

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

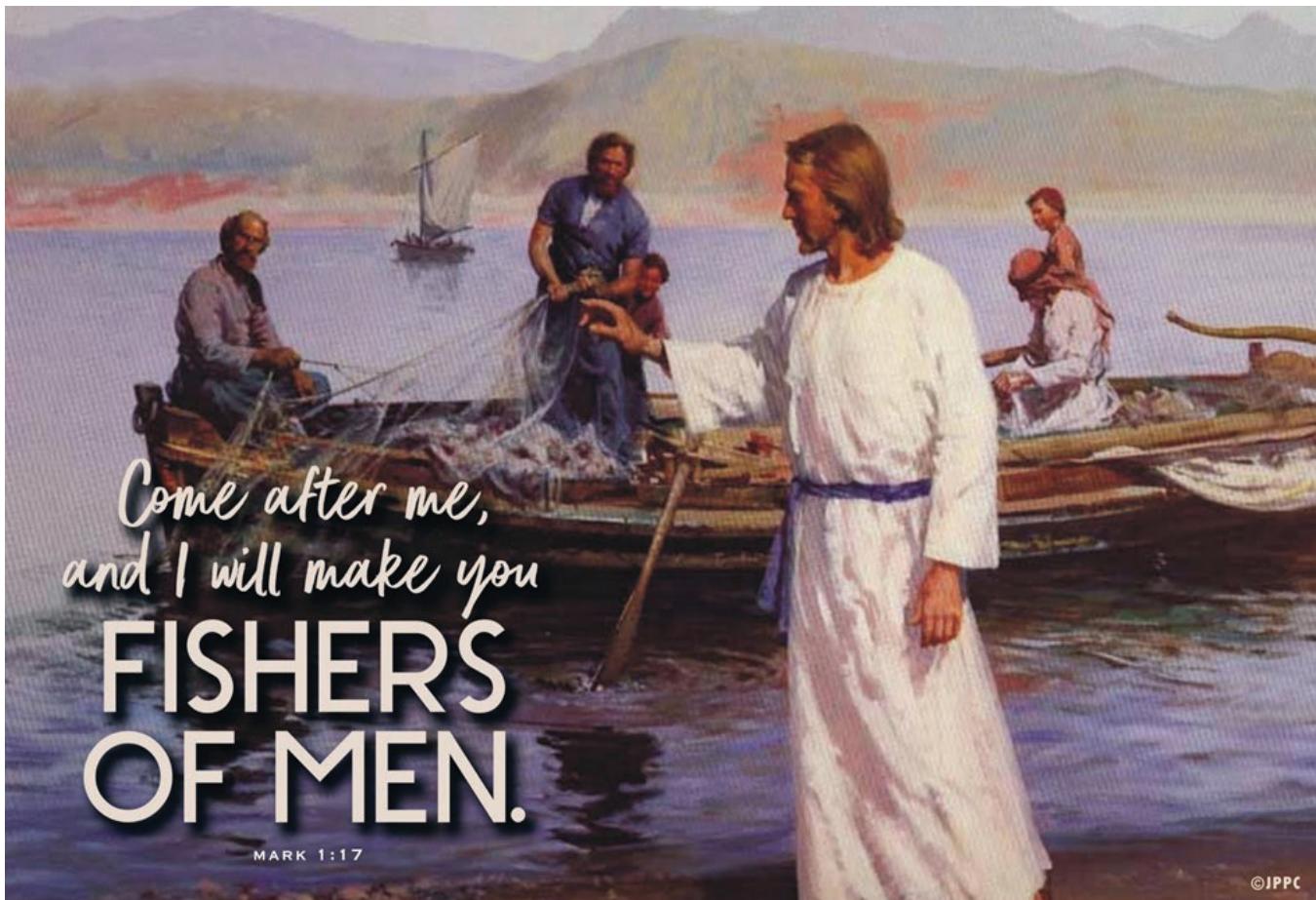
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Today's Readings, Gospel and Responsorial Psalm: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012421.cfm>

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder

Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie
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Pastoral Associate: Deacon James Gillespie

Religious Education: Ellen Noble

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Sacristan: Carol Lewandowski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

(Offices Temporarily Closed, please leave message)
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.

