

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD 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 FOR THE WEEK

**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

**MONDAY, December 16**

**Advent Weekday**

8:30am Ann Marie Santos  
Bobby Skrable

**TUESDAY, December 17**

**Late Advent Weekday**

8:30am Tom DiMicelli  
Sheila Baita

**WEDNESDAY, December 18**

**Late Advent Weekday**

8:30am Ralph Padrone  
Carol Hartl

**THURSDAY, December 19**

**Late Advent Weekday**

8:30am Jack Vasarkovy  
Eramia Family

**FRIDAY, December 20**

**Late Advent Weekday**

8:30am Rose & Victor Leone  
James Rooney

**SATURDAY, December 21**

**Late Advent Weekday;**

**St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

9:30am People of the Parish  
5:00pm Carl & Hilda Stelz  
Irene & Stanley Dziuban

**SUNDAY, December 22**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30am Edward Hernandez  
Paquale Cosentino  
9:00am Helen & Roy Larkin  
Barbara Pistilli  
10:30am Rev. Robert A. O'Leary  
(choir Mass) Angelina & Andrew Petti  
12Noon Joseph & Louise Becht  
Al Tozzi



*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*

*Ralph Padrone*

*requested by Joanne Padrone*



## 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

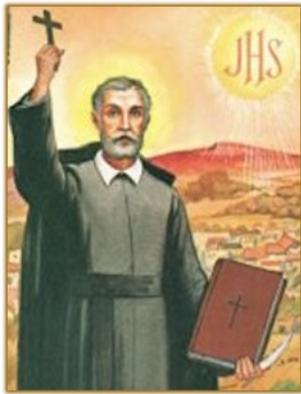
**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

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  
December 15, 2019  
3rd Sunday of Advent - A  
Gaudete [Rejoice] Sunday

### **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR GREAT CATHOLIC FAITH?**

The easiest way to silence Catholics is to ask them to explain a dogma or doctrine! One example: when asked how the

**Immaculate Conception** can be on **December 8**, and the **Birth of Jesus 17** days later, when it usually takes 9 months from conception to birth, most Catholics freeze! The answer is simple; the **Immaculate Conception** recalls our **Blessed Mother's** conception without Original Sin in her mother, Saint Anne's womb; 9 months later, September 8, is **Mary's birthday**. The conception of **Christ** in the **Virgin Mother's** womb is March 25, 9 months before **Christmas**.

The Saint we honor [with little fanfare, since it falls in the last week of **Advent**, which has special readings and orations] on his Feast Day: **December 21**, the day he died in 1597, was known for his respectful responses to those confused about the Faith! After praying the Collect, which can only be used in places named in his honor [we may use it to end the Universal Prayer] we will explain some of the traits for which the first Dutch Jesuit, **Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**, is known.

#### **Collect - Saint Peter Canisius Priest & Doctor of the Church**

O God, who for the defense of the Catholic faith made the Priest Saint Peter Canisius strong in virtue and in learning, grant, through his intercession, that those who seek the truth may joyfully find you, their God, and that your faithful people may persevere in confessing you.  
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRACTICE BEFORE YOU PREACH.** The world in which **Saint Peter Canisius** lived was quite like our own times. He was born on May 8, 1521 in Holland, soon after Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation in 1517; he was 18 when **Saint Ignatius of Loyola** founded the Jesuits, whose main mission was, and is, to educate the faithful. The highly politicized and often violent conflicts between Catholics and the Reformers make our current partisan controversies and bickering seem quite tame! His mother

died when he was an infant, and his father, a rich mayor, hoped he would marry a wealthy woman, but in 1546 he became a Jesuit Priest.

Instead of adding to the often bitter disputes with Protestant Reformers, as many Counter-Reformers did, **Saint Peter Canisius formulated Catechisms** for every age level, so Catholics could better understand their Faith before trying to explain it or defend it to others. His **Catechisms**, which were concise and noted for their clarity, were a novel approach to faith formation in those days and were translated into 12 languages during his lifetime. Thus, **Saint Peter Canisius** enabled countless lay men and women to learn about and promote the Catholic Faith.

#### **HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US**

**SINNERS.** The '**Hail Mary**' may be a common prayer, but it has a complex history. The first phrase: "**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you**" echoes the **Angel Gabriel's** greeting in the **Annunciation**. The second phrase, "**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb**" echoes Elizabeth's greeting in the **Visitation**. Some say the **Holy Name of Jesus** was added by **Saint Bernard of Clairvaux** or Pope Urban III in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. The last phrase asks our **Blessed Mother** to do for us as she did for her dying **Son**: to be with us "**now and at the hour of our death**." It was added by the Council of Trent [1545-1563] after which, in 1568, the wording of the prayer as we know it became 'official.'

