

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND 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 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

MONDAY, December 9

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30am Marie Ventrone (living)
Christopher Totino (living)
7:00pm Dawn Biccum
Lewandowski grandchildren (living)

TUESDAY, December 10

Advent Weekday

8:30am Al DeAngelo
Bobby Skrable

WEDNESDAY, December 11

Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30am Thomas Palumbo
Carol Carrubba

THURSDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30am Nicholas V. Dell'Acqua
Marie Bianco

FRIDAY, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:30am Betty Hermann
Mark Geraci

SATURDAY, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Richard Beeh
Nicholas V. Montenegro
Bruce Matonis

SUNDAY, December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Pasquale Cosentino
Beverly Guthrie
9:00am Brian Comer
Bruce Matonis
10:30am William Reed
(choir Mass) Joyce Scott
12Noon John & Carmela Marchello
Susan Valentino



*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*

Christina Marie Johnson

requested by Mom & Dad & Rachael



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.



Rev. Mark Kreder, Rev. Michael Kreder & Rev. Thomas Serafin at the statue of Saint Juan Diego, which is just outside his tomb.

From the Pastor
2nd Sunday of Advent -
A
December 8, 2019

HUMBLE SAINT. This may be the first bulletin article in our 'Saints Series' written at the Saint's tomb!

On Day One of our Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we prayed at the tomb of Saint Juan Diego. His very simple grave is

behind his statue [see above] and is near **Our Lady of Guadalupe's Shrine**. It befits the humble man to whom **Our Lady** appeared in indigenous Aztec garb. Speaking in his native tongue, she sparked the mass conversion of many pagan peoples and others to Catholicism. Some say that - in less than 10 years after her 1521 apparitions - nine million 'New World' natives embraced **Christianity!**

Not surprisingly, given his humility, we know very little about **Saint Juan Diego** whose **Feast Day** is **December 9**. Even our liturgical calendar reflects his deference to **Our Blessed Mother**. For when the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** falls on a Sunday, as it does this year, it is moved to Monday. [All Solemnities that fall on a Sunday in the 'privileged' times of **Advent, Christmas, Lent** or **Easter**, or during **Holy Week** or **Easter Week**, are moved to the nearest 'free' day.] So, there is no **Feast of Saint Juan Diego** this year; however, we will use his Collect to conclude the Universal Prayer on Monday, December 9, which, this year, we celebrate **Our Lady's Immaculate Conception**. [Mary is the **Patroness of the USA** under this title, so come to pray for our great country at Monday's Masses - and wear **something blue** to honor **Our Lady**.] More about **Saint Juan Diego** after praying his Collect.

Collect - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

O God, who by means of Saint Juan Diego showed the love of the most holy Virgin Mary for your people, grant, through his intercession, that, by following the counsels our Mother gave at Guadalupe, we may be ever constant in fulfilling your will. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

GOD CHOOSES THE LOWLY. Just as God once chose the humble **Virgin of Nazareth** to be **His Son's Mother**, God chose a humble peasant to be the one through whom He would sow the seeds of **Catholicism** in the Americas. One would think that **God** would also make it easy for the man He had chosen to receive this special calling - but that's **NOT** how **God** usually works! For **Saint Juan Diego** met resistance, rejection and ridicule as he strove to share with his bishop what had been revealed to him.

A 57-year-old widower without children, on his way to catechism classes to learn more about the faith he had accepted and was baptized into when he was 50, **Saint Juan Diego** saw a bright light atop a hilltop in Tepeyac, Mexico. When he investigated it, he heard beautiful music, and saw 'a lady' who asked him to tell the bishop to build a church to her honor on that site so that others could come to know and love her **Son**.

His bishop dismissed his message as a pious dream and asked for a sign from 'the lady.' Sometime later, the 'lady' told him to take the roses he saw, which do not bloom in December, to the disbelieving bishop; so, he gathered them in his tunic or tilma. But when **Saint Juan Diego** poured them out before his bishop, their imprint had left the image - which is still intact - of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. It is the only image our **Blessed Mother** left of herself; in her apparitions in Fatima, Lourdes, Knock, etc., we have only the description of what she looked like from those who saw her.

While some may, like the then-Bishop of Mexico, dismiss all this as a dream, it cannot be denied that the conversion of so many, so quickly, in a land that still venerates **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, which we saw almost everywhere we visited on our pilgrimage, is itself a miracle! However, God wills to perform similar 'miracles' through us who are willing to do as **Saint Juan Diego** did!

