

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, March 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
Weekend Associate: Rev. Robert Laferrera

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

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2023

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8,
9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20;
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20;
Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-
2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-
28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-
21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk
15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6
-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-
42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-
42

Lenten Evening Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule:

*Each Monday evening
during Lent until 3/20
Confessions: 6:15
Mass 7:00pm
(no regular Confessions held
on Saturdays during Lent
until after Easter)*

*Parish Confessions:
Friday, March 31 from 5:30-
7:00pm. Several priests will
be available to hear
confession*

**PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797**

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.

**SUNDAY, March 5****SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8:00am People of the Parish
 9:30am Domenica Iemma
 11:30am Josephine Plesnik
 Raymond Fennel
 Anne-Marie Neveroski

MONDAY, March 6**Lenten Weekday**

- 8:00am Neil Patrick Werner, Jr.
 Michael Kelly
 Valerie Roma
 7:00pm John Tierney

TUESDAY, March 7**Lenten Weekday; Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

- 8:00am Diane Sperduto Conroy
 Judith Mannato
 Ann Marie Leone

WEDNESDAY, March 8**Lenten Weekday; St. John of God, Religious**

- 8:00am Joseph Paparazzo, Jr.
 Jerome Silvey
 Ann Marie Leone
 Angelica Bussani

THURSDAY, March 9**Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, Religious**

- 8:00am Laura Pisano
 Richard Sistad
 Angelica Bussani

Saturday, March 11**Lenten Weekday**

- 5:00pm Bronislawa Jaron
 Anthony Tomaino
 Ann Leone

SUNDAY, March 12**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT****Daylight Saving Time begins**

- 8:00am People of the Parish
 9:30am John Woods
 Rosemary Pirrera
 11:30am John Juliano
 Irene Luczyk
 Victor Paparazzo (living)



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

Vincent Kreder

requested by Keogh & Sullivan Families

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

Laura Pisano

requested by Pisano Family



St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Collection 3rd Sunday of the month. Food Collection basket is located in the narthex by the parish hall.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM; 9:30AM; 11:30am

WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM
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:

During Lent: Confession will not be heard on Saturdays. Confessions will be heard on Monday evenings (2/27, 3/6, 13 & 20) at 6:15pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office

Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Education

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.



For the success of the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, and for the success of the many services and programs that our gifts make possible. We pray to the Lord.



From the Pastor
2nd Sunday of
Lent - A
March 5, 2023

REVISED ORDER OF PENANCE. This is Part 2 of our miniseries on the 'Order of Penance.' This first revision of the English translation of the 1973 Latin edition, once called the Rite of

Penance, affects its translation, not its structure. We will still 'go to Confession' as we have been doing for decades. This revised Order of Penance, optional since Ash Wednesday, is mandatory as of the 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023. It prompts us to review and get reacquainted with this great **Sacrament of Healing**. Why a new translation?

First, many do not realize that the Church's official language is still Latin; all her documents and rituals are first promulgated in Latin, which is then translated into every language on Earth! After each country or region's Conference of Bishops drafts a local edition, Rome must approve it. Since the English spoken in the USA and its territories is quite different from the English spoken in British areas, there are two substantially different English translations of all Church publications! And the process of translation is far more daunting than most people realize; and it takes years - or decades!

The Revised Prayer of Absolution

"God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son has
reconciled the world to himself
and poured out [currently, sent] the Holy Spirit
among us for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church may God grant
[currently, give] you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, [+]
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The only changes are: "poured out" will replace "sent," and "grant" will replace "give."

As we explained in last week's bulletin article, the 'main change' most people will [may?] notice is in the **'Prayer of Absolution'** offered by the **Priest**. The few words that have been altered express more accurately the original Latin intent of this oration. [we said 'may' notice because some still

pray their 'Act of Contrition' AS the Priest is praying the 'Prayer of Absolution!' Priest and Penitent should be paying attention TO each other, not SPEAKING OVER each other! For **BOTH** prayers are quite beautiful and deserve special attention. This also maintains what is important in every Sacrament: it is a **DIALOGUE** taking place between God, who speaks and acts **through** the Ordained Priest, and God's People, who seek a dose of God's grace.

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION IN THE HISTORY OF SALVATION. Like the former 'Rite of Penance' and all other Catholic rituals, the revised 'Order of Penance' begins by explaining the ongoing development of our Sacraments and Rites, noting that - while the manner, way or form the Church has used for almost 2,000 years has, indeed, evolved through many adaptations and alterations - the essential elements - given to her by her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, have, never, nor ever will, change! The revised 'Order' offers this brief history of Penance:

Through His Passion, Death and Resurrection, Christ conquered sin and death. While His main 'battle cry' was: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." [Mark 1:15], this simply amplified the call of every Prophet before Him, up to John the Baptist. However, only Jesus, the Son of God, could also reconcile us to the Father! To enable this ministry to continue until His return in glory, Jesus instituted the **Sacrifice of the New Covenant in His Blood**, which is renewed and made present to us and for us at every holy Mass.

