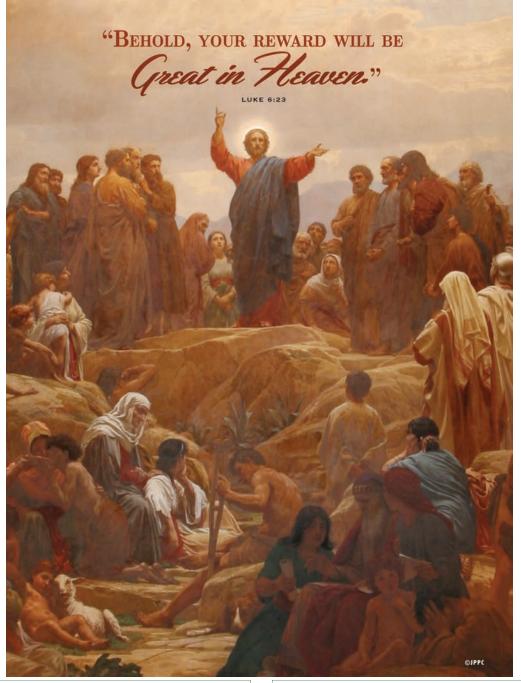
St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753 SUNDAY, February 13 SIXTH 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



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

> **Daníel Covíne** requested by Anna Smith

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



Rosemary Florío requested by Mary & John Florío

Catholics Can Always Come Home

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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

SUNDAY, February 13 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00am JoAnn O'Connell 9:30am People of the Parish 11:30am Carl & Hilda Stelz Antonio Cafaro

William C. Morocco MONDAY, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop 8:00am Barbara Wroblewski

TUESDAY, February 15 Weekday 8:00am Ben Eran

Ben Eramia Victoria Azarcon Vincent & Mildred Kreder

WEDNESDAY, February 16

Weekday

8:00am Manuel & Gloria Rebelo Rosemary Florio Daniel Covine

THURSDAY, February 17

Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 8:00am Frank Varga Diane Conroy

Saturday, February 19 Weekday; BVM 5:00 Normar

:00 Norman Vaz Stanley Gorski Joelle Lanfrank

SUNDAY, February 20 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00am People of the Parish 9:30am Frank Varga Albert & Judith Mitchell Anne Fleming 11:30am Anthony Affa Joanne Nuernberg Matthew Maslonka

And NIGTLY

St. Vincent dePaul Society: Food Collection 3rd Sunday of the month. Please leave food items in cart to the right of the entrance doors Items Needed: Juice, Cereal (hot or cold) Tea Bags, Coffee, Hot Chocolate

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.



From the Pastor 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - C February 13, 2022

WHAT IS THE SYNOD'S PROCESS?

As mentioned in the first article on the Synod on Synodality [see 01/16/2022's bulletin], it is tempting to

liken a **Church Synod** to a civil convocation or political forum. However, that is not the kind of **Church** her Founder, **Jesus Christ**, called her to be! We know from the Gospels that for about three years, the **Apostles**, our first **Bishops**, along with numerous disciples, 'walked the way' together. On this journey, they came to better understand - and live by - the ideals and goals set by the **Lord Jesus** for His **Church**. After praying the oration prescribed for this faith-based activity, we will review some of this **Synod's** intentions and its proposed process.

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus 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.

THREE KEY 'SYNOD' TERMS. There are three dimensions of this Synod; while they are very interrelated, each has its own distinct purpose. Like a three-legged stool, the three 'pillars' of this Synod need each other to be able to properly and securely stand firm. These three dimensions are: Communion, Participation, and Mission. Let's look at each dimension individually.

<u>COMMUNION</u>. Each member of *God's* Church shares in countless forms of 'communion.' By *Baptism* and *Confirmation*, we share in communion with every member of *Christ's Body*, His *Church*, and are united in His *Spirit*. The most profound expression of this communion is, of course, our reception of Holy Communion. We say those who break faith with the Church in grave or serious ways are 'excommunicated.' We also share communion with God and each other as we hear and, hopefully, strive to heed, the same word of God. And in our common expressions of faith: kneeling, bowing, standing, as one; keeping common fast days and customs; coming together weekly to our common 'home,' the parish, we give witness to the world that we are in communion with God and one another.

