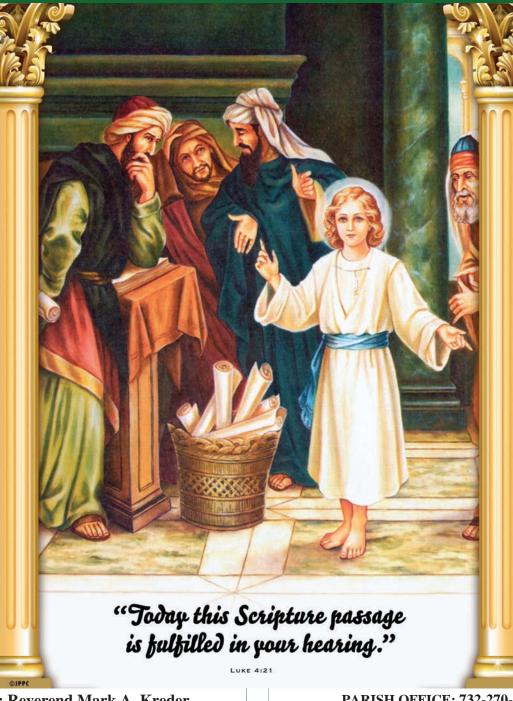
# St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church 975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753 SUNDAY, January 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder

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: 732-270-3980 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797 (please call and leave message)

**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

SUNDAY, January 23THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEWord of God Sunday; Ecumenical Sunday8:00amJoan Hess9:30amPeople of the Parish11:30amDr. Robert DelVento (living)Patricia MessengerMarion Richardson

MONDAY, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am Lisa Corduan (living) Sandi Tucker Mary Granato

TUESDAY, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle 8:00am James Gleason Elena Gleason George Tomkowich

WEDNESDAY, January 26 Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops 8:00am Chris Walker Cettina Ruggiero Billy Pearson

THURSDAY, January 27 Weekday; Saints Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder 8:00am Dan Sullivan

Saturday, January 29 Weekday; BVM 5:00 Jennie McBride

George & Irene Bell Margaret Gilligan

SUNDAY, January 30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME National Catholic Schools Week begins 8:00am James Rooney 9:30am Patricia Messenger Anthony Richiusa (living) Wahbia Eramia 11:30am Fred Pagano Joao Guedes Mike Henke



The Altar Bread,

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

Wahbía Eramía

requested by daughter, Evette Arango

#### GRATITUDE Your Parish Community is GRATEFUL for your consistent contributions.

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 during those challenging days 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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Food Collection 3rd Sunday of the month. Please leave food items in cart to the right of the entrance doors

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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:

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 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. 514 page 2



From the Pastor 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - C January 23, 2022

AN UNSUNG HEROINE? Many have heard of Saint Damien of Molokai, the Belgium born

Priest who accepted God's call to tend to the unwanted sent to die in quarantined leper-colonies on an Hawaiian island. But after contracting and dying from Hansen's disease on April 15, 1889, his ministry was led by the Religious Sister

pictured above: Saint Marianne Cope. She died of natural causes on August 9, 1918, was

beatified in 2005, and canonized in 2012. Her Feast Day is the day she was born in 1838 in Germany: January 23, which is <u>not</u> celebrated when it falls on a Sunday as it does this year. More about her life and ministry after praying her Feast Day's Collect.

<u>Collect - Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</u> O God, who called us to serve your Son in the least of our brothers and sisters, grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope, we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD'S WAYS VERSUS OUR WAYS. One of ten children born to a German farmer, Peter Koob, and his wife Barbara, the future Saint was named after her mother. A year or so after her birth, her family emigrated to the USA and settled in Utica, NY, where their surname was 'Americanized' to 'Cope.' After graduating from Saint Joseph Parish School, young Barbara worked in a factory to support her family after her father became ill. This delayed her desire to enter the Convent for almost 10 years; at 24, she entered the novitiate and on November 19, 1862, made her religious profession as a Sister of Saint Francis in Syracuse, NY, and was given the name: 'Sr. Marianne.' She served as a teacher and principal in several NY State elementary schools.

