain outside for Confession. Please arrive at 3:30.

Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office
Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Education

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
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe - B**
[34th or Last Sunday in
Ordinary Time - B]
November 21, 2021

**NOVEMBER IS THE
MONTH OF ALL SOULS.**

In the fourth of our five-part **Month of All Souls** series on the **Prayers for the Dead**, we reflect on the Collects for the **Funeral of an**

Unbaptized Child which I have, mercifully, never had to use. To their great credit, healthcare workers quickly and rightly **baptize** newborns in danger of death when no Ordained Minister is present. As the **Catechism** teaches: anyone, even non-Christians, can **baptize** those in danger of death - if that person, or those responsible for him or her, like a parent, requests **Baptism**. And as long as **water** [via **sprinkling, pouring or immersion**] is used and the words, "**I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**" are said - it is a valid **Baptism**.

The **Church** also provides a special service for the **Funeral of an Infant**, which we will reflect on next week. Today's orations are intended for children whose parents **intended** to have them **baptized** but who died **before** they were adopted by **God** through the **cleansing waters of rebirth** - which puts the **Church** in a quandary. For Jesus bluntly stated: "**Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.**" [John 3:5]. Yet He also said, "**Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them ...**" [Matthew 19:14b]. So, based on these two divine pronouncements, the **Church** provides these two hope-filled orations.

Collect - For the Funeral of an Unbaptized Child - A

Receive the prayers of your faithful, Lord,
and grant that those you allow to be
weighed down by their longing for the child taken
from them may be raised up
by faith to hope in your compassion.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HOPE IN GOD'S COMPASSION. The rubrics for such funerals remind the minister to balance both "**doctrine of the necessity** of Baptism" with the pastoral consolation needed by the parents and loved ones of the deceased child. The rare permission is given for a Bishop to allow the **Funeral Mass** or other **Rites** to take place at the child's home, privately, or with limited access.

"While only a Pope can declare a deceased person to be in heaven, all ministers are expected to instill, encourage, and nurture the **HOPE** that **God** will grant eternal life in heaven to everyone.

Anyway, as I was taught: since **God** is perfect justice and perfect mercy, would not **God** - who made the rule about the necessity of **Baptism** - make an exception to that rule in such a case? In any case, while the **Catholic Church** never proclaims as a dogma or doctrine anything that is not clearly stated in the **Bible**, she does offer the **HOPE** that **God**, in His mercy, will reunite unbaptized children with their **baptized** loved ones. 'Limbo' was never defined as dogma - it was merely an 'opinion' based on scripture; nor does the word 'Limbo' even appear in the current **Catechism**. [FYI: catechisms are NOT infallible documents!] And while **Catholics** may believe in or reject 'Limbo,' current theology prefers to focus on **God's** justice and mercy.

Collect - For the Funeral of an Unbaptized Child - B

O God, searcher of hearts and most loving
consoler, who know the faith of these parents,
grant that, as they mourn their child,
now departed from this life,
they may be assured that he/she has been
entrusted to your divine compassion.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE CAN BE SAVED BY THE FAITH OF OTHERS. In addition to all that we have already said, the **Church** offers the **HOPE** that since the parents **INTENDED** to have their child **baptized**, but for whatever reason did not fulfill that intent, **God** will still grant that grace. It is the **Church's** longstanding belief in three forms of **Baptism**: **Baptism of WATER** - **Baptism of DESIRE** - and **Baptism of BLOOD** or **martyrdom**. While **Baptism of WATER** fully incorporates us into **Christ's Body**, the **Church**, the other two forms create what theologians call '**a salvific link**' to **Christ** and His **Church** - which **Saint Thomas Aquinas** taught was enough to attain eternal salvation. So, by the parents' desire, and, perhaps, even the deceased child's desire, if they were old enough to understand, we have every reason to **HOPE** that **God** welcomes such children into heaven.

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..."

Anthony Tobias Kube, Louis H. Taranto IV,
Sean Luis Houser, Brody Lee Karl

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

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

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,
Autumn Hale Joey Colosimo, Michael Anthony DeAnni,
Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios, Kevin Kreder,
Christopher Wright, Jordan Thomas, Jesse Silva
Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli
*And for our President and
elected Leaders of our Country.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REMINDERS

Students receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation and those receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation this year have packets in our parish office that need to be picked up. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-Noon and 1:15-4:00PM. These packets were distributed at the parent meetings held in October and are time sensitive.

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2021

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

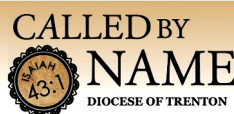
Mass for Parents and Families of Deceased Children

On Monday November 22, 2021

at 7:00 pm, we will have a Mass for parents and families of deceased children; anyone who mourns the loss of a child. All are invited, but if you wish to have your child's name mentioned at the Mass, you will have to register in advance. Please contact Marion Muoio at 732-341-7675 to register.

This will be an opportunity to share your grief and tears over losing a child. Every child of God is made in the image and likeness of God, loved by God, and is claimed by God and embraced by God for all eternity. Our faith tells us that one day we will be reunited with all our loved ones in the joy that will never end.

Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. Fr. Mark, Fr. Bob, our Deacons & staff wish everyone a Blessed, Joyful, and Safe Holiday



"Called by Name is an opportunity for people to recognize that certain individuals may have the qualities that they would see in a priest."

Parishioners across the Diocese are being asked to prayerfully reflect on the priesthood and then put forward the names of men whom they feel should be invited to consider the vocation. Men can also nominate themselves.



St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers!

***For years, we did this great work through
committed members of the***

***St. Vincent de Paul Society. What are some
of the works the Society does with your generous dona-
tions? For years we supported a food pantry here at the
parish. A few years ago, we joined our food pantry with
that of St. Joseph Church because they have a better fa-
cility. Many of our members continue to volunteer to
staff the pantry and your donations of food and money
support this necessary work.***

***The Society helps those with back rent or housing bills in
time of need; those facing financial difficulties with
unpaid utility bills to prevent shut off. The Society
provides referrals to other agencies, including free legal
services if necessary. Provides help and shelter to the
homeless in our area. Provide assistance at
Thanksgiving and Christmas
Meet once a month. Pray together!***

***As we have been announcing the last few weeks, many of
the members who have been doing this good work for
years are getting older and, although still willing to help,
will need new members to continue this work.***

***We ask that you prayerfully consider joining this
important and necessary work of the Church. Please call
the office and leave your name and contact information
and we will get back to you.: 732-270-3980***

MINISTRY MEETINGS



WELCOME TO YOUTH GROUP

St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites all Grade 7 through 12 youth to become part of the "Youth Group." **Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 21st** The Youth Group generally meets twice a month on Sunday evenings **between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.** Come join our community service group who share our faith while doing fun activities. Join us for a combination of continuing formation in our Catholic faith with opportunities to put our faith into practice through service. Come join us as we laugh, find hope, love, and friendship in a Catholic Christian community! **Being involved in this group is a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships with others who share your Catholic beliefs.** For further info or questions contact Deacon Fred at (732) 270-3980 ext. 331.



NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday December 1, 2021 7:00pm
in the Religious Ed Building.

Pre-registration required call the parish office at 732-270-3980



Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, December 19th

Christmas will be here sooner than we think! We will start decorating the church and narthex at 1:15pm We need volunteers of all skills and levels of expertise. If you would like to participate in decorating you can sign up on the parish website under News/Events (drop down menu labeled Christmas Decorating) or private message our parish Facebook Page, St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church, or call the Parish Office.



GIVING TREE

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of help for Christmas (registered parishioners only) please call Betty at 732-270-1972, AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE. Deadline to call is December 10th. To do our part in keeping our parish safe and healthy on the giving and receiving side, only gift cards will be distributed this year

If you wish to purchase a gift card please take a tag from the Giving Tree in the narthex. Kindly drop off your gift card/check at the church and place in the hoppers that are used for our weekly collection. The deadline is December 12th. to return your gift card. If you prefer you may mail a check to the parish office with "Attention: Giving Tree" 975 Fischer Blvd., Toms River, NJ 08753. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 1st 6:30pm**, with a rosary in church and a **SOCIAL** in the **parish hall**. Join us for the Rosary and so much more! The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary and loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Any questions contact Pat at: 732-608-0745 or Barbara at: 732-232-3733

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be meeting on **Monday, November 22nd 7:00 pm** in **St. Justin's Conference Room**. Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing. For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094

MEN'S FAITH GROUP will be meeting on **Monday, December 6, 2021 7:00pm**, in **St. Justin's Conference Room**. Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

MENDING THROUGH FAITH
Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction The next meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday, December 21st at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Building** For further info call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080



SENIORS CLUB


Christmas Luncheon December 21st Cost \$20

at the Clarion Hotel 37W. from Noon to 4:00pm. Enjoy, games, sing-along, raffle.

Call Barbara: 732-232-3733 or Karen 732-267-1407, payment due by Dec. 14th. e-mail yelnif648@gmail.com to confirm the number of people in your party. If you can not get either of us for payment, place your check in a envelope and drop off at the parish office, with your name and phone number and number of people in your party.

Shawl Ministry
will meet on **December 1 2021, at 7pm** in the **Conference Room**. We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets to distribute at Funeral Masses to family members of deceased Parishioners. If you knit or crochet, Please join us! For more info contact Fran Baranowski: 848-241-3976 /732-492-0329.

WOMEN IN FAITH —Our next meeting will be **January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm** in **St. Justin's Conference Room**. **No meeting in December** new members always welcome, join us for prayer & sharing



**Synod
2021
2023**

For a synodal Church
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SYNOD 2021-2023

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<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/xvi-synod-communication-participation-mission> for updated info

and grateful for your continued financial support during those challenging days to help us meet our weekly and monthly expenses. Many mail their contributions in and continue to do so. Here are some ways for you to help your parish: □ Place your offering in the receptacles at the doors as you enter or leave church. □ Mail in your envelopes weekly/monthly. □ Have your bank send us weekly/monthly check automatically from your checking account made out to Saint Justin Church with your envelope number on the check to get proper credit . Thank you for giving the above some consideration to help support your parish financially, and know it is greatly appreciated! Fr. Mark