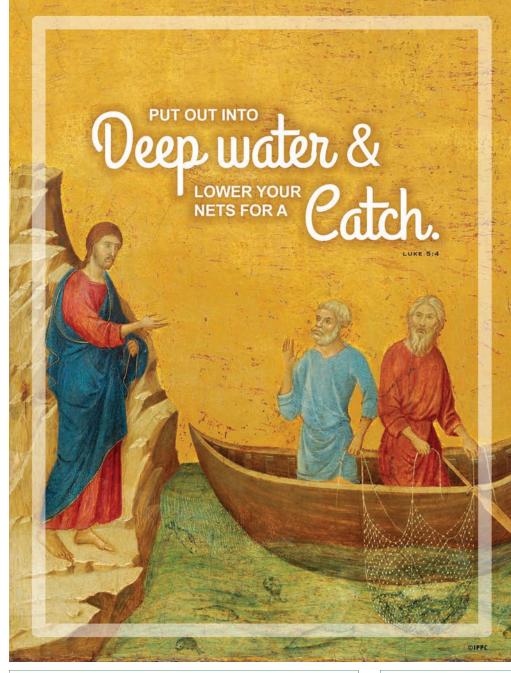
St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church 975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753 SUNDAY, February 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022, at 2:30pm

(Read Full Information on Page 4)

Call the Parish Office to Register: 732-270-3980

Please note there will be no Confessions at 3:30pm Saturday, Feb. 12th

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, February 6

FIFTH SUNDA	Y IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00am	People of the Parish	
9:30am	Barbara A. Doyle	
	Frank Kerico	
	Oswald Smith (Ozzie)	
11:30am	Mary Korab	
	Joseph Valente	
	Anne-Marie Neveroski	
MONDAY, Feb	ruary 7	
Weekday	•	
8:00am	Marc Ulewicz	
	John Mari & children (living)	
	Frank Kerico	
TUESDAY, Fel	bruarv 8	
	erome Emiiani;	
St. Josephine I		
8:00am	Frank Kerico	
	Joanne Nuernberg	
	Richard Sistad	
WEDNESDAY,	Februarv 9	
Weekday		
8:00am	Joan Hess	
	Frank Kerico	
THURSDAY, F	ebruary 10	
St Scholastic		

St. Scholastica, Virgin 8:00am Kathleen Peterson (living) Frank Kerico

Saturday, February 12 Weekday; BVM; Lincoln's Birthday 5:00 Veronica & Vincent Nardini Margie & Jimmy Gilligan Veronica Hauser

SUNDAY, February 13SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME8:00amJoAnn O'Connell9:30amPeople of the Parish11:30amCarl & Hilda StelzAntonio CafaroWilliam C. Morocco

Readings for the Week of February 6 2022

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

#### 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

PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797 ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY: 732-929-1119 PARISH WEBSITE: <u>www.stjustin.org</u> FIND US ON FACEBOOK: St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

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 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C February 6, 2022

THE 26 MARTYRS OF NAGASAKI. It is unbelievable that one of the most gruesome forms of torture crucifixion - was still a means of execution in 1597. For on February 6, 1597,

that's how 26 Catholics earned the crown of martyrdom! Only communities named in honor of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, can celebrate their Feast Day when it falls on Sunday, and only in Ordinary Time; to my knowledge, no Parish in the USA is named for them. After praying the Collect for their Feast Day, we will reflect on their lives and witness to the Faith.

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - Collect O God, strength of all the Saints, who through

the Cross were pleased to call the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life, grant, we pray, that by their intercession we may hold with courage even until death to the faith that we profess. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLICISM IN JAPAN. The Faith, which had been planted there by Saint Francis Xavier [1506-1552], bore great fruit: there were around 200,000 Japanese Catholics in 1587. But as government leaders feared that missionaries would overtake Japan, persecutions wiped out most believers. When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, they found no trace of Catholicism, though, in time, pockets of underground, clandestine Christians emerged. For two hundred years, they had kept the Faith presumably aided by the intercession and inspiration of Saint Paul Miki and Companions.

NAGASAKI: A COMPLEX HISTORY. Most may only know that Nagasaki was the site of the second atomic bomb dropped in WWII, but it once had so many Catholics, it was nicknamed the 'Rome of Japan!' While most media outlets highlighted Pope Francis' 2019 pilgrimage to 'Ground Zero' in both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, they did not report on his visit to the shrine to Saint Paul Miki and Companions or his call for an end to all religious persecution. Why say all this about Nagasaki?

In the late 1500s, the notoriously ruthless and cruel anti-Christian warlord, Hideyoshi, who sought to unite Japan by getting rid of all foreign influence, had thousands of Christians executed. While his hatred may have been exacerbated by the discovery of artillery on a Spanish ship, the jealousy of Buddhists and Hindus, who were losing members to the Church, also fueled it.

On December 8, 1596, Hideyoshi selected 25 Catholics for execution; they had to march - as an example to others who refused to abandon their Faith - more than 300 miles to Nagasaki, through snow, ice, and freezing streams. Upon arrival at what is now called 'The Hill of the Martyrs' they were bound to crosses and pierced with two lances in the abdomen. Their sadistic death was witnessed by several thousand Japanese pagans and Christians, who were quite horrified. They were Beatified in 1627 and Canonized in 1862.

