

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH 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 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

MONDAY, December 23

Late Advent Weekday

8:30am Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr., &
Lisa Ann Paparazzo
James Whelan, Jr.

TUESDAY, December 24

Late Advent Weekday

8:30am No Mass
4:00pm(church) John DeFranco
4:00pm Julia Munoz
4:00pm(hall) Peragine Family (living)
4:00pm Murphy Family (living)
6:00pm* People of the Parish
(children's music ministry)
10:00pm* People of the Parish
(Adult Choir)

WEDNESDAY, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:00am Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)
Rev. Daniel Price (living)
10:00am The Lewis Family (living)
Skelton & Noble Families
12Noon Sauer & Sullivan Families
Robert Greer & Family

THURSDAY, December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

*5:00pm Rose Marie Baldwin
(no 8:30am) Deacons of the Parish (living)

FRIDAY, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:30am Frank P. Perrucci
The Kako Family

SATURDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Stanley & Lottie Karkut
Joell Lanfrank

SUNDAY, December 29

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30am Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Robert Henne
9:00am Richard Lewis
Dawn Biccum
10:30am Dolores R. Centanni
(choir Mass) Donald Werder
12Noon Domenico Panza
Olga & Thomas Lewandowski, Sr.



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

Matloob Family
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 for



The Shawl Ministry (living)

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
4th Sunday of Advent - A
December 22, 2019

A MERRY CHRISTMAS: DID IT EVER EXIST? Forgive me for sounding like Scrooge, but do we realize how difficult and tense the first Christmas was for the ***Holy Family?*** A census, called mainly for taxation, caused a

very pregnant couple to travel to their ancestral home, where there was no room for them in the inn - or their relatives' residences. Did they shun the expectant mother who claimed to have 'conceived by the Holy Spirit?' Did the shepherds wipe their feet [even if it was a cave or stable] or wash their hands before touching the ***Holy Infant?*** Were they prepared for their other 'unexpected' guests: the ***Magi***, who drew attention to them and led Herod to mandate the massacre of all newborn boys? I'm sure the frantic flight to Egypt was no picnic either! And those strange prophecies from ***Simeon*** and ***Anna***!

In the Roman Missal, Holy Mother Church wisely provides, in the '***Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions***' section, a set of orations entitled '***For Relatives and Friends***.' While we cannot use these prayers in ***Advent*** or ***Christmas***, we can - and should - pray them privately as we prepare to gather with family and friends during this most holy season. Then, perhaps, we will have, with God's grace, a very ***Merry Christmas!***

Collect - For Relatives and Friends

O God, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit have filled the hearts of your faithful with gifts of charity, grant health of mind and body to your servants, for whom we beseech your mercy, that they may love you with all their strength and, with all their love, do what is pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

DO WE USE OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO FACE EARTHLY CHALLENGES? Although Scripture is mostly silent on the ***Holy Family's*** daily life, by 'reading-between-the-lines' we learn a lot about them. For instance, since they faithfully practiced the rites of their Jewish faith, we can presume they regularly prayed together, went to the synagogue for lessons, and to the Temple for sacrifices and other rituals. Likewise, we must practice our faith, for only with the strength that comes from the Sacraments, and from communal and private prayer, can we face the curveballs and

challenges that life with family and friends often throws at us! As trite as it may sound, it's true: ***The Family That Prays Together Stays Together!***

**Prayer Over the Offerings -
For Relatives and Friends**

Have mercy, O Lord, on your servants, for whom we offer your majesty this sacrifice of praise, that through these holy gifts they may obtain the grace of heavenly blessing and the glory of eternal happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER! A fully charged cellphone or laptop can last a long time under normal usage, but when they are put to more challenging usage, they must be recharged more often. And when they are put to the most demanding usage, they must be connected directly to their power source. So, too, with us. The spiritual graces we receive via regular prayer and weekly Communion can usually sustain us through life's ordinary, everyday challenges and demands. But when we face stress, fractured families, or tested friendships, we need to stay closely connected to the help that only comes from heaven. So we must pray before, during, and after we gather with family or friends, lest we succumb to what we cannot deal with or endure alone, without God's grace and help.