The third phrase, "**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners**," is said to have been added by **Saint Peter Canisius**. Before his time, the '**Hail Mary**' was only used in private devotions, but soon after became a more public prayer which Popes and Councils encouraged all to pray more often, even daily. This, of course, added more fuel to the fire as some Protestant Reformers downplayed Marian devotions and her role in our Faith. However, neither Martin Luther nor any of the early Reformers intended to alter our **Blessed Mother's** special place in our Faith. What place does our **Blessed Mother** and the '**Hail Mary**' play in your faith life? **Saint Peter Canisius, pray for us!**

In Christ,

*Father Mark*

### **Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;  
Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-

### **ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY**

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Sacristy for **MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS** for anyone who serves at Mass as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, Usher, or Altar Server.

***Please sign-up for the Mass that you will be attending!***

#### **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



**"Lord Jesus, hold my temper in Your Hand,  
so I may not give it to others."**

- Mother Angelica

#### **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!***



***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 23rd –

January 2nd

January 6th

January 10th

January 11th

January 20th

January 26th

January 27th

NO CLASSES

Classes will resume

Epiphany Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
4:30-6:30pm – Parish Hall

Epiphany Pageant – Following  
5:00pm Vigil Mass

NO CLASSES

Sacrament of First Reconciliation -  
4:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation  
Retreat 6:00-9:00pm – Parish Hall

(classes for CPPI ONLY are cancelled for this date)



#### ***Attention Confirmation Student Parents:***

***The date to volunteer for the Simon Soup Kitchen is Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 4:45 to 7:00pm.***

***Simon's Soup Kitchen is located at 100 Grant Ave., Seaside Heights.***

***Any parent wishing to participate may leave their name and number at the parish office.***

#### **A Simple Prayer for Christmas Dinner**

Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and his love for us. With joy we pray, Amen



***Pictured here is our Adult & Children Choir Members who brought Christmas Joy to the residents of Shorrock Gardens on December 8th.***

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

***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***



*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..."*

Kenneth Ritter

*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.*

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PICK OF THE WEEK



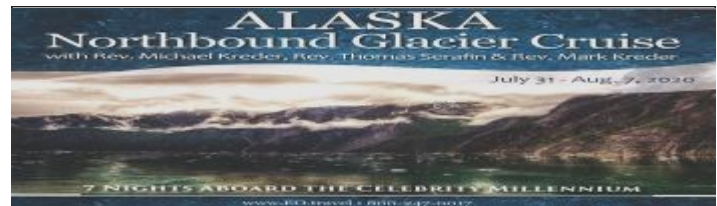
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Dr. Scott Hahn

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**, 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

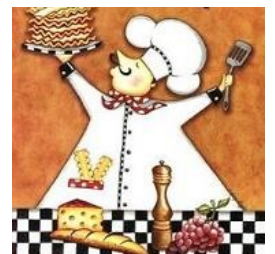
**You can also Register on-line from the link on our  
parish website: [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org)**

**St. Justin's 1st  
INTERNATIONAL  
POT LUCK DINNER**

*will be held on*

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

**At 6:00pm in the parish hall.**



*Please bring your favorite family  
dish (pre-heated) in a throw away  
tin. If you choose to attend without preparing a dish there  
will be a free will offering basket at the door. Feel free to  
decorate your table with anything depicting your country of  
heritage. Any additional questions call Sue at 908-591-4271*

*Our family wishes to thank you  
for the overwhelming support,  
love and prayers we have received  
for the loss of our beloved  
husband, father and grandfather,  
Richard Hauenstein.*



*Deacon Rich ministered to parishioners for more  
than 35 years, and during that time, St. Justin's was  
his second home and family. In our time of loss,  
this St. Justin's family has provided tremendous  
compassion and comfort to us, and for that, we are  
forever grateful. May God's blessings be with you,  
The Hauenstein Family*

## PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

### ST. JUSTIN'S TEEN YOUTH GROUP

**Next Meeting: January 5, 2020**

**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 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.

### ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

**Next Meeting—Wednesday, January 8, 2020 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 BEREAVEMENT GROUP

**Next meetings: Monday, January 13, & 27th, 2020**

**7:30pm in St. Justin's Conference Room,** Anyone who has lost a loved one ,please come join us in prayer & sharing

### THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

**7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

Registration for Workshop is

Required call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to attend



### ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

**Next Meeting: January 21, 2020** in the parish hall.

Coffee at 11:30 followed by our meeting at noon. Anyone 52 years young and over is more than welcome. Please

bring a non perishable item for St. Vincent dePaul We will be having a nutritionist speak at this meeting. For info

Contact: 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](http://www.stjustin.org) click the RCCTR tab



*Have you ever considered the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood?*

*Do you have questions about what it takes to become a Catholic priest?*

The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Trenton has a resource for anyone who is considering a call to the priesthood!

The website [www.godiscallingyou.com](http://www.godiscallingyou.com) provides practical answers to the questions you may have in discerning a call to the priesthood.



### 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](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org)

### ST. JUSTIN THE MARTYR RCIA PROGRAM

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

\*Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

\*Has a child over the age of fifteen who has not been baptized?

\*Was baptized but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?

If so, St. Justin's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is always ready to accept those inquiring into becoming fully initiated Catholic Christians.

For further information Contact the Parish Office at (732) 270-3980



### CALENDARS

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