**SUNDAY, January 24****THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 8:00am Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 10:00am Eileen Kloss
 For Our Country and Her Leaders
 12noon William Barry, Sr.
 Edward Duva

MONDAY, January 25**Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

- 8:00am John Campbell
 Pat McKenna
 Rev. Michael J. Kreder (living)

TUESDAY, January 26**Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

- 8:00am John Langan, Jr.
 Edward Duva

WEDNESDAY, January 27**St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder**

- 8:00am Daniel Thomas Sullivan
 Robert Avalone

THURSDAY, January 28**St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

- 8:00am Kenneth W. Ritter
 Gerald LaStella

SATURDAY, January 30**Weekday: BVM**

- 5:00pm Joan C. Durrof
 Wahbia Eramia
 Rose LoPreste

SUNDAY, January 31**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 8:00am George Tarby
 Stanley & Lottie Karkut
 10:00am Olga & Thomas Lewandowski, Sr.
 People of the Parish
 12noon William C. Morrocco
 Paul Tyahla



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

**Daniel T. Sullivan -
 (D-Day Dan)**

requested by The Sullivan Family

MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2021.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A MASS INTENTION THE REQUEST FORM IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.STJUSTIN.ORG OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REQUEST A MASS: 732-270-3980

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**PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
 (Offices are temporarily closed until further notice)
 PARISH WEBSITE: www.stjustin.org**

MASS SCHEDULE: (See Directives on Parish Website)

**WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM
 Sunday: 8:00AM; 10:00AM; 12Noon**

**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:
 Saturdays: 3:30pm -**READ NEW DIRECTIVES FOR PROCEDURE BEFORE YOU COME:** www.stjustin.org

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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.

Readings for the Week of January 24 2021

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;
 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40;
 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
 Mk 1:21-28



From the Pastor
3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - B
January 24, 2021

'FAITHFUL FEMINIST.' This week, on January 27, we have the option of celebrating holy Mass in memory of a woman who did not let stereotypes or cultural expectations limit her in any way: Saint Angela

Merici, Virgin. Born in northern Italy on March 21, 1474, she had three older brothers, an older sister, and a younger sister. The older children and Saint Angela's parents had all died before she was an adult; she and her older sister were cared for by an uncle, who died when she was a young woman. It so upset her that her older sister, unlike her brothers and parents, had died without Confession and Viaticum [aka: 'the Last Rites'], she took upon herself the task of securing the secular and religious formation of girls. This was only the beginning of the 'faithful feminism' for which she is known; more about that after praying the Collect for the holy Mass offered in her memory.

Collect - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

May the Virgin Saint Angela never fail to commend us to your compassion, O Lord, we pray, that, following the lessons of her charity and prudence, we may hold fast to your teaching and express it in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

SHE SAW A NEED AND ACTED. Her heart was so moved by the plight of the many young girls who had no opportunity for an education, and, without hope, turned to sinful ways of life that she chose to be married to only one man, the God-Man, Jesus Christ. As a consecrated virgin, she invited other women to offer their lives in service to the Church as educators. However, they did not live in community nor wear religious garb, which was quite radical at that time. [40 years after her death, Saint Charles Borromeo required the Order she founded, the Ursuline Sisters, to don habits and live in convents.] By evangelizing these often-wayward girls, she enabled them to actively participate in the sacramental life of the Church. Her novel ideas, which formed better families and a better society, quickly spread through Italy.

'CHARITY & PRUDENCE.' Although the world around her - in civil governments and even in the Church - was terribly corrupt, violent and lacking in morals, she did not use any excuse to impede her ministry. She graciously welcomed all who accepted what God was offering through the Ursulines and remained faithful to a Church that was as problem plagued as it is today. While on a 1525 Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Rome, she met with Pope Clement VII, who was so impressed by her administrative and ministerial skills that he asked her to organize a group of nurses who served the poor in Rome - and she said, "No!"

Instead, she began the process of formally organizing the Ursuline Sisters, which was the first group of women religious to work outside of a cloister and became the Catholic Church's first teaching order of women. [As mentioned above, the Ursulines were 'formalized' in 1580.] One of Saint Angela's favorite sayings was: "Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family." Sounds like something many would say today! She died on January 27, 1540 and was clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, as her Order had no distinctive garb at the time. She was beatified in 1768 by Pope Clement XIII and canonized in 1807 by Pope Pius VII.

URSULINES & THE USA. The first Ursulines in North America went to Quebec in 1639, but in 1727, they came to the Louisiana Territory, which we purchased in 1803, and founded the Ursuline Academy of New Orleans, the oldest, continuously-operating school for girls and oldest Catholic school in the USA! In 1815, in thanks for their prayers and service to the victims of wars and plagues, and to young women and the poor, the City of New Orleans perpetually granted habited Sisters 'free ride' on all public transportation. However, this ended after they donned secular garb and mass transit became a private owned business.