GOD'S 'RE-DIRECTION' OF HER LIFE. Her love was for teaching, but her superiors, noticing her skills, called on her to help establish two central NY area hospitals. In her new ministry as a nurse -administrator, she assisted those who, at that time, were deemed unworthy of help: alcoholics, 'outcasts,' and other 'undesirables.' In 1877 she was elected provincial and '*Mother Marianne's*' compassion and dedication to the least of Christ's brothers and sisters became widespread. Not surprisingly, when she received a letter from a Catholic Priest asking for help in managing the hospitals and schools in the Hawaiian Islands that took in lepers, she and six other Sisters of Saint Francis headed off to Honolulu in November of 1883.

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS. At first, she and her Sisters opened a hospital and school for girls; despite Church and Government concerns for their safety, the Sisters reached out to destitute and 'wayward' girls and women. In January 1884, she met Father Damien for the first time; when he became ill with leprosy and was shunned by Church and State officials, she took care of him and accepted the management of the ministries he had founded and led. Then her light began to truly shine in the darkness!

Contrary to the practice of the time, she insisted on - and I quote her - on making "life as pleasant and as comfortable as possible for those whom God has chosen to afflict with this terrible

disease." She encouraged her Sisters to always be optimistic and serene, trustful and hopeful, and not to be fearful of contracting leprosy. She instilled cleanliness, pride - and even fun - into the leper colony; children and women were to wear bright colored scarves and pretty dresses; she made respectful treatment of the sickest and most miserable lepers mandatory! All were to strive to see the face of Christ in each other and to build the Kingdom of God where some, if not many, found it hard to even believe in God!

A SPECIAL PATRONESS. Even after offering thirtyfive years of dedicated service on earth, Saint Marianne Cope is still at work from heaven! On October 21, 2012, in the same ceremony in which Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized, Pope Benedict XVI said of her, "[she] showed the highest love, courage and enthusiasm ... and is a shining and energetic example of the best of the tradition of Catholic nursing sisters and of the spirit of her beloved Saint Francis." She is the Patron Saint of Lepers, Outcasts, Those With AIDS/HIV, and of Hawaii. Saint Marianne Cope pray for us!

In Christ,

Father mark

# Jo everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "...*a time to be born..."* Andrew Stanley Dorman, Justin Alexander Thiry, Francesca Denise Pimentel, Gabriella Marie Sales, Isabella Rose Manno

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

..."and a time to be born to <u>fternal</u> <u>fife</u>..." Vincent Mirandi, Baby Jack Ebert, Kenneth Spiegel, Anthony Affa

Jhose 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, Walter Reed, Tyler Brandon Sansone, Trevor Smida, Christopher Sylvester, Nick Roma, Nick Panzara, Greg Hermack, John DiMicelli, John M. Budenas, Autumn Hale Joey Colosimo, Michael Anthony DeAnni, Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios, Kevin Kreder, Christopher Wright, Jordan Thomas, Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.

#### **Readings for the Week of January 23 2022**

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Celebrating World Marriage Day 2022 The Department of Evangelization and Family Life is pleased to provide a full set of resources for a very special celebration of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 13, 2022) and National Marriage Week USA (February 7-14, 2022).

All resources for the Diocese of Trenton can be found on these web pages: <u>www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-</u> <u>couples</u> The Diocese is also offering a full range of resources for married couples to celebrate World Marriage Day together at home in three ways: 1) Reconnecting with their Spouse; 2) Making their Marriage Even Better; or 3) Serving Others in their Marriage. Visit the above links to find out more.



### **CONFIRMATION PREP REMINDER**

Please send in all Confirmation paperwork as soon a possible. Parish Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-Noon and 1:15-4:00pm. If you have any questions please contact us at 732-270-3797.

