

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
Parochial Vicar: Reverend Daniel Price
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:

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, December 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Richard Kurtz
All Souls
9:00am Peter Dich Nguyen
Justin Peter Mai
10:30am Liz Glasgow
(choir Mass) Julie Beresky
12Noon Carmine & Mary Granato
Carmela & Pasquale Cennamo

MONDAY, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:30am Marie Wetzel
Evette Arango (living)

TUESDAY, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30am Alix Nau
Barbara Pistilli

WEDNESDAY, December 4

Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Domenico Panza
Bobby Skrable

THURSDAY, December 5

Advent Weekday

8:30am Betty Serafino
Mathew Matloob (living)

FRIDAY, December 6

Advent Weekday; St. Nicholas, Bishop; FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Bob Rush
Betty Hermann

SUNDAY, December 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Raffaele & Giovannina Padovano
Patricia Huchko
9:00am Elvira Holzherr
Assunta & Angelo Preziose
10:30am Preziose & Najarian Families
(choir Mass) Michael Graziano
12Noon Nicholas Collucci
Susan Dolan

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

A Sign-up sheet is posted in the Sacristy, for the 7pm Mass for the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Monday, December 9th,** Please sign up if you will be attending this Mass



The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of Christ
at the Masses celebrated
during the week is offered in Loving
Memory of

Hernan & Marina Arango
requested by Evette Arango

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

Barbara Pistilli

requested by Marie Paparazzo



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
1st Sunday of Advent - A
December 1, 2019

JOLLY OLD SAINT

NICHOLAS. Santa Claus certainly borrowed many attributes and practices from Saint Nicholas of Myra, whose Feast Day is December 6. However, most children should be **VERY HAPPY** that Santa does **NOT** use Saint Nick's criteria for giving gifts. For Saint Nicholas only gave to

children whose families were so destitute and poor that - in order to have food and other necessities - their parents had to sell them into slavery or a life of dissipation! More on this after a brief review of Saint Nicholas' background.

Born on March 15, 270, in the town of Patara in what is now present-day Turkey, where his uncle served as Bishop, Saint Nicholas served as Bishop of Myra, a town not far from his birthplace. The few 'facts' we have about him suggest he was the only child of Greek parents who raised him in the Christian faith. His parents died when he was a young man during an epidemic that ravaged that area, leaving him a sizeable inheritance. He chose to donate his wealth to charity so he could serve the Lord and was ordained a Priest by his Bishop-uncle. After praying the Collect for the optional Mass offered on his feast day, we will tell more about Jolly Old Saint Nick.

Collect - Saint Nicholas, Bishop

We humbly implore your mercy, Lord:
protect us in all dangers through the prayers
of the Bishop Saint Nicholas, that the
way of salvation may lie open before us.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

APPLES, ORANGES OR BALLS OF GOLD? Among the symbols of Saint Nicholas are three or more golden balls, or a bunch of apples or oranges - which all have the same source. As mentioned above, destitute families had little choice but to offer their children as slaves or even prostitutes in order to feed and care for them. It is said that Bishop Nicholas 'bought' the three daughters of a distraught man who was about to make the horrific decision to sell them. So, he tossed 3 bags of gold through the man's window to be

used as a dowry to 'free' his eldest daughter; he did it two more times to 'redeem' the other two girls.

A REALLY SMART SANTA! Bishop Nicholas went to the Council of Nicaea [May-August, 325], about 400 miles north of Myra, at which clerics and theologians met to debate Arianism, the heresy named after a Priest, Father Arian, who said Jesus was **ONLY HUMAN, NOT DIVINE**. If Jesus were not both human and divine, Sacraments would lose their grace-filled power; Jesus would be the blasphemer His critics said He was, as only God can forgive sins or change Commandments as He did when He said, "**It is written, but I say...**" The Council's debates, which produced the long Nicene Creed we still profess, almost verbatim, were often quite heated. One 'rumor,' devoid of any historical proof, is that Bishop Nicholas angrily slapped Arian in the face! If so, it was a sign of things to come!

