

# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you.

*Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.*

*May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.*

**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 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.

**MONDAY, December 30**

**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30am Gerald Robichaud  
Saverio & Lucia Ferrara

**TUESDAY, December 31**

**Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
St. Sylvester I, Pope**

8:30am Deacon Richard Hauenstein  
Bobby Skrable  
5:00pm People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, January 1**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,**

**New Year's Day; World Day of Prayer for Peace**

10:00am Christina Johnson  
(adult choir) Rev. Pasqualino Gualtieri  
12Noon Mary Laureti  
Priests & Deacons of the Parish (living)

**THURSDAY, January 2**

**Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &  
Doctors of the Church**

8:30am The Barton Girls  
Tony Falletta, Jr.

**FRIDAY, January 3**

**FIRST FRIDAY; Christmas Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30am Purgatorial Society

**SATURDAY, January 4**

**FIRST SATURDAY; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

9:30am People of the Parish  
5:00pm Joseph Paparazzo, Sr.  
Joseph Meehan

**SUNDAY, January 5**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30am Michael Kelly  
Michael & Joseph Napodano  
9:00am Michael Viscel  
Edwin Ortiz Arce  
10:30am Adrian Shephard  
(choir Mass) Bob Drahos  
12Noon Ann Marie Neveroski  
Robert VanSprang

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace Amen*



*The Altar Bread,  
which will become the Body of Christ  
at the Masses celebrated  
during the week is offered for*

*The Shawl Ministry (living)*

*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*

*Louise & Joseph Becht*

*requested by Judi Pais & Angela Petti*



## 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  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph - A  
December 29, 2019

**CHANGE & TRANSITION: A BLESSING & A CURSE.** At the 'turning of the year,' as we reflect on the past and ask God's blessing on the future, we have a great Saint to help us ponder life's inevitable changes and transitions in **Pope Saint Sylvester I**. He is the last Saint we honor each

year as his **Feast Day** is **December 31**, the day he was buried in 335. Born around 250, he was elected Pope in 314 and reigned for 21 years as our 33<sup>rd</sup> Pope, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Successor of **Saint Peter**.

In his days, the Church's legal status went from 'outlawed enemy' of Rome to the official State religion. While the Emperor Constantine's **Edict of Milan** ended violent persecution of Christians, let them worship in public, and gave them many other rights, it also opened the proverbial Pandora's Box of problems. After praying his Collect, we will reflect on some of the  **blessings**  and  **curses**  during **Pope Saint Sylvester I**'s papacy.

**Collect - Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

Come, O Lord, to the help of your people,  
sustained by the intercession of  
Pope Saint Sylvester, so that,  
running the course of this present life  
under your guidance,  
we may happily attain life without end.  
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

**BLESSINGS.** When the Church was made legal, she began to enjoy: the end of persecution; the right to worship in public; the ability to build public structures and establish public policies; and the formation of forums to debate, discuss, and decide on theological questions and other issues. And as the papacy became more formalized and centralized, uniformity and clarity helped end the disarray that distinguished the Church's first 300 years of history.

Some say the greatest gift was the conversion of the Emperor Constantine. According to legend, **Saints Peter and Paul** appeared to him after he had contracted leprosy, assuring him that if he was baptized, he'd be cured. **Saint Sylvester I**, who is often depicted with images of the two great Apostles, had the honor of baptizing him.

Constantine returned the favor by giving the Pope two gifts: a castle on Rome's Lateran hill as a home, and a nearby pagan temple as a church. To this day, the **Basilica of Saint John Lateran** is the Bishop of Rome's Cathedral. Constantine also gave property on which the **first Saint Peter Basilica** was built, which he helped finance, as well as many other ecclesial structures.

**Pope Saint Sylvester I** also promulgated many policies as the papal role developed; many are still in effect to this day! He declared the **Sign of the Cross** was a divine gift; gave Bishops the exclusive right to consecrate the **Sacred Chrism** used to anoint in **Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders** and new **church dedications**; mandated that the **Eucharist** be consecrated on a white linen corporal or cloth, and Deacons wear dalmatics; and called both **Saturday AND Sunday** the **Lord's Day** or the **Sabbath**.