Before ascending into heaven, Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon Saint Peter and the other Apostles so that, in His Name, they would have the power to forgive or retain sins. [Cf: John 20:19-23] They, in turn, entrusted the authority and ability to forgive sins and to declare loose on earth and loosed in heaven [Cf: Matthew 16:19] to their successors, and to Ordained Priests or Presbyters - but not Deacons or any others. So, for two millennia, the Church has never ceased seeking stray sheep, calling sinners to conversion, and welcoming back prodigal sons and daughters. Next week: the sacramental gifts the Church uses to reconcile us.

In Christ

Father Mark

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...*"

Lynn Cressen-Pardo, Ruth Connelly

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,

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Michael Anthony DeAnni, Jordan Thomas, Jason Paino

Kevin Kreder, Christopher Wright, Gage Maguire,

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Joseph Paparazzo, Jr., Seamus Righter, Morgan Hermack

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



Share the Warmth Blanket/ Toiletries

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a Blanket (twin, full, queen)/sleeping bags as well as toiletries drive on the weekend of March 18 and 19 after all the Masses. Please bring new or gently used Blankets/sleeping bags to the Parish conference room. Items will be distributed locally.

Thank you for your support.



March 7th at 7:00pm
Tuesday Evening Lenten Series

This week

Deacon Jim Gillespie will give a reflection on
The Holy Family.

We will close the evening with Evening Prayer



Our Ministries will be presenting
The Stations of the Cross
at 7:00pm on the
following Wednesdays:

March 8, Religious Education

March 15, Holy Innocents Society

March 22, Altar Rosary Society

March 29th, Our Deacons

April 7th, Good Friday, Living Stations
presented by our Youth Group

Religious Education

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

Parents/Guardians who missed the First Eucharist Parent Meeting which was held on February 28th we ask that you please contact the office at (732) 270-3797.

MARCH REMINDERS

Immediate Prep for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place as follows:

Tuesday, March 7

Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, March 21

Tuesday, March 28

All students preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will meet at 4:30pm in the Education Building.

Stations of the Cross – Grades CPI and CPII

Students in Confirmation Preparation Classes will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 8th at 7:00pm. Students must arrive to the parish hall for attendance no later than 6:45pm

Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your circumstances permit, please consider donating to the parish at this time. I am thankful and grateful for your continued financial support to help us meet our weekly and monthly expenses. Many mail their contributions in and continue to do so. Here are some ways for you to help your parish: Place your offering in the receptacles at the doors as you enter or leave church. Mail in your envelopes weekly/monthly. Have your bank send us weekly/monthly check automatically from your checking account made out to Saint Justin Church with your envelope number on the check to get proper credit. Thank you for giving the above some consideration to help support your parish financially, and know it is greatly appreciated! Fr. Mark



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3/10 Pierogi w/Fried onions & Kapusta, Linguini/clam or Marinara Sauce bread, salad, Vegetable soup, coffee tea, dessert

3/17 No Service Happy St. Patrick's Day

Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Mac & Cheese available for children \$3



Holy Saturday, April 8 at 10:30am

We need Volunteers to help decorate

We will start decorating the church and narthex at 10:30am. We need volunteers of all skills and levels of expertise. If you would like to decorate you can sign up on the parish website; or call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary, loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Info contact Pat 732-608-0745 or Barbara 732-232-3733. **Next meeting Wed. March 22nd, 6:30pm-Altar Rosary will be presenting Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be meeting on **Monday, March 6, 2023 7:00 pm in the Religious Education Building.** Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing. For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094

SENIORS CLUB
Enjoy coffee, pastry, Good conversation, games, and friendship For further info please contact Barbara: : 732-232-3733
Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023
doors open 11:00am in the parish hall.



Shawl Ministry
Do you like to knit or crochet? Come join our group! We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets and more! For more info contact: JoAnne at 732-270-9258—**Next meeting date: Thursday, March 9th, 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Conference Room.** New Members Always Welcome.



BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS
in the Religious Ed Building.
Next Baptismal Workshop
Wednesday, April 12th
Pre-registration required call the parish office at 732-270-3980

MEN'S FAITH GROUP
Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith. **Next Meeting Date: Monday March 6th** in St. Justin's Conference Room



St. Justin's Adult Choir Do you feel God is calling you to this ministry? Lend us your voice and become a part of **ST. JUSTIN'S CHOIR.** Practice is on Tuesday Evenings—5:45-7:00pm, no experience necessary, just a love of singing for the Lord. Call Angela 201-681-4219 for information.