#### **FEBRUARY REMINDERS**

February 1st	4:30-6:00pm Confirmation Prep II
	ONLY
February 8th	4:30-5:30pm Grade 2/Sacrament Tutor
February 15th	7:00pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting
	Parish Hall
February 22nd	4:30-5:30pm Grade 1 and Grade 2
February 23rd	4:30-6:00pm Grade 3 – Grade 6
February 27th	4:00pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation
February 28th	4:30-6:00pm Confirmation Prep I and
	Prep II



### Journeying Together through the Synod

In the coming months, each of us is invited to be a part of a *synodal conversation* somewhere in the Diocese. Look for opportunities to participate at your parish or cohort, at a Catholic school or church organization. Please pray

that together we will hear the voice of God and be touched by his loving hand as we listen. How will the synod inspire us to grow in communion, in participation and in mission? For more information and opportunities to participate, visit **www.dioceseoftrenton.org**. Feel free to reach out to Synod Co-Chairpersons, Deacon Pat Brannigan and Mary Liz Ivins at <u>Synod@dioceseoftrenton.org</u> with questions and suggestions.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

# **LET'S REMEMBER OUR BULLETIN**

**ADVERTISERS** It is through the generosity of these merchants that we are able to place this bulletin into your hands each week. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and give these neighbors a chance to serve your needs. Let them know how grateful we are for their support!

# **MINISTRY MEETINGS**

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will be meeting on <u>Wednesday, January 26, 2022</u> 6:30pm, with a rosary in church and meeting in the **parish hall**. Join us for the Rosary and so much more! The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary and loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Any questions contact Pat at: 732-608-0745 or Barbara at: 732-232-3733

 BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be meeting on Monday, February 28 2022 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

will be meeting on <u>Monday, February 7, 2022</u> 7:00pm, in St. Justin's Conference Room. 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: <u>Tuesday, February 15th</u> at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Building For further info call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080

# SENIORS CLUB

The next meeting is <u>Tuesday, February 15th</u>, in the parish hall. Doors open 11:00am. Enjoy coffee, pastry, Good conversation, games, and friendship For further info please contact Barbara: : 732-232-3733

# Shawl Ministry

will meet on Wednesday, February 9th 2022, at 7pm in the Conference Room. We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets to distribute at Funeral Masses to family members of deceased parishioners. If you knit or crochet, Please join us! For more info contact Fran Baranowski: 848-241-3976 /732-492-0329.



# Mark Your Calendars!

**Blessing of Candles** will be held on **Wednesday February 2nd** (Presentation of the Lord) at the 8:00am Mass. Please bring any candles you would like to have

blessed with you. Since Jesus is considered the light of the world the Church traditionally blesses candles on this day.

**Blessing of Throats** 

Throats will be blessed at the 8:00am morning Mass, Thursday, February 3rd, (Feast of St. Blaise)

Saturday, February 12, Mass Anointing of the Sick At 2:30pm. Please note: there will be no Confessions that day. Further info to follow



## NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday <u>February 2, 2022</u> 7:00pm in the Religious Ed Building.

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

# WOMEN IN FAITH

Our next meeting will be February 2, 2022 at 7:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room. We will be sharing our faith through prayer, readings and discussions in order to uplift, share and encourage our Sisters in Faith in daily life. New Members Welcome. For more info: call Linda at (732) 232-7014. Join us for prayer & sharing

#### WELCOME TO YOUTH GROUP

St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites all Grade 7 through 12 youth to become



part of the "Youth Group." <u>Our next meeting will be on</u> <u>Sunday, January 23rd.</u> The Youth Group generally meets twice a month on Sunday evenings between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. 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. Come join us as we laugh, find hope, love, and friendship in a Catholic Christian community! 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.



#### CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS COME HOME!

#### 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 (732) 270-3980

"[Mercy] changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just." Pope Francis

# FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

# THE BIBLE COLLECTION -PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!





FORMED NOW! LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

# LEARN

# LISTEN

WATCH

# SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

# FAITH & CULTURE

Saint Thomas Aquinas

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