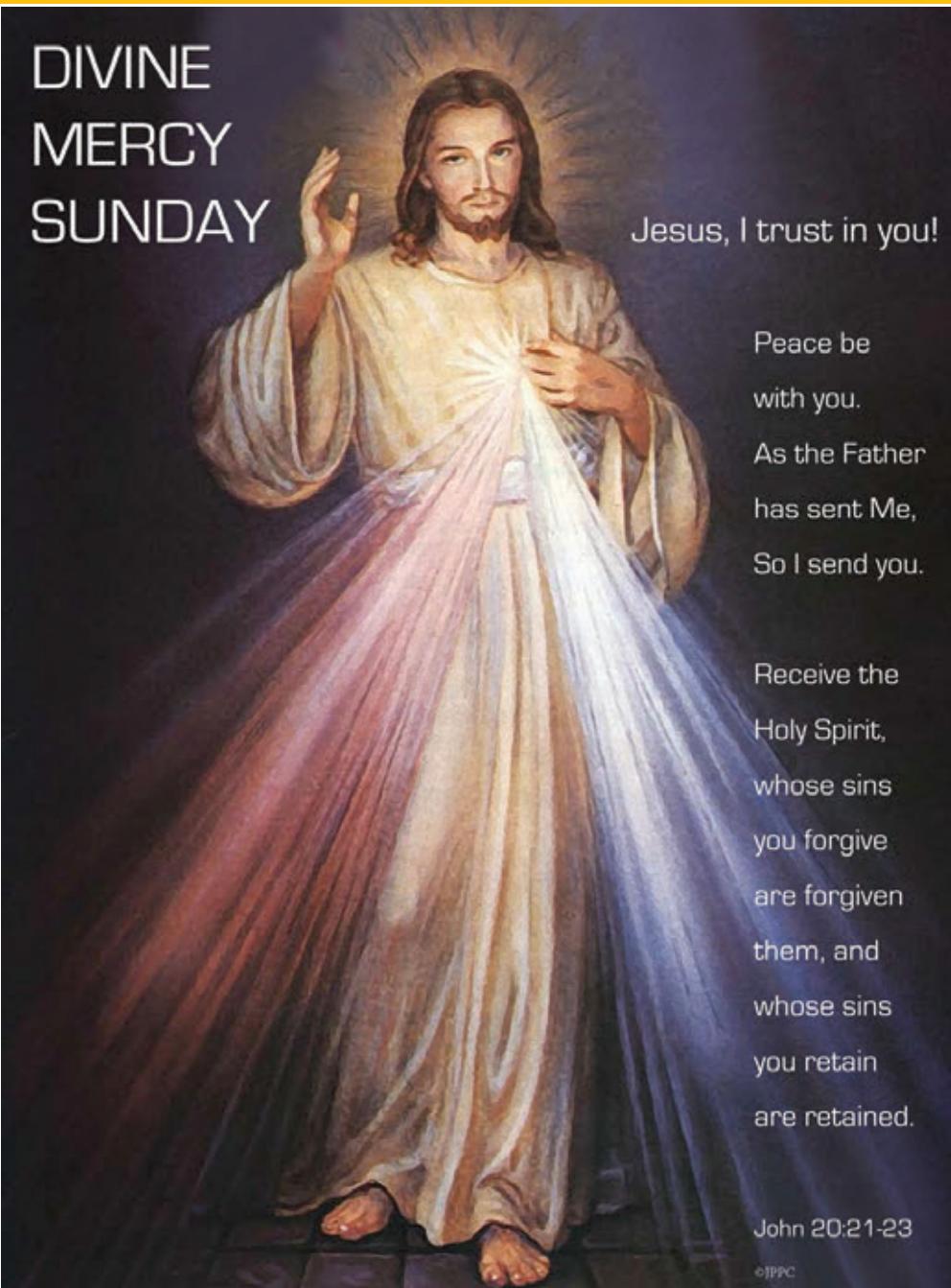


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April 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)



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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, April 11

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

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| 8:00am | The Falletta Family
Gerard Quinn
Gertrude & Albert Heid
Pasquale Cosentino
Joseph Santonastaso
Rogue Ferrer |
| 10:00am | Robert Michael Avalone
Frances Meyer
Frank Kaverick |
| 12noon | |

