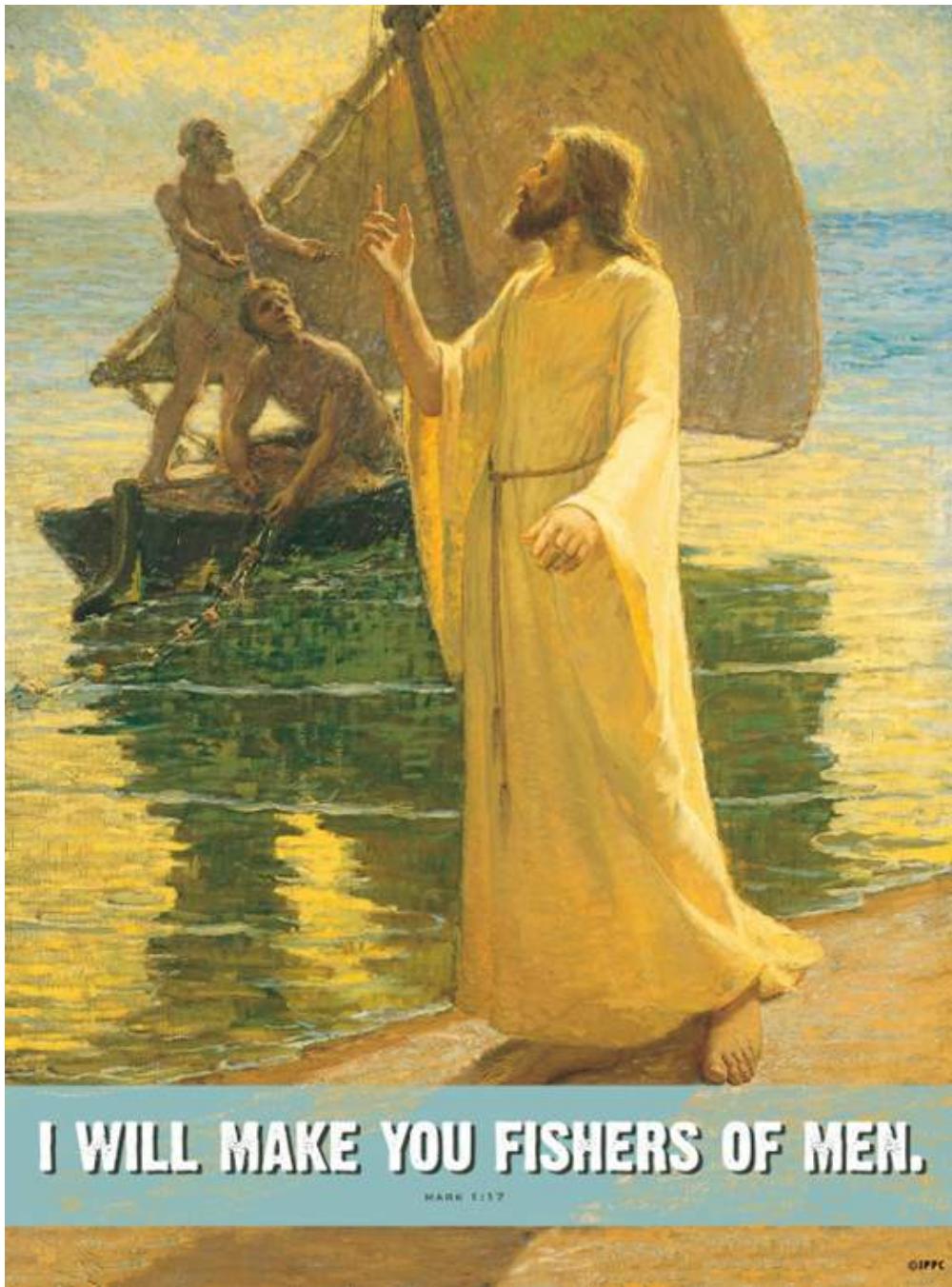


St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

MATTHEW 4:19

GIPPC

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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.

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, January 21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Word of God Sunday; Ecumenical Sunday

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| 8:00am | John McGuire (living) |
| 9:30am | Charles Tighe |
| | Bob Finley |
| | Edward Kube |
| 11:30am | James Toal |
| | Cosmo and baby DiBrizzi |

MONDAY, January 22

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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| 8:00am | Albertina Gonzales |
| | Matthew Cornier |
| | Maureen Marotta |

TUESDAY, January 23

Weekday; St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

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| 8:00am | Arnold Horvath |
| | Sandy Tuminelli |
| | Daniel Ross |

WEDNESDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor of the Church

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| 8:00am | St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| | Dave Correll |

THURSDAY, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

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| 8:00am | Edward Kube |
| | Robert Dragon |

SATURDAY, January 27

Weekday; St. Angela Merici, Virgin; BVM

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| 5:00pm | Joseph Kroener |
| | Joseph Cisnaji |
| | Small Family |
| | Daniel Thomas Sullivan |

SUNDAY, January 28

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

National Catholic Schools Week begins

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| 8:00am | Matthew Cornier |
| 9:30am | Joan Buckley |
| | Michael Murphy (living) |
| | John Daly, Sr. |
| 11:30am | Joan Harrison |
| | Linda Ramirez (living) |
| | Carol Miller |



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

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: Confession will be Saturdays from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Outside the door of the church on the side of the Religious Education Building. Kindly knock on the door, remain outside for Confession. Please arrive at 3:30.