How is **God** calling us to reawaken the **Catholic Faith** - in those in whom it has gone dormant, or who have rejected it - or to plant it in those who never heard of it, do not know it or understand it? **Saint Juan Diego**, pray for us! **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, pray for us! **O Mary**, conceived without sin, pray for the USA!

In Christ,

Fr. Mark

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SIMBANG GABI

The Filipino Community invites you to join our Advent tradition, a devotional nine-day novena masses called "Simbang Gabi", in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are held in different churches of Ocean County. The first day novena Mass will be held here at St Justin's Church on December 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM with our pastor, Father Mark as the Celebrant.

Friday, December 20th
St. Justin the Martyr: 7:00 PM

Monday, December 16th
St. Barnabas Church: 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 17th
St. Joseph Church: 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 18th
St. Luke's Church: 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18th
St. Maximilian Kolbe: 12 Noon-1:30 PM



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



Visit www.stjustin.org, click the **Monitor** tab on the Home Page for all the latest news from our Diocese!



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.

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)

Catholics Can Always Come Home! To find out more about our RCIA program call the parish office

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.

Only a few seats left! Come to the parish office to sign up as soon as possible. Payment needs to be received at the time of sign up.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Karmello Alan Wood, Jilliana Krystine Wood, Jack Robert Corsi, Giuliana Rose Strifolino, Graziana Mila Lafalce

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

Katelyn Elizabeth Gray & Brandon Scott Volk
"...and a time to be born to eternal life..."

Donald Foley, Msgr. Phillip Lowery

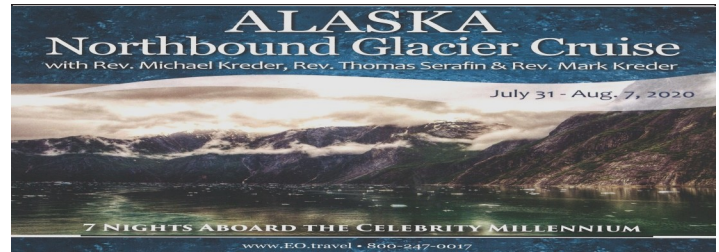
Those who have died in the Service of our Country.

"...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*

*Mass will be celebrated each day,
receive Jesus in the Eucharist and enjoy the
beauty and grandeur created by God!*

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

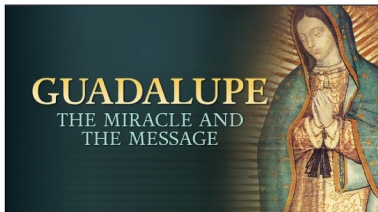
Cruise Pricing: (rates are per person, based on double occupancy) Interior Stateroom \$1298; Ocean View Stateroom \$1498; Veranda Stateroom \$2298. Includes Transfers, Cruise Taxes & Fees. Book your airfare through EO. Additional \$998 Roundtrip from Newark

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

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

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**The Heart of the Evangelization
of the Americas**

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

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RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The Bill giving 9.5 million dollars to Planned Parenthood passed the New Jersey Assembly. It now goes to the Senate for a vote.

Please call Senator Holzappel :

At 732-840-9028, and ask him to vote

NO on this bill, tax dollars should not be used to pay for abortions.



**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

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

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 meetings: Tuesday, December 10th (note day change)

& Monday, January 13, 2020. 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 MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, January 6, 2020 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,

January 6, 2020 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

WOMAN OF FAITH

Next Meeting, Tuesday January 7, 2020 in St. Justin's

Conference Room., 7:00pm to 8:30pm. (Note day change)

We will be sharing our faith through prayer, readings &

discussions as we explore the role of women throughout

Biblical & Modern times, in order to uplift, share and

encourage our *Sisters in Faith* in daily life.

For more info: Linda (732) 232-7014.



The Sacrament of *Baptism*

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

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Annual Christmas Luncheon

December 17th at the

Clarion on Rt. 37W., 12:00—4:00pm. \$25.00,

Please call ASAP if you would like to attend:

Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733.



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.



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



Marriage Encounter

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings

by attending a *Marriage Encounter Weekend?*

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 24 -26. Please apply by January 10, as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. For more information visit us at:

www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org



Retrouvaille
... a lifeline for Marriages

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area begins on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential

CALENDARS

2020 calendars are available in the Narthex. The calendars are given to us courtesy of Silverton Memorial Funeral Home and Ryan Funeral Home.