HE SUFFERED FOR HIS GOOD WORKS. Until the Edict of Constantine in 313, the persecution of Christians was rampant. Saint Nicholas was often jailed, tortured and mocked; some say his reddish face was caused by being struck in the face by those seeking to silence him and stop him from putting his Faith into action. So, he is the Patron Saint of the Innocent or Falsely Accused, Children, Pawnbrokers, Mariners [his relics were sailed from Turkey to Italy], Repentant Thieves, Archers, Greece, and Russia. [Nicholas was the baptismal name of the first Russian Christian prince, Askold, who lived in the 800's; Saint Olga had a church named in honor of Saint Nicholas built over Askold's tomb in Kiev in the 900's.

SAINT NICK & SANTA ARE NOT IDENTICAL. No one knows what the real Santa Claus looks like [if you stay up and peek, he may not leave any gifts!], so Saint Nicholas became his 'model.' In the 1600's, Dutch Protestants brought 'Santa Claus' to America, they made him look less episcopal or bishop-like. His red vestments became more of a regal red robe [it eventually became a red suit]; his miter or hat retained its form: a long, narrow, pointed hat, but became floppy, rather than vertically stiff, and lost the two talens that hang off the back but gained a pom-pom; and he lost his crozier; some say red and white candy canes represent a Bishop's staff. Saint Nicholas, pray for us. May God grant us a spiritually uplifting and fulfilling Advent!

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

St. Justin's 1st Annual BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th
9-11AM**



***Breakfast Includes: Juice,
Coffee, Pancakes & Sausage**

**Prices: \$20 Individual Family (parents, children &
grandparents are included in this family price)
Or \$5 per person.**

***Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa!
(A great chance to get your Christmas Card Photo)**

***Pre-Registration is required by 11/22/19
(drop off at the parish office or hand in through
RE classes). Flyers available in the narthex and
downloadable from our website: www.stjustin.org,
Confirmation candidates please call the
parish office to leave your name & number.**

*Also in the parish hall, on
December 8th...bring the family...*

**"WE'RE DOING OUR
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT
ST. JUSTIN'S THIS YEAR..."**

ST. JUSTIN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th—

After the 7:30am Mass TO 1:30pm in the parish hall

**OUR PARISH MINISTRIES WILL BE HOSTING
TABLES FILLED WITH WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS ITEMS TO PURCHASE**

**Don't miss all the wonderful items to purchase,
bring home delicious baked goods,
Keep Christ in Christmas
as your purchase helps the ministries to help others!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important Dates for December/January

December 13th	Epiphany Pageant Practice – 4:30-6:00pm – Parish Hall
December 23rd –	
January 2nd	NO CLASSES
January 6th	Classes will resume
January 10th	Epiphany Pageant Dress Rehearsal 4:30-6:30pm – Parish Hall
January 11th	Epiphany Pageant – Following 5:00pm Vigil Mass
January 20th	NO CLASSES
January 26th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation - 4:00pm
January 27th	Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat 6:00-9:00pm – Parish Hall

(classes for CPII ONLY are cancelled for this date)

Christmas Giving Tree

**Is in the Narthex—
Gifts must be returned by the
weekend of December 15th.**

**TAGS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE
OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE
Thank you for your generosity!**



Basilica Christmas Carol Sing at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Newark, New Jersey



*St. Justin's will be running a bus trip on
Thursday, December 12, 2019
to one of the most significant Christmas concerts
in northern New Jersey.*

*The ambiance of candlelight and season
décor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, brass,
percussion, and thousands of participants combine to
create an event that must be experienced.*

*The cost is \$25.00 per person which will cover the cost of
the bus. There is a free-will offering at the Cathedral and
entry is on a first come basis. The bus will be departing
from St. Justin's at 5:15 pm and we should arrive at the
Cathedral by 7:00pm. Please keep in mind that you may
need to wait on line for an hour. The Cathedral will not
permit anyone to save spots in line and we cannot reserve
seats. The concert should start around 8:00 pm. We will
depart from the Cathedral at approximately 9:30 pm and
should arrive back to St. Justin's by 11:00 pm depending
on weather and traffic.*

*There are only 54 seats on the bus so please come to the
parish office to sign up as soon as possible. Payment
needs to be received at the time of sign up.*



*Mark Your Calendar for
Sunday, December 22nd Christmas will be
here sooner than we think! We need your help
in decorating and preparing our church for
the Christmas liturgies and this holy, joyous
season. We will start decorating the church and
narthex immediately following the noon Mass. We need
volunteers of all skills and levels of expertise. If you
would like to participate in decorating please call the
Parish Office and leave your name & number.*