**CURSES.** Once Christianity became legal, many **joined** or **returned** to the Church, but not always for the right reasons. Once becoming Christian became the 'politically correct' thing to do, many joined **in name only**. While the Church grew in numbers, her members' overall faithfulness to the Gospel lessened. And when those who had left during turbulent times tried to rejoin, they were not, understandably, always welcomed back by those who had endured persecution.

The State's overpowering interest in and desire to control Church matters were also great challenges. As is still the case today in places like China, the government appointed Bishops and decided other religious issues. The Council of Nicaea, which gave us the Creed we still profess at Mass, was called - not by **Pope Saint Sylvester I** but by Constantine - who had it convened - not in Rome, but in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire to appease 'the East.' In fact, **Pope Saint Sylvester I** did not even attend the Council of Nicaea but was represented by other clerics.

**BALANCE & PEACE.** To his credit, **Pope Saint Sylvester I** wisely encouraged cooperation and peace between the Church and the State. May we strive for these ideals in the controversies and elections of 2020! **Pope Saint Sylvester I, pray for us!** Father Dan and I wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2020!

In Christ,

*Father Mark*



### Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18  
**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Special Mass Schedule**  
**New Year's Day**  
**Solemnity of**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**VIGIL MASS December 31st,**  
**5:00pm**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2020**

**\*10:00am (adult choir)**  
**and 12Noon**



### January 12, 2020 The Baptism of the Lord



**CHURCH  
UN-DECORATING AND  
CLEAN UP RIGHT  
AFTER THE 12NOON MASS!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN HELPING PLEASE  
LEAVE YOUR NAME AND  
PHONE NUMBER AT THE  
PARISH OFFICE**



**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**

### ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

**Sign-up sheets are posted in the  
Sacristy for  
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

#### Please Note:

No classes December 30th-31st  
No classes January 1st-2nd

#### Reminder:

Epiphany Pageant Dress Rehearsal – January 10th  
Parish Hall 4:30-6:30pm  
All students in Grade 1 are asked to attend this important practice.  
Students who are providing their own costumes must bring them to this practice.

#### 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 CP11 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.**



***The Priests, Deacons & Staff  
wish Our Parish Family a  
Very Blessed, Healthy,  
& Happy New Year!***

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

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

Freya Patrice Barrett, Olivia Jade Leach

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

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

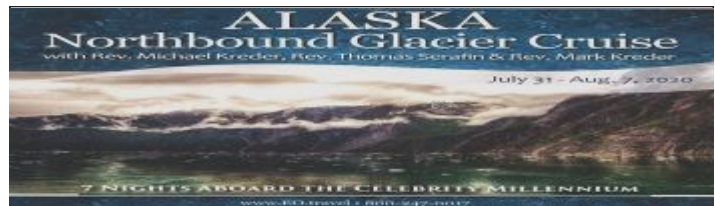
*Those who have died in the Service of our Country.*

*"...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.*



*, 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)*



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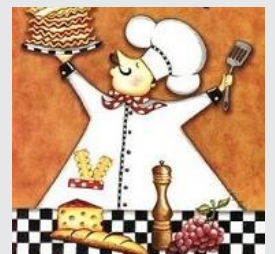


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Click on FORMED on the Home Page*

**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*



**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*



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



Visit [www.stjustin.org](http://www.stjustin.org), click the **Monitor** tab on the Home Page for all the latest news from our Diocese!

### **Next Week at Masses the Cantor will read .....**

**"The Epiphany Proclamation" Here is the reason why!**

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

Each year the proper dates for Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the First Sunday of Advent must be inserted into the text. Those dates are found in the table which is included with the introductory documents of the *Roman Missal*. The form to be used for announcing each dates is: the *date of month*, e.g., "the seventh day of April." On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to the following text. (The musical notation is found in Appendix I of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. USCCB.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