A SPECIAL PATRONESS. Besides being the Patron Saint of Sickness, Disabled and the Physically Challenged, she is the special intercessor of those grieving the loss of parents and siblings, and of all students. **Saint Angela Merici, pray for us!**

On Wednesday, January 27th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm. See the details in this week's bulletin and on our website and Face Book page.

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..."

Harper Jade Doslik

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

... "and a time to be born to Eternal Life..."

Dorothy Ferris, Robert Avalone, Richard Picone

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,

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

And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.

Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish.

*If your circumstances permit, please consider donating to the parish at this time. *Donations can be mailed to the church: St. Justin the Martyr, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, NJ 08753. *There are also collection baskets located in the church when you enter or exit for Mass. **

Also, consider making your online offertory for our parish thru the Diocese, that has now created a "Pass the Basket" Emergency Fund."

If you wish to make your weekly donation to our parish thru this method, please visit our parish website: www.stjustin.org. Under the News/Events tab, select the On-Line Giving tab.

When the Diocese page opens, scroll down to the "Pass the Basket" option, select St. Justin the Martyr Parish. These are challenging times for all of us.

I am most grateful to all who have continued to mail in their weekly offerings, or donated on line, so we can pay all bills on time. Fr. Mark

To commemorate **World Marriage Day** (Sunday, February 14) and **National Marriage Week** (February 7 – 14) the Diocese of Trenton will host a special livestreamed event for all Catholic families – **The Cana Rosary for Marriage** - from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm each evening, Sunday, Feb. 7 through Saturday, Feb. 14,

2021. This recitation of the rosary and reflection on marriage will be led by a different couple each evening; it will help all couples rely on our Most Holy Mother Mary to assist with their greatest needs and bring them closer to the Lord. All information for this event can be found at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day.

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

We ask our parish family to please visit our Religious Education Corner on our parish website www.stjustin.org; it is located under the religious education section.

Here you will find some enrichments for families and we also remind you to visit FORMED and

FAITH AT HOME

If you have any questions in regards to our Christ In Us program please leave a message at (732) 270-3797. We will respond to your phone call as soon as possible.

SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS

St. Justin's Shawl Ministry is in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets to distribute at Funeral Masses to family members of deceased parishioners. For more info Contact Fran Baranowski: 848-241-3976 /732-492-0329.

Looking forward to speaking with you!

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Special announcement for Catholic Married Couples!

In observance of **World Marriage Day**

(Sunday, February 14, 2021) and

National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2021), the Diocese of Trenton has launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways:

- 1) Reconnect with Your Spouse,
- 2) Make Your Marriage Even Better, and
- 3) Serve Others in Your Marriage. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the BuildingStrongMarriages.org initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)



A Day of Prayer for the Gift of Human Life at St. Justin Parish, Wednesday, January 27th

During the month of January, we have been praying for an end to abortion and all attacks on human life. Human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Although the word “abortion” is not mentioned in Sacred Scripture, there are several references that tell us that life begins at conception. This is and always has been the teaching of Christ’s Church.

January 22nd marks the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. This remains a day of infamy for our country and ever since our country has gone further and further into a culture of death which defies Our God who is the Author and Sustainer of Life.

Usually each year on January 22nd, people of every walk of life, every religious denomination, and of every race and age march in Washington and pray in support of life. They know the truth that human life is a great gift from God that we are all called to protect, nurture and sustain life in all its stages.

In an election year when a president is inaugurated, the date is moved a different day close to the 22nd. This year the date for the “March for Life” is scheduled for January 29th. Because of the pandemic, the faithful are urged to attend this event virtually. In our Diocese, in lieu of attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Bishop O’Connell invites the faithful to participate in a videotaped Mass available on youtube.com/trentondiocese beginning at 11 a.m.

The faithful are also invited to watch events on January 29th by going to <https://marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/>. The live broadcast will include inspiring speeches from pro-life leaders, information on how to stay involved in the pro-life movement all year long, and a performance by Christian singer and songwriter Matthew West.

Since many activities are occurring on the 29th, I have decided that here at St. Justin Parish, we will observe Wednesday, January 27th as a day to pray for an end to all attacks against life and to thank God for the gift of life.

This will be the order of events for the day:

8:00 am: Holy Mass

Following Mass, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for private Prayer and Adoration.

1:00 pm---2:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be an opportunity to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and private confession.

3:00 pm: Recitation of the Rosary

5:00 pm: Holy Mass.

Those who cannot attend the 8:00 am Mass will have the opportunity to attend Mass and receive Holy Eucharist.

All are invited to attend any part of the day. Since the Blessed Sacrament must never be left unattended, we need people to sign up for one hour to spend with Our Lord. A sign up form will be available in the narthex.

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