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

Children O.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.

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From the Pastor
3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - B
January 21, 2024

SAINT VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR. The Feast Day of the courageous man we honor this week, **Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**, was originally **January 22**, which is now the annual **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn in the USA**. His **Optional Memorial**

was permanently transferred to **January 23**, which is also the **Optional Memorial** of **Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin** who, like **Saint Damien of Molokai**, devoted her life to the lepers in **Hawaii**. The **Orthodox Church** and **Anglican Community** still honor **Saint Vincent** on **January 22**. After praying the **Collect for Masses** offered in his honor, we will reflect on **Saint Vincent's** life.

Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

Almighty ever-living God,
mercifully pour out your Spirit upon us,
so that our hearts may possess that strong love
by which the Martyr Saint Vincent
triumphed over all bodily torments.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VICTORIOUS IN HIS SUFFERING. This phrase aptly describes **Saint Vincent**, who endured unspeakable tortures. Many ask how we know so many details about a martyr who died in 304. Unlike most of his contemporaries, who suffered under the brutal persecutions in the **Church's** first three centuries, we have an accurate account of **Saint Vincent's** long, drawn out execution. The source is **Saint Augustine of Hippo [354-430]**, who used written secular sources to recount **Saint Vincent's** death. It seems that civil authorities, who kept detailed records of their vile cruelties to scare others into rejecting the **Faith**, actually preserved his acts of martyrdom and bravery!

A THREEFOLD HIERARCHICAL CHURCH. Not to lessen the pains **Saint Vincent** endured, but one of his greatest gifts to the **Church** is his witness to the existence of the structure **Christ** ordained for His **Church**. Sacred **Scripture** attests that, from the start, the **Church** had **Bishops, Priests or Presbyters** and **Deacons**. **Jesus** made the **Apostles** the first **Bishops** and sent out others. What I just wrote goes for every **Vocation** to

Holy Orders as a **Diocesan Priest** like me, who promises obedience to their **Bishop** and his the first **Priests** to assist them. As the **Acts of the Apostles** records: the **Apostles** ordained the first seven **Deacons** to serve at table, which enabled the first **Bishops** and **Priests** to preach and administer the **Sacraments**. How did **Saint Vincent** witness to the existence of this threefold hierarchical ministry?

Saint Vincent's Bishop, **Saint Valerius**, had a speech impediment; so, he had his **Deacon**, **Vincent**, speak **FOR** him. **Catholicism** professes that while **Priests** speak and act **FOR** or in the name of their **Bishop**, a **Deacon's** ministers **TO** or assists his **Bishop** and **Pastor**. These different notions are stated in the **Ordination Rite** for **Deacons** and **Priests**. Only the **Ordaining Bishop** lays hands on the head of those being ordained a **Deacon**; all **Deacons** present only offer him a **Sign of Peace**. At the **Ordination of Priests**, the **Ordaining Bishop** - and all **Priests** present - lay hand on the heads of the newly ordained **Priest**. At the **Ordination** of a **Bishop**, only **Bishops** lay hands on the new **Bishop**.

In the 5th Century, there was a gradual decline in **Permanent Deacons** in the **Roman Catholicism**. Those becoming **Priests** were ordained **Deacons** before being ordained **Priests**, but until the 1970's, they stayed in the seminary and did not function in public. In the 1970's, the **Roman Catholic Church** restored the **Permanent Diaconate**, making **Deacons** 'public' once again. And so, the **Office** once held by one of the first seven **Deacons**, **Saint Stephen the Protomartyr**, and **Saint Vincent**, was restored. While some say that **Office** was mainly to 'wait on tables,' it was - from the start - a ministry of preaching and of action that led to the martyrdom of **Saints Stephen, Vincent, Lawrence**, and many others!

The image of **Saint Vincent** [above] captures his significance. Wearing a **Deacon's** dalmatic, he rests on a two-beamed cross or the rack on which he suffered; he holds a **Book of the Gospels** and a **palm branch**, a symbol of victory; he stands on the emperor who ordered his execution - just as the **Archangel Michael** crushed **Satan** - flanked by two **Angels**, and an image of the man who paid Tomás Giner to create this 15th Century image. **Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, pray for us!**

In Christ,

Father Mark

Rev. Mark A. Kreder, Pastor

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..."

