


St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For where
two or three are
gathered together
in my name,
there am I in the
midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

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Readings for the Week of September 10, 2023

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
Weekend Associate: Rev. Robert Laferrera
Pastoral Associate: Deacon James Gillespie
Deacon James Campbell
Deacon Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.
Deacon Donald Gries
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

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.

Masses For The Week



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, September 10

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Beverly Barlow
Anthony Affinito
Beverly Dillon
9:30am John DeGeorge
Thomas R. Mahar
Angelina Petti
11:30 William Morrocco
Michael Frunzi
Louis Maiorano
Barbara Minervino (living)

MONDAY, September 11

Weekday

8:00am Mary Provenzano
John & Lucille Cehelsky
Kathy Cehelsky (living)

TUESDAY, September 12

Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am Carol N. Procassini
Peter Pravata
Patricia Jarocki

WEDNESDAY, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am People of the Parish

THURSDAY, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am World Peace

Saturday, September 16

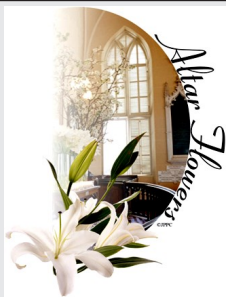
Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

5:00pm Salvatore & Carmelina Giliberti
Kenneth Heinbockel
Harry & Charlotte Sinsheimer
Linda Ramirez (living)

SUNDAY, September 17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Carol Lewandowski (living)
George Rose
Maryellen Baumann
9:30am Christopher Beeh (living)
Richard Beeh
Cathy Farrant
11:30 Ricardo Gonzalez
Anne E. Ferraioli
Catherine & Robert Wooley



*The Flowers
Adorning the Altar
are in Loving Memory of
Lisa Ann Paparazzo
requested by loving family*



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

requested by Pais & Petti Family

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*

Preziose Family

requested by Pais & Petti Family



**St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Collection 3rd
Sunday of the month. Food Collection basket is
located in the narthex by the parish hall.**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
ST. VINCENT DePaul SOCIETY: 732-929-1119**

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stjustin.org

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK:
St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church**

MASS SCHEDULE:

**WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM; 9:30AM; 11:30am
WEEKDAY: Monday-Thursday: 8:00AM
Holy Days: Announced**

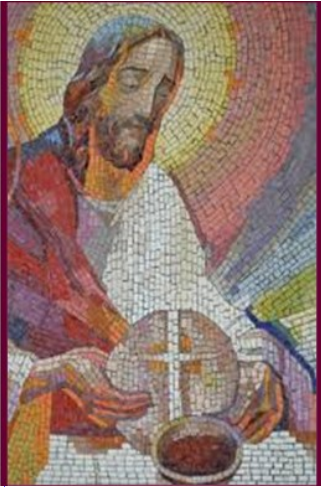
BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements.

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.



From the Pastor
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
September 10, 2023

AT TABLE WITH OUR MOTHER. Reflection #12 on Pope Francis' 2022 Apostolic Letter, 'Desiderio Desideravi,' Latin for Jesus' pre-Last Supper words: "I have earnestly desired [to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.]" [Luke 22:15] focuses

on our **Blessed Mother** who joins us in our weekly gatherings. For past articles in this series on the three-year **National Eucharistic Revival** [this is article #41!] and the **Holy Father's Letter**, visit our **Parish** website.

BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER. By entrusting His **Mother** to the **Beloved Disciple** [John 19:25-27] **Jesus** gave His **Mother** to every disciple. Some speculate that at least two women attended the **Last Supper** with the **Twelve Apostles**, but **Luke 22:8** specifies that two disciples **Jesus** sent to make the preparations were **Peter** and **John**. Although our **Blessed Mother** was often with her **Son**, and courageously stood at the foot of His **Cross**, she was probably not at the **Last Supper**.