St. Justin Seniors are sponsoring A Trip to Smithville Inn for a buffet lunch and Resorts Casino

May 2 , 2023, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Includes shopping & a few hours in Atlantic City (\$18 back from casino)
Cost \$ 100.00. payment due by April 14th 2023.
for information call Barbara 732-232-3733.



IS GOD CALLING YOU? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul monthly meeting is **Monday March, 27th, 7:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room** All are welcome who are interested in joining us and helping to fulfill God's plan that we pray together, and assist our poor neighbors in need. Please consider donating to this charitable cause. The green offering envelopes are available on the narthex walls for this purpose. If you have any questions, kindly leave a message on our Help-Line at 732-929-1119.

Thank you.

Mi 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love mercy & walk humbly with your God"

YOUTH GROUP

St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites all Grade 7 through 12 youth to become part of the "Youth Group." The Youth Group generally meets twice a month on Sunday evenings Come join our community service group who share our faith while doing fun activities. Join us for a combination of continuing formation in our Catholic faith with opportunities to put our faith into practice through service. **Being involved in this group is a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships with others who share your Catholic beliefs.** For further info or questions contact Deacon Fred at (732) 270-3980 ext. 331 **Next Youth Group Meetings: Sundays March 12th, 19th & 26th . 6:00pm in the Conference Room**



You Are Invited

RCIA NEWS—
Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes have begun. We meet at 9:00am on Sunday mornings in St. Justin's Conference Room

For further information Contact the Parish Office
Catholics Can Always Come Home

THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON
is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

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If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan

ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965
or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Before coming to Confession on **FRIDAY, MARCH 31** between 5:30 - 7:00 PM, examine your conscience; each week a different 'Examen' will be provided. To celebrate the Sacrament, start with your state in life [i.e., I'm married, single, parent, etc.] and approximate time since your last Confession; then list all grave, serious, major [mortal] sins by number and kind; a general admission of sinfulness suffices for less serious [venial] sins: i.e., impatience, intolerance, stinginess, lack of charity, forgiveness, etc. After the Priest offers a penance, listen to the *Prayer of Absolution*; please pray one of the nine official *Acts of Contrition* PRIVATELY **BEFORE** or **AFTER**.

Act of Contrition #5 - from the revised Order of Penance

O God, most merciful Father,
like the Prodigal Son, I turn to you and say:
I have sinned against you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your child.

O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,
like the thief to whom you
opened the gates of paradise,
I beg you: Lord, remember me in your Kingdom.
O Holy Spirit, fount of love, with trust I call on you:
Purify me; make me walk as a child of the light.

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
BASED ON SAINT PAUL'S 'LOVE POEM'**

One of Saint Paul's best-known compositions is often proclaimed at weddings; however, it applies to all of us, at all times. How well do we live by the familiar words?

"Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated,
it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient. Have I been patient with others? With God? With myself? With the small, slow steps usually required for almost anything in our imperfect world?

Love is kind. Are my words and deeds meant to build up or break down? Heal or hurt? Soothe or sting?

Love is not jealous. Do I put others down to lift up myself? Undermine or sabotage them? Allow my heart and mind to be poisoned by resentment or envy, bitterness or rage, negativity or self-pity?

Love is not pompous. Do I 'put on airs' or exaggerate my own importance? Brag or boast? Overinflate or exalt my own needs or desires?

Love is not inflated. Do I do things for others for my own benefit, to be thanked and praised - or do I truly help others simply because they need my help?

Love is not rude. Have I been compassionate, gentle, and respectful in all I say or do? Are the words, please and thank you a regular part of my vocabulary?

Love does not seek its own interests. Is my main goal to help myself or others? To make myself happy or others? To please God or others or to please myself?

Love is not quick-tempered. Do I easily 'fly off the handle' or do I try to temper and properly express my justified anger? Do I 'count to ten' or take a step back so my justified anger does not control what I say or do?

Love does not brood over injury. Do I 'nurse my wounds' to help cure them or make them worse? Do I more quickly count 'the wrongs' - or count 'the rights'?

Love does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Do I find joy in other's failures or mistakes, sorrows or woes, misfortunes or challenges? Do I love to spread the bad news or brag about my misdeeds?

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Do I allow my doubts that God's love can - and will - conquer everything - even death itself - keep me from being a channel of God's love - to others - and even to myself?

Love never fails. Am I "convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?"

[Romans 8:38-39]

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Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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