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

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

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

Gary Costanzo

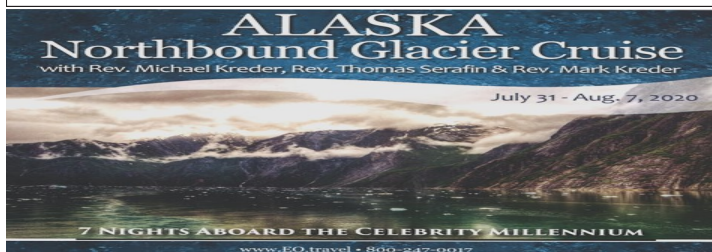
Those who have died in the Service of our Country.

"...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, Christopher Wright

*And for our President and
elected leaders of our Country.*



***Parish Alaska Northbound Glacier Cruise
7 Nights Aboard the Celebrity Millennium
July 31, 2020 to August 7, 2020***

July 31—Embark from Vancouver, British Columbia
August 1—Cruising through the Inside Passage
August 2—Ketchikan, Alaska
August 3—Icy Strait Point, Alaska
August 4—Juneau, Alaska
August 5—Skagway, Alaska
August 6—Hubbard Glacier (Cruising)
August 7—Disembark in Seward, Alaska for deluxe motor coach scenic drive to Anchorage

Cruise Pricing: (rates are per person, based on double occupancy) Interior Stateroom \$1298; Ocean View Stateroom \$1498; Veranda Stateroom \$2298. Includes Transfers, Cruise Taxes & Fees. Book your airfare through EO. Additional \$998 Roundtrip from Newark

brochures are also available in the Narthex and downloadable from our website

You can also Register on-line from the link on our parish website: www.stjustin.org

Not signed up for FORMED? Don't miss out on all the great Catholic books, movies, children's shows and so much more! For Info Visit www.stjustin.org

Have you ever wondered why popes change their names?

*Some may ruminate over, why does a newly elected pope take on a different name than the one given to him at birth? Let's take a look and see if we can solve the mystery. From a theological perspective, the changing of a name signifies a transformation within the person to where they become different altogether, and it signals a change in their life. Consider Abram to Abraham, Jacob to Israel, Simon to Peter, or even Saul to Paul. Something happened at a crucial point in their lives that led God to change their name and it was a transformation in who they were to the very core of their being; in essence the person is different, they are not the same. Now, this wasn't the impetus for the first pope to change his name and those that followed, it was for a practical reason. But, over the years the underlying aspects are more theological, one of tradition and chosen with purpose in mind. Just for a matter of clarity, a pope does not have to change his name, but it's a tradition that goes back to the 6th century. The first pope to change his name was **Pope John II in 533**. His given name was Mercurio and he felt having a name of a pagan god (Mercury) was not appropriate. However, his successors went back to the then tradition of keeping their given names even as they became pope. Then in 983 Pietro Canepanova was elected pope and did not want to be known as Peter II (using the name of St. Peter, the first pope, as Pietro equals Peter in Italian). So, to alleviate this problem he chose the name of **John XIV**. As a matter of note, there has not been a pope who has used the name Peter since the Apostle Peter himself. The next pope to keep his birth name, was Giovanni di Gallina Alba, and he became **John XV**. Upon his death in 956, his successor and those following began to use a regnal name on a regular basis. Of notable mention, the last pope to use his given name is **Adrian VI** in 1522 (he was the last non-Italian [he was Dutch] until 1978 when **John Paul II** was elected who was from Poland). However, there is some debate about this. Some say it was **Pope Marcellus II in 1555**, whose birth name was Marcello, which is a derivation of Marcellus. As we can imagine, and as was the case with **Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio** of Buenos Aires in Argentina when he became **Pope Francis** in 2013, the regnal name is also chosen with a purpose; the name selected has intentionality. Cardinal Bergoglio chose his name in honor of **St. Francis of Assisi**, in hindsight we see why he chose this name. It was St. Francis's commitment to the poor that has also marked the pontificate of Pope Francis. Cardinal Albino Luciani, when elected, chose the names of his two predecessors **John XXIII** and **Paul VI**, both of which have had a profound influence on the modern Church, so, he became **Pope John Paul (I)**. His successor **Karol Wojtyla** of Poland chose the name **John Paul II**, to honor his predecessor. Some may ask, "hmmm, I wonder what name has been used the most?" That's a good question! The name used most often is John. **Pope John XXIII**, who died in 1963, being the most recent. Tied for second; Gregory and Benedict at sixteen times each. Interestingly enough, Linus was the 2nd pope after Peter, but has not been used since. It may be a tough sell for someone to use it now with the advent of the Peanuts character, and with him always carrying a blanket! There are others whose name has not been reused, for instance, Hyginus, Zephyrinus, Dionysius, and Lando to name a few. Most of these names come from the first 350 years of the Church's history, and Lando coming from the 10th century. I wonder if any future pope will use Lando? Hmmm, maybe, if his last name is Calrissian-Hehehe. Fr. Dan*