However, like all mothers who rejoice to hear their babies say their first words and see them take their first steps, the **Bible** assures us that our **Blessed Mother** enjoyed both these - first, after her **Son** was born in the flesh, and again, after His new **Body**, the **Church**, was born. As recorded in the **Acts of the Apostles**, she was present in the **Upper Room** where the **Apostles**, the first **Priests**, echoed her **Son's** words over bread and wine. How proud and thrilled she must have been to see them emulate the actions **Jesus** did at the first **Consecration**. We can only imagine how awesome it must have been for her to receive Him back into her body, where He had lived for nine months in her womb!

And since no loving mother ever abandons her children or stops caring for them, we can be assured of our **Blessed Mother's** concern for us! As the **Preface** for the **BVM, Image and Mother of the Church** - reminds us: "Raised to the glory of heaven, she accompanies your pilgrim Church with a mother's love and watches in kindness over the Church's homeward steps." No wonder every **Catholic Church** that I know of has at least one icon or image, portrait or picture, statue or

shrine honoring our **Blessed Mother**.

MAKE OUR MOTHER PROUD AND HAPPY. Please bear with me as I carry this imagery [which is truly a reality!] to the next level. One of my mother's greatest wishes and joys was to have all five of her children gathered at the same table for a meal. Not just on special occasions, but each week for the **Sunday** family dinner - which was once obligatory, as was **holy Mass**! And it was an added blessing to her if we got through that meal without any arguments, divisive issues or tensions. Would not our **Blessed Mother** want these same things from those who claim to be children of our **Heavenly Father**, brothers and sisters in and of her **Son Jesus**, and **Temples** of the **Holy Spirit**?

What sadness it must cause **Blessed Mother** when so many excuse themselves for any reason, or do not even plan to join with the rest of the family! How often we sadly say of our **Church Family** what we say of our personal family: that we only get together for weddings and funerals. And with so many getting married 'outside the Church' and not having a **Funeral Mass** or any religious rites at the time of death! [A word to the wise: it is not unusual for **weekly** or even **daily Mass-goers** to have **NO Funeral Mass** or any religious rites because their non-churched next-of-kin do not want it! You can easily preplan and prepay your **Funeral Mass** and other **Rites** so that your **Parish Family** can bid you farewell and join in offering the **holy Mass** for the salvation of your soul!]

From the moment of His conception, **Jesus** was safe in His **Mother's womb**; from the moment of her inception, the **Church** has been safe within her heart. As she helped **Jesus** speak His first words and take His first steps, she helped the **Church** speak our first words and take our first steps. Her attentive acceptance of the **Archangel Gabriel's** message, which was **God's Word**, teaches us to listen for and heed **God's word** which comes to us through **Sacred Scripture**, especially when it is proclaimed at **holy Mass**. As her faith enabled **God's Word** to become **Flesh**, we enable **God's word** to come alive by following her example. These analogies can go on and on, but by now, I hope you get the point! **Holy Mary, Mother of God** and our **Mother ... pray for us!**

In Christ,

Father Mark

Rev. Mark A. Kreder, Pastor

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*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..."

Arleen P. Chwatal

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, Michael Griffing, Audrey Hughes,
Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Walter Reed, Antoni Jedra,
Charles Jones, Ian Krong, Tyler Brandon Sansone,
Trevor Smida, Nick Roma, Kevin Kreder, Henry Sohl
Christopher Sylvester, Nick Panzara, Greg Hermack,
Morgan Hermack John DiMicelli, Seamus Righter
Joey Colosimo, Kieran Murphy, Michael Anthony DeAnni,
Jordan Thomas, Jason Paino, Christopher Wright,
Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli, Sean Doherty,
Joseph Paparazzo, Jr., Peter Herbert, Jake Jackson
And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.

*Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your
circumstances permit, please consider donating to the
parish at this time. I am thankful and grateful for your
continued financial support 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



PRAY THE ROSARY PARTICIPATE IN THE PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

On May 1st our parish began The
Parish Rosary Program. Each week
parishioners are requested to either fill in
the quick form on the website, or drop in
the basket in the narthex a slip of paper with the number
of rosaries they prayed the previous week. (First name or
initials & rosaries prayed only) Weekly, year-to-date to-
tals will be printed in the church bulletin. The program
will run thru October 2023 (Month of the Holy Rosary)
Thank You and may God bless you and your families.