James McCardle, Ruth Sobilo,

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, Michael Griffing, Audrey Hughes, Ian Krong Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Walter Reed, Antoni Jedra,

Charles Jones, Tyler Brandon Sansone, Trevor Smida, Nick Roma, Kevin Kreder, Henry Sohl, Nick Panzara

Christopher Sylvester, Greg Hermack, Morgan Hermack

John DiMicelli, Seamus Righter, Joey Colosimo, Kieran Murphy, Michael Anthony DeAnni, Jordan Thomas, Jason Paino, Christopher Wright, Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli, Sean Doherty, Nicholas Pfeifer Joseph Paparazzo, Jr., Peter Herbert, Jake Jackson, Cristien Osorio

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January 27 and January 28.

Please bring your items to St. Justin's
Conference Room.

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Religious Education

REMINDER – RETREAT FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

January 29th

Confirmation Students Retreat –
6:00PM in the Parish Hall

All candidates who are presently in Confirmation
Prep II must attend this retreat
accompanied by a parent/guardian or
another designated adult.



Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2024 Weekend Retreats
February 16-18, 2024
November 15-17, 2024

**World Marriage Day,
Sunday, February 11th &
National Marriage Week
USA (February 7 – 14)**



"are observed annually in dioceses throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. We offer married couples and families their own set of World Marriage Day activities and tools to renew and strengthen their marriage and family. flesh and blood Copy & paste this link to see all the resources available from the Diocese."

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day>

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. Come pray a rosary, enjoy friendship & fellowship with women who have a devotion to Blessed Mother in common. **Our Next Meeting is on January 24th at 6:30pm Parish Hall.**

For further Info contact Pat 732-608-0745
New Members Always Welcome!



BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS in the Religious Ed Building.

**Next Baptismal Workshop
7:00 pm Wednesday, February 7th**

Pre-registration required call the parish office at 732-270-3980

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be meeting on **Monday, February 12th 7:00 pm in St. Justin's Conference Room.** Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing.
For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094

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, February 5th
7:00 pm St. Justin's Conference Room**

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! **Next Meeting Date:
Thursday, February 8th 1:00-3:00pm, St. Justin's Conference Room** New Members Always Welcome

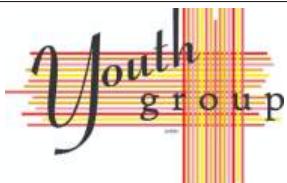
For more info contact: JoAnne at 732-270-9258

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
Jan. 21st & Feb. 11th 6:00pm in the Conference Room**



IS GOD CALLING YOU? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul monthly meeting is **Monday January 22nd, 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"



ADULT OCIA NEWS (formerly RCIA)

Classes have begun! You are invited to join! **9:00am to 10:00am in St. Justin's Conference Room**

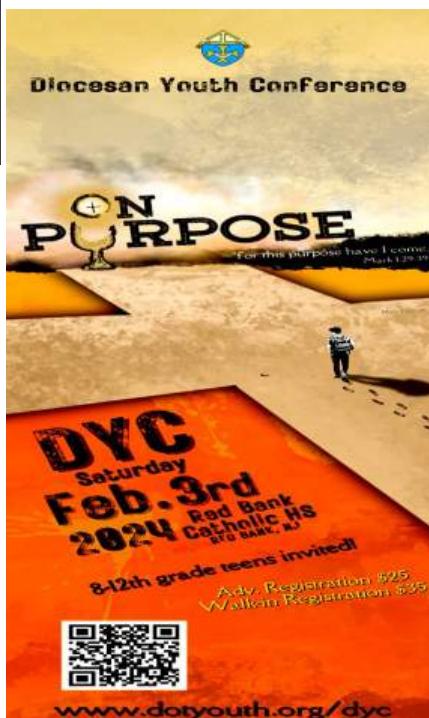
ARE YOU SOMEONE, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO.....

*Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
*Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist?

Through our preparation and formation process, the **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**, is always ready to accept those inquiring into becoming fully initiated Catholic Christians.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For further information on the OCIA program contact: for Adults the Parish Office (for Children the Religious Education Office)

CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS COME HOME

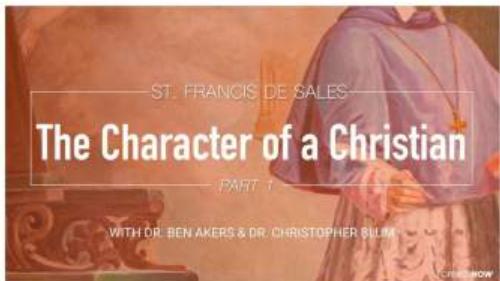


"The Diocesan Youth Conference is a gathering for ALL teens in the 8 - 12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an exciting day filled with great music, powerful talks, fun service projects and more! Most importantly it is a chance to connect with other Catholics, teens beyond your parish or school and grow in your faith! ."

*For further info and to register visit:
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The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

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