**Prayer after Communion -
For Relatives and Friends**

We ask you, Lord, as we receive the divine mysteries: grant your servants, to whom you have given a love for us, pardon for sins, consolation in this life and unfailing guidance, that all of us, united in your service, may rejoice together before your face.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FORGIVE, FORGIVE, FORGIVE. It's easy to point out everything that is wrong with others, to harbor resentment, to nurture grudges, and to respond-in-kind to those who drain, harm or upset us. But we Christians are called to forgive as we have been forgiven - and to seek forgiveness from everyone we offend. Could the best Christmas gift ever - to Jesus and to each other - be to forgive - and to seek forgiveness - from family and friends? Father Dan and I wish you and your families a ***Merry Christmas and Happy 2020!***

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of December 22, 2019

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21
or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Thank you to our Men's Faith Group, Confirmation candidates, and parishioners who volunteered to make our Breakfast with Santa a success. A very special THANK YOU to Joe Inserra for the role he played as well—Sue Keogh



INTERESTED IN JOINING EITHER OUR ADULT OR CHILDREN'S CHOIR?

Do you have a love of singing for the Lord?

CONTACT ANGELA: 732-797-0978

*"Lord, so often we get carried away with ourselves,
and others, who observe us,
think they could never sing
so as to deserve a place in this choir.*

*But you know differently,
You the Creator who turned dew into manna,
Water into wine,
Clay into finest pottery.*

You have a space for every voice.

*Keep us humble in our task,
Humble enough to know that every voice,
no matter how weak or strong,
is beautiful and has a place here.*

For to you, each of our voices sounds wonderful."

Jeanne Hunt, from Choir Prayers (ocp.org/6012)

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Sacristy for **MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS, and MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY** 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important Dates for December

December 23rd – January 2nd NO CLASSES

Important Dates for January

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 CPPI ONLY are cancelled for this date)



GRADE ONE EPIPHANY PAGEANT JANUARY 11TH – PARISH HALL Following the 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Come and join us! to close out our Christmas season with song and fellowship. Our first graders have worked hard on their presentation of the Epiphany and ***we invite our parish family to join in the celebration of this feast day.***

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00pm (Church and Parish Hall)

6:00pm *Children's Music Ministry at Mass

Solemn Christmas Mass: 10:00pm *Adult Choir Mass

Arrive at 9:30 for Christmas Carols with the adult choir*

"Who can sleep on the night that God became man?"

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th
8:00am-10:00am-12:00noon

****Please note daily Mass on Thursday, December 26th will be at 5:00pm in lieu of 8:30am**

*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..."

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.*

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Story of the Nativity

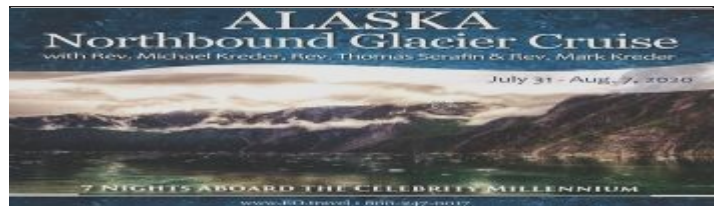
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The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clarifies widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

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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

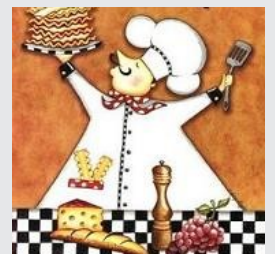
brochures are also available in the Narthex and
downloadable from our website

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

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**



*The Priests, Deacons & Staff wish
everyone a Very Blessed & Joyful
Christmas!*

**Please Note that the Parish Office will be
open from
9:00am to 12:00noon on Christmas Eve,
December 24th—half day.**

**The Parish Offices will be closed:
Wednesday, December 25th
Thursday, December 26th
Tuesday December 31st (New Year's Eve)
Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

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

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. Further info contact: Barbara 732-929-0298/732-232-3733

ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:30pm . We are a faithful group of women striving to live our Catholic faith thru prayer and good works. *We would love to have you join us! New members always welcome! For further information call the parish office.*

**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



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

THE MONITOR NEWS UPDATE

From the publishers of The Monitor Magazine, and MonitorOnline.com

For the weekend of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2019

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

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.



**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

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

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.