This week 331 Rosaries: To Date: 4,796 Rosaries



WELCOME TO THE 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM YEAR

We are excited to welcome all new students joining us this
year and all those who are returning once again.
Classes will resume the week of September 11th.

On September 9th our Confirmation Prep II students
celebrated their Rite of Enrollment for the Sacrament of
Confirmation. This is the beginning of their formal
journey toward a fuller life in the Holy Spirit. We pray for
the strengthening of this relationship between these
candidates and the Holy Spirit as they prepare for their
Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask that you hold the
candidates and their families in your prayers.

We thank our many volunteers who have come forward to
share faith this year. We thank our parents/guardians for
caring for your child enough to educate them in the
Faith. Our program is designed to assist you in the faith
formation your child receives at home as working together
builds a bridge of faith. Mass is the source and summit of
who we are as Catholics and what we believe. Children
learn what is caught not just what is taught, so we ask our
families to please bring their children to Mass each
weekend. We thank you for entrusting us to assist you in
the continued religious formation of your child. We look
forward to a faith filled, fun and holy year!

REGISTRATION

We remind those families who have not yet registered to
please do so immediately. Our office hours are
9:00-Noon and 1:15-3:30PM. If you have any questions
you may reach us at 732-270-3797.



Save the Date!

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Dance the night away at St. Justin's

Rock & Roll Dinner Bash

Includes delicious dinner catered by Capones

Featuring our Rock Around the Clock
DJ/Entertainer Lou Reed (formerly of the "Crests")

6:00pm to 10:00pm

More Info to Follow

**COME HOLY SPIRIT, Fill the hearts of your
faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you will renew the face of the earth.**

MINISTRY MEETINGS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary, loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives.
Info contact Pat 732-608-0745
Next Meeting Wed. Sept. 27, 2023 6:30pm Parish Hall



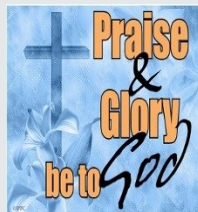
BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS
in the Religious Ed Building.
Next Baptismal Workshop
7:00 pm Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Pre-registration required call the parish office at 732-270-3980

Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? Come join our group! We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets and more! For more info contact: JoAnne at 732-270-9258—**New Members Always Welcome.**

MEN'S FAITH GROUP Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith. In the Conference Room. **Next Meeting Date Monday Sept. 11th 7:00 pm St. Justin's Conference Room**

St. Justin's Adult Choir —Do you feel God is calling you to this ministry? Lend us your voice and become a part of the choir. No experience necessary, just a love of singing for the Lord. Call Angela 201-681-4219 for info.



LET'S REMEMBER OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

It is through the generosity of these merchants that we are able to place this Bulletin into your hands each week. Why not get into the habit of looking through the ads and give these neighbors a chance to serve your needs. Let them know how grateful we are for their support!



St Justin's Center for Learning Southern Ocean County Chapter of Holy Innocents

We are looking for volunteers. We meet on Saturday from 10am–12noon. Think about joining us to bring the faith to Gods special children and adults. No experience necessary we will train catechists and aids needed.

If you know of a special needs child who would like to make their sacraments, or an adult who could benefit from our program please forward our information.

Call the parish office for further information or to leave a contact name and number to volunteer at:
732-270-3980



IS GOD CALLING YOU? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul monthly meeting is **Monday September 25th, 6:30pm in St. Justin's Conference Room** All are welcome who are interested in joining us and helping to fulfill God's plan that we pray together, and assist our poor neighbors in need. Please consider donating to this charitable cause. The green offering envelopes are available on the narthex walls for this purpose. If you have any questions, kindly leave a message on our Help-Line at 732-929-1119.

Thank you.

