

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

May 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Today's Readings and Gospel

Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31

St. Paul not only witnesses the risen Jesus, but also has become His missionary. At the same time, Paul's conversion evidently brought peace to the Palestinian Church communities.

Reading II: I John 3: 18-24

God, being "greater than our hearts" still inspires confidence even if our consciences condemn us. As a result, we do what pleases Him.

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

The vine and branch imagery includes an assurance from Jesus that the Word of God has made the disciples safe from pruning. When these disciples "bear fruit" as His emissaries they glorify the Father.

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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, 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

MONDAY, May 3**Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

- 8:00am Carol & Tom Lewandowski (living)
 Grace Galbraith
 Salvatore Floria

TUESDAY, May 4**Easter Weekday**

- 8:00am Bob Rush
 James Joseph Albers, Jr.
 Joanne Daubert

WEDNESDAY, May 5**Easter Weekday**

- 8:00am Susan Kirk
 Joan Ellen Gassert
 Joseph Paparazzo, Sr.

THURSDAY, May 6**Easter Weekday; National Day of Prayer**

- 8:00am Laura Pisano
 Gloria Rebello
 Celeste Pinto

Saturday, May 8**Easter Weekday**

- 5:00pm Carl & Hilda Stelz
 Joyce Hnilicka
 Gay Patterson

SUNDAY, May 9**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; Mother's Day**

- 8:00am Mother's Day Novena
 10:00am Carol Harzmovitz
 Laura Pisano
 Mary Baita
 12noon Rose Leone
 Dorothy Wilson
 Genny Huttemann

***The Altar Bread,***

which will become the Body of Christ
 at the Masses celebrated
 during the week is offered
In Loving Memory of

Anna Bernadette Dixon

requested by Katherine & Robert Felix

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*

James Parry



requested by Joanne & Thomas Shawger

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St. Vincent dePaul Society 732-929-1119

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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:

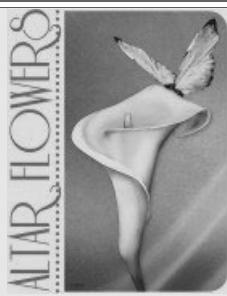
Confession will be Saturdays from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Outside the door of the church on the side of the Religious Education Building. Kindly knock on the door, remain outside for Confession. Please arrive at 3:30.

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.



***The Flowers
 Adorning the Altar
 are in Loving
 Memory of***

Anna B. Dixon

*requested by grandchildren;
 John-Bryan, Courtney, Jessica, & Amanda*



From the Pastor
5th Sunday of Easter - B
May 2, 2021

A LOCAL GIRL WHO MADE IT!

Some think of Saints as being from distant times and places, whose words and deeds are far from ordinary, but that's not so with Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, whose Feast Day is May 8. Born on

March 26, 1901 in Bayonne - yes, NJ! - she was the youngest of seven children of Slovak immigrants. As an Eastern Rite Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic, she was Baptized, Confirmed and received First Eucharist as an infant.

Salutatorian of her 1917 Bayonne High School class, she hoped to enter a Bronx Carmelite monastery, but they sewed vestments to support themselves; since she had poor eyesight, they did not accept her application. So, she stayed at home to care for her ailing mother, who died in the 1918 influenza pandemic. In 1923, she graduated summa cum laude with a literature degree from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station; the Sisters of Charity then hired her to teach Latin and English at Saint Aloysius School in Jersey City. She left that position to care for her ailing father; after he died in 1925, she entered the Sisters of Charity's novitiate at her alma mater. She was finally on the road to fulfill her hopes and dreams of becoming a Religious Sister - but God had other plans. We'll tell more of her story after praying the Collect for the holy Mass offered in her memory.

Collect - Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, Virgin

Almighty and eternal God, who called the Virgin Blessed Miriam Teresa to the height of charity on earth to prepare her for eternal life in Heaven, make us, strengthened by her intercession, imitate her humility so as to arrive at the same perfection.

Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

A ROUGH ROAD. Besides poor eyesight, *Sister Miriam Teresa* also suffered from headaches; in 1926, as a new novice, she had her tonsils removed at Saint Joseph Hospital in Paterson. In 1927, she was admitted to Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Elizabeth, but her superiors considered her a hypochondriac. Her spiritual director encouraged her, despite her ailments, to

'use her literary gifts to compose religious talks for him to deliver to novices. She wrote 26 conferences which were published posthumously in a book, Greater Perfection. Alarmed by her failing health, her spiritual director alerted her brother, Msgr. Charles Demjanovich, pastor of Saint Mary Church in Rutherford, and one of her sisters who was a nurse, who took her to the hospital. She was diagnosed with, among other ailments, acute appendicitis; although the doctors felt she was not strong enough for an operation, she had an appendectomy on May 6. She died two days later and was buried in Convent Station on May 11, 1927. Her brief 26 years of life on earth had ended ... but ...