MONDAY, April 12

Easter Weekday

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| 8:00am | Colleen McQuilken (living) |
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TUESDAY, April 13

Easter Weekday; St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr
8:00am Genevieve Huttemann

WEDNESDAY, April 14

Easter Weekday

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| 8:00am | Victoria Mizzi |
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THURSDAY, April 15

Easter Weekday

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| 8:00am | William C. Morrocco |
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Saturday, April 17

Easter Weekday

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| 5:00pm | Joell Lanfrank
Bobby Skrabale
John Campbell |
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SUNDAY, April 18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 8:00am | The Rath & Heid Family |
| 10:00am | Frank Varga, Jr.
Rogue Ferrer
Sheila Baita |
| 12noon | Toni Mizzi
Ivan Ilovar
Maria & Josephine DiBrizzi (living) |



The Altar Bread,
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The Sanctuary Candle

which burns near the
Tabernacle in Church, the reminder
of the Lord's Presence in the Most
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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.

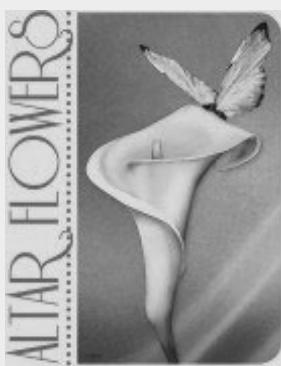
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

For the Month of April, Confession will be Saturdays at 3:30pm, outside the door of the church on the side of the Religious Education Building. Kindly knock on the door, remain outside for Confession.

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.



**The Flowers
Adorning the Altar
are in
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Eli & Mike Guzniczak



From the Pastor

2nd Sunday of Easter - B

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN! On this eighth and final day of the Easter Octave, as we marvel with Saint Thomas, the so-called 'Doubter,' who gave up his life for the Risen Lord, most of the Catholic Church honors another man who

followed in Christ's sacrificial footsteps.

Although we cannot celebrate his Feast Day today, as it falls on a Sunday in Eastertime, April 11 is the Feast of Saint Stanislaus. Ironically, in his native Poland, where he served as Bishop in what is now the Archdiocese of Kraków, his Feast Day is May 8, the day he was murdered in 1079. [Determining dates from the past is often difficult; on the Julian calendar, George Washington's birthday was on February 11; in 1752, when Britain changed to the Gregorian calendar, it became February 22.]

900 years after Saint Stanislaus' death, one of his successors as the Bishop of Kraków became our first Polish Pope: Saint John Paul II. And today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a devotion which many Catholics, especially of Polish descent, celebrate; it was revealed to a simple, uneducated Polish Sister, now Saint Faustina Kowalska. After her death on October 5, 1938, at the age of 33, she was buried in the Divine Mercy Shrine in Kraków. So, it is right that we ponder these interrelated feasts today; more about Saint Stanislaus after praying the Collect from Masses in his memory.

Collect - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

O God, for whose honor the Bishop
Saint Stanislaus fell beneath the swords of
his persecutors, grant, we pray, that we may perse-
vere strong in faith even until death.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LIFE OF A SAINT. Born near Kraków on July 26, 1030, Stanislaus was educated in Poland, and later in Paris, where he completed his studies in canon law and theology. Humbly refusing the well-earned title 'Doctor,' he returned home; after his parents died, he gave away his inheritance and was ordained a Priest. Serving as preacher and archdeacon to Kraków's Bishop and his staff, many discovered his great oratory skills and ability to stir people's hearts toward conversion and greater commitment to God and Church.

THE ROAD TO THE CROSS. When the Bishop he had served died in 1072, Saint Stanislaus was unanimously elected to succeed him - which put him on the forefront of one of the greatest challenges faced by religious leaders of every time and place: tensions between Church and State. Some call for, or even demand, a total separation of these two entities, but that is impossible! Just as we cannot separate soul from body, we cannot divorce ethics, morals, ideals, hopes or dreams from everyday life. While the Church and other religious groups have, often regrettably, gotten over immersed in the day-to-day functioning of government, our faith can - and MUST influence and, at times, even determine how those who govern us make decisions and enact policies.

