

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

April 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Today's Readings and Gospel

Reading I: Acts 4: 8-12

Here displayed is St. Peter's first speech before the Insane, Israel's chief religious governing body. The head of the Apostles bravely ascribes the healing of a man to the power of Jesus' name, He whom they had crucified and who has been raised from the dead by God.

Reading II: I John 3: 1-2

As God's adopted children, we shall one day have the joy of witnessing the full glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: John 10: 11-18

The well-known biblical image of Jesus' self-proclaimed title of Himself as the Good Shepherd persists as one of our favorites. This not to omit our awareness of the opposite kind of shepherd rampant in the world.

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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 25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00am	Robert E. Lee, Jr.
	People of the Parish
10:00am	Antoinette Petrick
	Richard P. O'Brien
12noon	William C. Morrocco
	Anne-Marie Neveroski
	Cosimo & Giovanna DiBrizzi

MONDAY, April 26

Easter Weekday

8:00am	Kevin Galbraith
	Colleen Donnelly
	Salvatore Floria

TUESDAY, April 27

Easter Weekday

8:00am	John Campbell
	Bill Provinchek (living)
	Nicholas Rotolo

WEDNESDAY, April 28

**Easter Weekday; St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest**

8:00am	Eric Elliott
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THURSDAY, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00am	The Matloob Family
	Daniel Pierre
	Andrew Fenyar

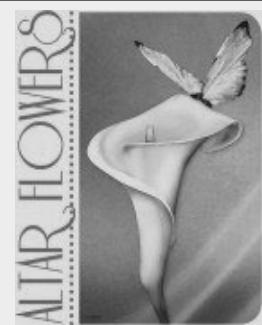
Saturday, May 1

**Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker
5:00pm Frank Rubino & Family
Andrew Nadzan, Jr.
Janet Mascera**

SUNDAY, May 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am	People of the Parish
10:00am	Jack O'Connor
	Joseph Santonastaso
12noon	Anna B. Dixon
	Joseph Corkery & Mildred Corkery



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Anna B. Dixon
requested by grandchildren*



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*

St. Vincent DePaul Society—If you would like to help, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off in the poor box located in the narthex just before the doors to the church. Info contact the St. Vincent dePaul Society 732-929-1119

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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.



From the Pastor
4th Sunday of Easter - B
April 25, 2021

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE PERSECUTED. To appreciate the truly tumultuous times in which Germany's Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen - whom we honor this week - lived, consider this true story. On

January 5, 1527, in the early years of the Reformation, a man named **Felix Manz**, who insisted that infant baptisms were useless, and that only adults could be baptized, was rowed out to the middle of a frigid lake. In mockery of his beliefs, they gave him an 'adult' baptism: they bound him, threw him into waters, and he drowned; he is considered the first martyr of the Protestant Reformation. Who ordered his death: the 'Inquisition' or a Pope? The local Bishop or a Catholic mob? No; it was his fellow Protestant Reformers! Yet, a man given the name **Mark Rey** at his baptism as an infant chose to enter this frenzied theological whirlwind! More about him after praying the Collect for the holy Mass offered in his memory.

Collect - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

O God, who were pleased to award the palm of martyrdom to Saint Fidelis as, burning with love for you, he propagated the faith, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that, grounded in charity, we may merit to know with him the power of the Resurrection of Christ. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

PRODDED TO PREACH. Born in 1577 into a wealthy family, who provided him with an excellent education, he earned a degree in civil law and studied canon [church] law. He was so devoted to helping those lacking the financial means to defend themselves, he was nicknamed, "The poor man's lawyer." Thoroughly disgusted by his colleagues' corruption and injustice, he sold off his possessions, which he gave to support seminarians, and joined his brother George in the Franciscan Capuchin Order. He was given [or took] the religious name 'Fidelis' [faithful] which comes from our Lord's words: "Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." [Revelation 2:10] Little did he know that he would one day live up to - or rather, die according to - these words!

'IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD.' These words, taken from the consent given at weddings, are similar to Saint Paul's admonition: "Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." [2 Timothy 4:2]. Sent into a most dangerous environment, Father Fidelis clarified the Catholic dogmas Protestants contested or rejected. Sent as a missionary to Switzerland, he was denounced as a spy for the Austrian Emperor. For while Catholics and Protestants differed on many **theological** issues, and there were **abuses** that had to be condemned and corrected, the mix of politics and religion was lethal. [Sound familiar?] It was almost impossible to separate secular concerns from religious issues - which, in turn, raised everything to fever pitch.