Mt 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love mercy & walk humbly with your God"



ADULT OCIA NEWS

(formerly RCIA)

We will begin classes for the **2023-2024 season on Sunday, September 24, 2023 9:00am to 10:00am in St. Justin's Conference Room**

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

- *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- *Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist?

Through our preparation and formation process, the **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**, is always ready to accept those inquiring into becoming fully initiated Catholic Christians.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For further information on the OCIA program contact: for Adults the Parish Office (for Children the Religious Education Office)
CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS COME HOME



2023 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing
Ocean/Monmouth County Parishes
Sunday, October 8, 2023; 3:00 pm

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold
All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or call your local parish office.

The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.



Interfaith Family Services
Formerly Interfaith Hospitality
Network of Ocean County

50/50 Raffle

**\$100 per ticket—Only 100
tickets sold Drawing Oct. 16, 2023 7:00pm**

**Winner will receive 50% of amount received,
do not need to be present to win. All proceeds will
support the continued operation of
Interfaith Family Services**

732-341-7675 908-278-2963 732-736-1550

Must be 18 or over to participate

St. Justin the Martyr Rosary Altar
Society

Gift Auction

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2023

Doors open at 6PM—Tickets \$15

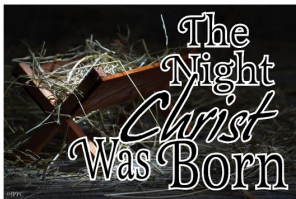
Tickets will be available every weekend
starting September 10th
(St. Justin's Conference Room)

For more information & tickets call:

Pat: 732-608-0745, Terry: 732-861-2575

Debbie: 732-691-2643

(Must be 18 years or older)



**Trip to
Sight and Sound Theatre
for Dec 14th
Christmas Show**

The Trip includes: Sight and
Sound Theatre Christmas Show,
lunch at Shady Maple, round trip

bus from St. Justin's Parking lot. Cost \$ 180.00

Payment plan available also. Due by November 7th.

For info call Barbara 732-232-3733.



A Change in Plans

Dear Parishioners, we had
planned to celebrate the
parish's fiftieth anniversary on
November 19th. Celebration of the anniversary was
delayed due to the pandemic and then the accident
which necessitated the closing of the narthex.
Bishop David O'Connell was scheduled to come
and celebrate Mass for us.

Unfortunately, this date will have to be rescheduled
in the future. In November, I will be having hip
surgery. Bishop O'Connell, as always, was
supportive and gracious and has agreed to come
at a future date to be determined.

Saint Justin the Martyr Parish has been the spiritual
home for so many people past and present. With the
grace of God, our parish will continue to grow, not
just in numbers, but in the true Gospel spirit. We
celebrate so much more than the passage of time. We
are filled with joy that God has been and continues to
be the center and source of our lives. We are grateful
for the clergy and people who have gone before us
and who believed and trusted in God's Word and
took discipleship seriously to teach and baptize so
that others may know the Mysteries of our Faith.

Remembering the Past provides gratitude...
Living in the Present touches our spirit with joy...
and Believing in the future renews our purpose and
mission given by the Lord.

Thank you for all you do for our parish. Please keep
me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers
for you.

In Christ,

Father Mark



**The St. Vincent de Paul Conference
of St. Justin the Martyr Church
located in Toms River is asking you
to prayerfully consider joining our
ministry.**

**We need your help. We are in need
of people to, one day a week, from
the presence of your home, screen calls of those in need
of help. The St. Vincent de Paul ministry helps our
neighbors in the eastern section of
Toms River as well as the barrier island.**

**There is an in person training on
Saturday, September 30, 2023.**

**If you have any questions, and to leave your name &
number if you are interested in helping, please leave a
message on our Helpline at 732-929-1119. Thank you
for prayerfully considering joining this important
ministry to serve God's people.**

Is God Calling You to This Ministry?



**Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross |
Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney**

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on
September 14, let's talk about . . . talking to kids about
Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration
of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

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