HELP FROM ONE WHO KNOWS. Since she experienced so many challenges and setbacks - yet remained positive and faith-filled - she became a source of inspiration for all who faced similar woes. In the 1960's, a Mercer County boy, Michael Mencer, who had what doctors diagnosed as incurable and irreversible juvenile macular degeneration, was healed when a Sister of Charity encouraged him to pray to Sister Miriam Teresa and gave him a lock of her hair. After the Vatican had a team of doctors review the case, it was endorsed by Pope Francis in December 2013, and her Beatification rite was set for October 4, 2014 - the first to be held in the USA. It took place at Newark's Basilica Cathedral of the Sacred Heart - go to facebook.com/SisterMiriamTeresaLeagueofPrayer and look for the 10-4-14-The Beatification of... link.

Michael Mencer had the honor of carrying the reliquary with Blessed Miriam Teresa's hair and placing it in front of her portrait at the Beatification Ceremony. On December 13, 2016, ironically - or by divine providence - he died, also after years of suffering with failing health, and from post-surgical complications. Skeptics may dismiss all this as coincidental, but down through the ages, there have been many countless similar 'stories' of miraculous healings through the intercession of holy women and men. Could one of our requests for her intercession be the 'second miracle' needed to advance her to Sainthood? Blessed Miriam Teresa, 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..."

Michael Vincent Nastasi, Nico Joseph Frank,
Evelyn Mae Jones

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

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

Arthur O'Connell (Bishop David O'Connell's brother)
Joseph S. Chervenyak, Barbara DePhillipo,
Carol Van Saders, June Gooley, Richard Nauyoks

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
parish office at 732-270-3980
to register*



Happy Mother's Day



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Religious Education

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

We congratulate our religious education children who will receive their Sacrament of First Reconciliation. It is through God's love and mercy they learn the gracious presence of God. We thank all who have brought them to this special day. Please hold the children and their families in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

The week of May 9th, the children in religious education will be receiving their Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please pray that they experience what it means to be "bread for others" and to please hold the children and their families in your prayers. We thank all who helped prepare the children for this sacrament, along with their parents/guardians, as we welcome them to the Table of the Lord.

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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.

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

**Volunteers
Needed**

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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.

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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



Our priests and deacons will be celebrating the anniversary of their ordinations in the month of May. Please keep them in your prayers and thank them for answering God's call to serve Him and His Church and for their service to our parish.

Name	Anniversary Date	Years Ordained
Father Mark Kreder	May 17, 2003	18
Deacon Fred Ebenau	May 14, 2005	16
Deacon James Campbell	May 13, 2006	15
Deacon James Gillespie	May 14, 2011	10



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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021

Catholic Social Services Diocesan Parish Counseling Services: Parishioners have access to short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) at locations throughout the Diocese. The program was developed by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Trenton. Licensed counseling professionals are available to help parishioners through difficult issues such as marital problems, raising children, eldercare, bereavement or the stress of job loss that can be successfully addressed by brief counseling support. Pastors and parish priests of the Diocese can refer parishioners to the parish counseling services.

Piano Mover Wanted

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:

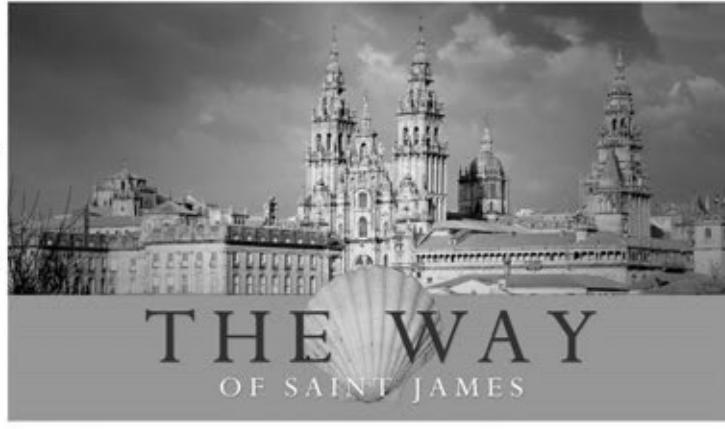
1. Name of the person(s) for which you wish the Mass Intention (specify living or deceased).
2. Give three possible dates on which you would like to have the Mass said (also specify if you prefer a Sunday or Weekday Mass).
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May 2, 2021

WATCH

THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



The
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APOSTLES



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

LISTEN

REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



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