Three best-known were native Japanese Jesuits; here are their names, ages, and occupations: Saints Paul Miki: 33; Novice; John of Goto: 19, Catechist; and James Kisai: 64, Lay Brother. The other native Japanese were: Francis of Ise: ?, carpenter and Francisco: ?, physician. The occupation of the other Japanese is uncertain: Anthony of Nagasaki: 38; Cosmas Takeya: 38; Bonaventure: ?, Peter Sukejiro: ?, Leo Karasumaru: 48, his blood brother, Paul Ibaraki: 54, and their nephew, Louis Ibaraki: 12; Michael Kozaki: 46, and his son, Thomas Kozaki: 14; John Kinuya: 28; Joachim Sakakibara: 40; Thomas Dangi: 36; Gabriel: 19; and Paul Suzuki: 49.

The Spanish Franciscans were Saints Martin of the Ascension: 30, Monk; Pedro Bautista: 48, Priest; Philip of Jesus: 24, Monk; Francisco Blanco: 28, Priest; Francisco of St. Michael: 53, Monk; Gonsalvo Garcia: 40, Monk. The 26<sup>th</sup> martyr, Matthias: ?, had not been condemned with them; he had joined those praying for the martyrs-to-be along the way; the death squad arrested him because he had a Christian name!

While all sang psalms and hymns of praise on their death march, prayed the Rosary, and gave witness to their Faith, Paul Miki preached most eloquently until he breathed his last. May we do the same! Saint Paul Miki and Companions, 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..."

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

... "and a time to be born to fternal fife..."

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, Nick Roma, Christopher Sylvester, 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 feaders of our Country.

#### **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 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 Reconcilia-		
tion	•		
February 28th	4:30-6:00pm	Confirmation Prep I and	
	Prep II	×	



Journeying Together through the Synod

For more information and opportunities to participate, visit: www.dioceseoftrenton.org.



Communal Anointing of the Sick and Day of Prayer for Health Care Workers

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass: Saturday February 12<sup>h</sup> Time: 2:30pm

## Please note there will be no Confessions at 3:30pm this day

Anointing "is not a sacrament for only those who are at the point of death" but is intended for all those who are seriously ill. Consequently, what we formerly called "Extreme Unction" is now more properly called "The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick".

More has changed than the sacrament's name. Our experience of the revised Sacrament of the Anointing has brought about a change in the way we think about the sacrament. For example: 1) This sacrament (like all sacraments) is a community celebration; 2) sickness involves more than bodily illness; and 3) anointing heals us through faith.

Offering the sacrament before one is in the final moments of life affords the patient a better opportunity to appreciate the prayers and symbols of the rite. Also, in light of a shortage of priestly vocations and increasing demands on the priest's time, a priest may not be immediately available at the final moments of life.

The grace of the sacrament has the following effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ for his or her own good and for that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; and preparation for the passing from this life to eternal life (Catechism 1532).At this time, we will also extend a blessing to all medical personnel, health care workers and caregivers.

Finally, we would ask that those who wish to be anointed call the parish office at 732-270-3980 to register and to arrive with their caregivers approximately 20 minutes before the start of the Mass. There will be people available in the narthex to check you in, and write your name on a label for you to wear, to assist the priest when he anoints you. This year, due to having to anoint each person with a Qtip, we are asking you to come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you are unable to come forward you will be seated in a section and the priest will come to you.

# MINISTRY MEETINGS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will be meeting on <u>Wednesday, February 23, 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 <u>Monday, February 28 2022</u> 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, <u>February 9th 2022, at 7pm</u> <u>in the Conference Room</u>. 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.

## RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR

MARRIAGE - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 11-13, 2022** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential

Dear parishioners, we are in need of Lectors for the 9:30am Mass on Sunday. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry please speak to Father Mark or one of our Deacons after Mass.



## BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS

*Generally held monthly at* 7:00pm in the Religious Ed Building.

Pre-registration required. For further info call the parish office at 732-270-3980

WOMEN IN FAITH In lieu of our next meeting will be Attending Stations of the Cross. Further info to follow, 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, February 6th.</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.

Give from the heart—**BLOOD DRIVE** *February is American Heart Month* Thursday Feb. 17 and Thursday March 3 from 12:30-6:30 Christ Episcopal Church. Sponsor code 70944 415 Washington St. Toms River Wednesday, March 9,from 1:00-7:00pm Sponsor code 70642

Laurelton Fire Dep. 1725 Rt. 88 Brick

For an apt. go to <u>https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive</u> or call 800-933-2566 (use sponsor codes above)

Donors 76 and older need a doctor's note unless one is already on file. 16 year olds need signed NYBC parental consent form



## That Which Has Been Lost Can be Found

Are you missing a match to your earing? If so, please call the parish office at

732-270-3980 and describe the earing.

Have you lost your glasses, coat, umbrella, etc.? We have these and other items for you to pick up! Please see an usher before or after Mass .



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-www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world</u> <u>-marriage-day-for-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

# FORMED

# PICK OF THE WEEK

February 6, 2022



# BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.





How and Why to Pray the Rosary with Di. Tim Gray & Dr. John Schorn FORMED NOW! HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!



times!

#### TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES This inspiring story depicts St. Bernadette and her encounters with the Blessed Mother. Learn more about the saint who Mary appeared to eighteen

St. Bernadette of Lourdes



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