<u>PARTICIPATION</u>. As members of one Body, all are called to do something, lest the body not function properly. There can be no 'wallflower Christians.' For as Saint Paul reminds us: "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."

[1 Corinthians 12:27]. As the Apostle also explains in that Letter, while each member has a different duty or task, all must work together to make the body function properly. And one of the things the Synod process hopes to enhance is our dire need to LISTEN to God and to one another. For as we all know, poor communication, or a lack thereof, usually creates chaos. While we see this problem plaquing our political world, it has also infected our Church. So, the Synod rightly reminds us to LISTEN to GOD and to EACH OTHER as we ACTIVELY do whatever the Lord has called each one of us to do in His Church. And just as it does not bode well for our Country when fewer and fewer exercise their right to vote, our Church suffers unless everyone plays their proper part.

MISSION. The Risen Lord clearly stated our mission: "Go ... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." [Matthew 28:19-20]. Our Lord's command was <u>NOT</u> 'ME-centered' but geared toward reaching out to others, modelling Gospel values and biblical ideals to them, warmly inviting them to join us. Jesus also once said, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." [Ibid, 10:8]. So, we owe it to those who taught us the Faith to teach it to others; our Synod mission is to share with everyone we can the Gift of our Faith.

In Christ,

Father mark

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

every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:11 *"...a time to be born..."* Emelia Belle Rivera, Giulia Rae Lodato, Ellie Mae Cohen

Scarlett Murphy Arey, Miles Branden Rowan

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

..."and a time to be born to <u>fternal fife</u>..." Irene Barclay, Marilyn Newton, Joan Barker, Donald "Eddie" Blanchett

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*.

FRAUD ALERT

A few parishioners have recently received a text 'from me' asking for help. It was addressed to their first name and signed Rev. Mark Kreder. The text simply asked the person to help me with a favor. They were asked to purchase a gift card, scratch off and send the code back to the texter. Neither I, nor Father Bob, nor our Deacons or anyone on parish staff, would ask for help in either of these ways. If in doubt of an email or text from me or any staff member, do not reply to the message and please notify the parish office that you received such a message. Responding to these phishing messages only validates your information to the scammer. Please know this has been reported to the Toms River Police. Fr. Mark



Journeying Together through the Synod Will you pray for the Synod?

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Son, forever and ever. Amen. For more info and opportunities to participate, visit: www.dioceseoftrenton.org.



CONFIRMATION PREP REMINDER

Please send in all Confirmation paperwork <u>as soon a</u> <u>possible.</u> 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 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 Sacrar	nent of First Reconcilia-
tion		
February 28th	4:30-6:00pm	Confirmation Prep I and
-	Prep II	_



2022 MEN'S CONFERENCE —AWAKEN February 26, 2022 at Saint Joseph Church 9:00 AM 2:30 PM

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 25th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 26, at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ. The theme of this year's conference is "Awaken." The day runs from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; producer, writer and film director Jim Wahlberg, the older brother of Mark and Donny Wahlberg and Executive Director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation; and Chris Padgett, a popular speaker, musician, and author who has traveled around the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions and retreats to all ages about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. Cost is \$40 per person in advance (\$45 at the door); \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.to register online: www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org/2022 mensconference

That Which Has Been Lost Can be Found Are you missing a match to your earring? If so, please call the parish office at 732-270-3980 and describe the earring. 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.

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 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

Monday, March 7, 2022 Please attend the Mass at 7:00pm, In the Mens Faith Group we 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, hood conversation, games, and friendship For further info please contact Barbara: 732-232-3733

WOMEN IN FAITH In lieu of our next meeting we 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



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

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 20th.</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.



Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your circumstances permit, please consider donating to

for your consistent contributions.

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



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

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist? Find out more by contacting our RCIA team. Call the parish office at 732-270-3980

Readings for the Week of February 13 2022

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34–9:1 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



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

<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 13, 2022



BELOVED-SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.





FORMED NOW! HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

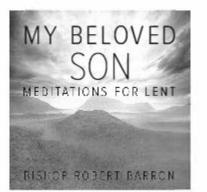
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MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In five riveting homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.



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