DEALING WITH ROGUE RULERS. As Saint John the Baptist opposed King Herod, Saint Thomas Becket challenged King Henry II and Saint Thomas More disputed with King Henry VIII - which led to their executions - Bishop Stanislaus stood up against King Bolesław II's abuses of power and debaucheries. At first, the king seemed to be repentant, and gave the impression of changing his ways. Eventually, the bishop excommunicated the king, who ordered his soldiers to murder the cleric. When they refused, the king killed the bishop with his own hands, stabbing him to death as he celebrated holy Mass. Saint Stanislaus, the Patron Saint of Poland, is usually depicted with a sword or stab wound. The king fled to Hungary and, to his credit, reportedly spent the rest of his life doing penance in a monastery.

We are blessed to live in a time and place where it is highly unlikely we will face severe persecution - or execution - for practicing our Catholic Faith. Sadly, that is not the case for our brothers and sisters, in other eras and lands. However, we must struggle with leaders who do not promote, permit - or ever seek to eradicate - Catholic and Christian teachings and ideals. Appallingly, some even claim to be good, practicing Catholics! As we formulate our reactions and responses to these trying situations, rely on the help of those who gave up their life for our Catholic Faith. Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, pray for us.

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..."

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

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

Patrick Romano, Barbara Ann Facchiano,
Genevieve Generalli, Rev. Frederick Jackewicz
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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,

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Autumn Hale Joey Colosimo, Michael Anthony DeAnn,

Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios, Kevin Kreder,

Christopher Wright, Jordan Thomas, Jesse Silva

Gage Maguire,

And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.

Readings for the Week of April 11 2021

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;

Lk 24:35-48

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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

Religious Education

REMINDERS

- APRIL 12TH** Parent Meeting at 4:30PM for students receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. Parent and child are asked to attend. If you are unable to attend with your child please send your child with a responsible adult.
- APRIL 20th** Sacrament of Confirmation Practice at 4:30-5:45PM for those students receiving the sacrament on April 27th at the 2:00PM Ceremony.
- APRIL 21st** Sacrament of Confirmation Practice at 4:30-5:45PM for those students receiving the sacrament on April 27th at the 4:00PM Ceremony.
- APRIL 27th** On this date, the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D., D.D., Bishop of Trenton, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 2:00PM and 4:00PM.
Families have been notified of the details for the celebration of the sacrament. If you have not received this information please contact our office at 732-270-3797.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, only the students and their family members will be present at the sacrament.

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 additional enrichments for families and we also remind you to visit FORMED and FAITH AT HOME.



RETRouveille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouveille (pronounced Retro-vy).

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 **April 16 - 18, 2021** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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Life-Giving Wounds Virtual Retreat

(sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen)

Sat, Apr 17, 9:00 AM Sat, Apr 24, 12:30 PM

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is designed for anyone over the age of 18 whose parents are no longer together. People of all backgrounds attend, but together they have one key thing in common: they have lost the love of their parents together. Topics will include discussing anxiety, anger, sin, temptation and forgiveness.

All presentations are given by trained, expert speakers who are children of divorce.

So whether a person's parents divorced decades ago or last week, the retreat content will apply to them. The retreat is also for people whose parents are separated (but not legally divorced), received a declaration of nullity, or were never married (maybe never even "together") and are now broken up. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/calendar/category=Retreat>

NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday May 5, 2021 7:00pm
in the Religious Ed Building

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



Year of Saint Joseph Intentions

Use this form to offer intentions at the 'Year of Saint Joseph' Shrine; half of any donations will be used for a liturgical item and half will be donated to charity; drop your intention in the collection basket or by mail.

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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!

MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2021.

Dear Parishioners, the Mass book for 2021 has Masses available. To obtain a Mass Intention please provide the information below (printable form is also available on our website: www.stjustin.org) and mail with your check to St. Justin the Martyr Parish, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, NJ 08753.

You will be contacted regarding the dates you wish and their availability along with alternate dates if necessary. You can also contact the parish office with any questions, or to find out how to order your Mass intention by phone: 732-270-3980.

Please Provide:

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3. Requested by Information:

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.



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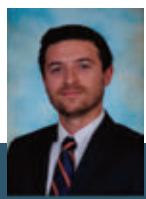
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