A COMPASSIONATE MAN. As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Father Fidelis had special concern for the sick and needy. He personally tended to sick soldiers, declined the niceties the faithful offered to him, and even during a plague, celebrated Sacraments despite potential harm to himself. Even after he was shot at as he was preaching the Gospel, he continued to serve the Lord and His Church. Devoted to our Blessed Mother, he sought her protective mantle and intercession. One of his greatest fears was becoming lukewarm or apathetic; he strove to remain totally devoted to the Catholic Faith and her teachings in his every word and deed.

A VIOLENT ENDING. Like Jesus, who endured the horrors of a scourging and crucifixion, Father Fidelis literally shared in Christ's sufferings. On what is now his **Feast Day, April 24**, in 1622, at the age of 45, and 10 years as a **Capuchin**, he was confronted outside a church by a Protestant mob. He was brutally beaten and stabbed to death; to add insult to injury, they cut a leg off his dead body since he had dared to walk into Protestant areas to explain and defend the Catholic Faith. After many miracles were attributed to him, he was canonized in 1746. In his honor, we must learn more about our Catholic Faith and help others understand it! **Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, 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..."

Oliviae Monroe Markey

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

Marisa Lynn Dickinson & Ryan Edward Valliere

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

Michael DeRiggi, Marilyn A. Schlick

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, Jesse Silva

Gage Maguire,

*And for our President
and elected Leaders of our Country.*

NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

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

**Pre-registration required call the
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to register**



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Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30-31, 32; 1
n 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

On April 27th, 2021 the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the students of our parish family by our bishop, Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D., D.D. We thank our loving families who are the first instructors in our faith. It is their love and concern that brought these candidates to this day. We thank our pastor, Father Mark Kreder, clergy, catechists and staff who played a role in the spiritual life of these young people. Our students have prepared and waited for this celebration. May God bless all of them as they assume their new place in our Church as fully initiated Catholics. We ask that you continue to hold them in your prayers.

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.



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!

Volunteers Needed

**Saturday, May 22nd
at 1:30pm**

**CHURCH UN-DECORATING
and decorating for Pentecost.**

If you are interesting in helping please sign up thru our parish website at www.stjustin.org; private message our Facebook Page, St. Justin the Martyr RC Church; or call the parish office and leave your name and number. Masks must be worn, social distancing will be observed.



TAKE ACTION NOW!

Please call our Congressman, Andy Kim at (732) 504-0490. Ask him to support the **Abortion Survivors Protection Act** which makes care for babies born alive mandatory and to also vote to keep the **Hyde Amendment**, which prevents tax payers from paying for abortions.



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.

Requestor's Name: _____

Requestor's Address/Email: _____

Intention's Name: _____

Intention: _____

Donation Optional



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We are looking for someone who is able to move a piano from an address in Toms River to the parish. The trip from the address to the parish is 2.3 miles and there is only one step involved in the move. If you know of anyone who can help us with this move, please contact the parish office at 732-270-3980 extension 301. Thank 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:

1. Name of the person(s) for which you wish the Mass Intention (specify living or deceased).

2. Give three possible dates on which you would like to have the Mass said (also specify if you prefer a Sunday or Weekday Mass).

3. Requested by Information:

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Weekday Mass Donation: \$10.00**

April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



INTO THE BREACH

FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020

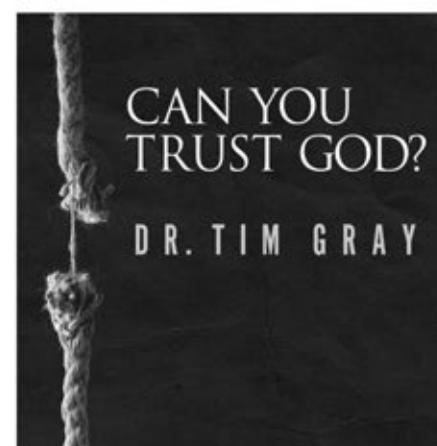


LISTEN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD?

BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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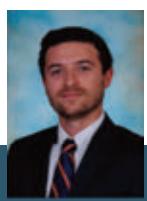
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