

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

May 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“He ascended into
heaven, and is seated
at the right hand
of the Father”



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
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(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.



SUNDAY, May 16

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD;
World Day for Social Communications**

8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
10:00am	Bob & Barbara Finley
	Walter & Patricia Pulchlopek (living)
12noon	Maureen Parry
	William C. Morrocco
	Martha Behnke
	Ann Dixon

MONDAY, May 17

Easter Weekday

8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
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TUESDAY, May 18

Easter Weekday; St. John I, Pope & Martyr

8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
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WEDNESDAY, May 19

Easter Weekday

8:00am	Bob & Barbara Keseday
	Rev. Mark A. Kreder (living)
	Laura A. Pisano
	Bill & Barbara Bagdi (living)

THURSDAY, May 20

Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00am	Anthony Pierre
	Angelica Bussani
	Sister Mary Susanne Danoski

Saturday, May 22

Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

5:00pm	Joell Lanfrank
	Ed & Marie O'Rourke
	Charles Berzansky

SUNDAY, May 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00am	Mary Angel Gearhart
10:00am	Laura Pisano
	Michael DeRiggi
	Salvatore Floria
12noon	Joanne Price
	Bertha Marie Ruggiero



*The Altar Bread,
which will become the
Body of Christ
at the Masses celebrated
during the week is offered
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requested by Sullivan Family*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27;
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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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.



From the Pastor
The Ascension
of the Lord - B
May 16, 2021

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A ST. CHRISTOPHER! If you thought the Church 'got rid of' Saint Christopher, you are not alone! It is a common misconception.

The 'original' Saint Christopher was a 3rd Century martyr and is revered by

many Christians; his Feast Day is still July 25, and he is still the Patron Saint of Travelers and Motorists. In the 1960's, the Church simply removed him from her Universal Calendar, which lists the Saints honored in all places. While we have little, if any, documented facts about him, his existence is not questioned. Nor was he kicked out of heaven; he was merely taken off the Universal Calendar to make room for Saints about whom we DO have definite data, like the 'new' Saint Christopher and Companions about whom we will reflect after you pray the Collect for the holy Mass offered on their May 21 Feast Day.

Collect - Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Almighty and eternal God, who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom, grant us, through their intercession, that, persevering in confession of the true faith, we may always hold fast to the commandments of your love. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THEY PERSECUTE YOU." Many assume that the governments that close churches and catechetical centers for children and adults, shutter seminaries, monasteries, convents, and novitiates are from far distant times and/or faraway places, like ancient Rome, or Eastern Europe or Asia. But these things occurred just one century ago, just 'south of the border!' Between 1915 and 1937, the Mexican government became violently anti-faith and sought to eliminate all vestiges of religion. This led to the 'Cristero Rebellion' in which ordinary peasants, whose lives were an interwoven blend of the spiritual and the secular, rose up in defense of their Catholic Faith and its practices - and for which many gave their lives.

"STRIKE THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP WILL BE DISPERSED." These words, proclaimed last Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, come from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah [13:7], and were quoted by Jesus to forewarn the Apostles - and us - of the 'game plan' of those hoping to destroy Him and His Church. As the faithful gathered under the banner - "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!" - civil authorities went after Priests and Religious leaders with a vengeance! The celebration of Mass or any Sacrament was outlawed; clerical garb and all signs of one's faith were forbidden; participating in any festival with a religious basis, like Christmas or Easter, was punishable by law; and foreign-born Clergy were sent packing.

One Mexican Governor was so anti-Catholic, he named his three sons Lenin, Satan, and Lucifer; he also named one of his bulls "God," a hog "Pope," a cow "Mary," and a donkey "Christ." He had all signs of the Faith destroyed, even from the tombstones of the dead - and the living did not fare any better! Without a trial or semblance of justice, Priests were arrested, even those who, like Father Magallanes, deplored the use of violence and forbid his congregants to take up arms against their persecutors. Born on July 30, 1869, he was Ordained a Priest at 30 in 1899, and on May 21, 1927, was arrested as he headed to celebrate Mass on a farm. Four days later, on May 25, after giving his few possessions to the members of the firing squad, for whom he prayed for forgiveness, he was executed. He, along with 23 other Diocesan Priests and 3 Laymen, who laid down their life for Christ and His Church during the 22- year persecution, were beatified in 1992 and canonized in 2000 by Saint John Paul II.

WE MUST HOLD THE LINE. There's no easy answer to the question: how much can we acquiesce to our pluralistic society, which seems to have less respect for - or even use for - Faith and Religion? But if we never ask the question or struggle to make our choices between the spiritual and the secular, we could be on a very dangerous road. Relying on those who made the ultimate choice, may we always make the right decisions. **Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions, 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..."

Jaxon Richard Heeney

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

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

Theresa Sommella

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, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli

And for our President

and elected Leaders of our Country.

NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

**Wednesday June 2, 2021 7:00pm
in the Religious Ed Building**

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



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

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.



Saint Justin Religious Education 2020-21 Program Year

All assignments must be completed by the end of May. We thank our parents/guardians for taking this journey of faith with their children. We congratulate the children for the hard work and effort this year. We are so very proud of everyone. Have a joyful and safe summer!

Sacrament of First Eucharist

On behalf of Father Mark, clergy and staff and all who helped make the celebration a beautiful experience, we thank everyone involved. We thank our parents/guardians as the first instructors of the faith. It was your prayers and dedication that brought them to this day. We congratulate the children on a job well done. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

*For all who have contracted coronavirus,
we pray for care and healing.*

*For those who are particularly vulnerable,
we pray for safety and protection.*

*For all who experience fear or anxiety,
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.*

*For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on
the table or public safety,*

we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

*For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.*

*For those who are afraid to access care
due to immigration status,*

we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

*For our brothers and sisters around the world,
we pray for shared solidarity.*

*For public officials and decision makers,
we pray for wisdom and guidance.*

*Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope,
comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort.*

Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/covid-19-prayer-solidarity>

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

**Volunteers
Needed**

CHURCH UNDECORATING 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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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



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.

Diocesan Social Service Workshops: Information and resources to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies are available to enhance Diocesan Catholic Social Service. Home Health Nursing Program: Free, in-home nursing and home health services are available to Seniors in Greater Trenton through Mt. Carmel Guild.



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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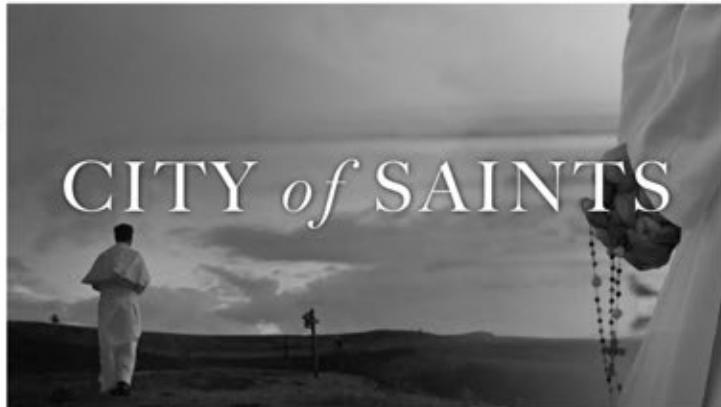
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