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, December 2nd 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.

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, December 2nd 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Building** For further info call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080 or Diane Noonan at 732-503-1536

ST. JUSTIN'S TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meeting: December 8th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in St. Justin's Conference Room.

Open to all students in Grades 8th – 12th.

Info: see Deacon Fred Ebenau

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10th (note day change) 7:30pm in St. Justin's Conference Room, Anyone who has lost a loved one, please come join us in prayer & sharing.

ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

Next Meeting—Wednesday, December 11th 7:00pm, St. Justin's Conference Room. If you like to knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please join us.

Please call Fran: 848-241-3976 or 732-492-0329



ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Our **Christmas Luncheon** is Dec. 17th at the Clarion on Rt. 37W., 12:00—4:00pm. \$25.00. Please call ASAP if you would like to attend. Call Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday, DECEMBER 4, 2019

at the Clarion, Rt. 37, Toms River 6:30pm—10:30pm \$40 Tickets available after Masses Nov. 30/Dec. 1st. You do not have to be a Rosarian to attend! For further info contact Barbara at: 732-929-0298/732-232-3733.

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

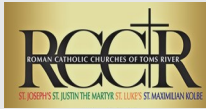
7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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

GOOD COUNSEL CONTINUES TO THANK YOU...

Good Counsel Homes is so very grateful and humbled by the faithful and generous support of the parishioners of St. Justin's. We have collected \$3,256.50 to help us support the moms and babies in need. If you took an envelope please do not forget to mail it in & please consider becoming a monthly donor. Your continued support and prayers for our mothers, who have chosen to give their baby life, offers a future of hope because of your selfless giving. If you were unable to participate for whatever reason, you can still make a donation by visiting our website: www.goodcounselhomes.org. The parishioners of St. Justin's will continue to be in our daily prayers. God bless you and thank you from all of us at Good Counsel. Tara Ingebritsen, 609-387-2928; tara_ingebritsen@goodcounselhomes.org



For info on events happening in our cohort parishes, visit our website www.stjustin.org click the RCCCR tab



St. Justin's Choirs will be singing Christmas Carols & bringing Christmas Joy to the residents of

Shorrock Gardens, 75 Old Toms River Road Brick on Sunday December 8th at 2:00pm, and also at

The Havens, Silverwoods, Rt. 37 on December 15th at 2:00pm

Parishioners are invited! Please join us!

INTERESTED IN JOINING EITHER CHOIR?

CONTACT ANGELA: 732-797-0978

On December 14th, St. Justin Center of Learning will be presenting their

Annual Christmas Pageant together with the St. Justin's Children's Choir



We invite all parishioners to join us in this beautiful Birthday Celebration for Baby Jesus.

We are asking that in lieu of admission price, PLEASE bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

The doors will open 10:15 We hope to see you there. Thank you. Info? Call Walter Hertz @ 732.267.3917 or Francine Campbell @ 908.814.2242

Refreshments will be served after the performance

Kindly Donate Christmas Cards There is a basket in the narthex to collect new Christmas Cards that will be sent to a local Veterans hospital and those in active military service Please donate your new cards

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEEDS HELP

Through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, you partner with the Diocese & your parish to make the corporal works of mercy tangible for people who are most in need. The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Contributions are down 20% across the Diocese. Please take a moment to consider how you can help if you have not done so already. God bless you for your consideration.



BUS TRIP TO Golden Nugget Casino Benefiting St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tuesday, December 3, 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