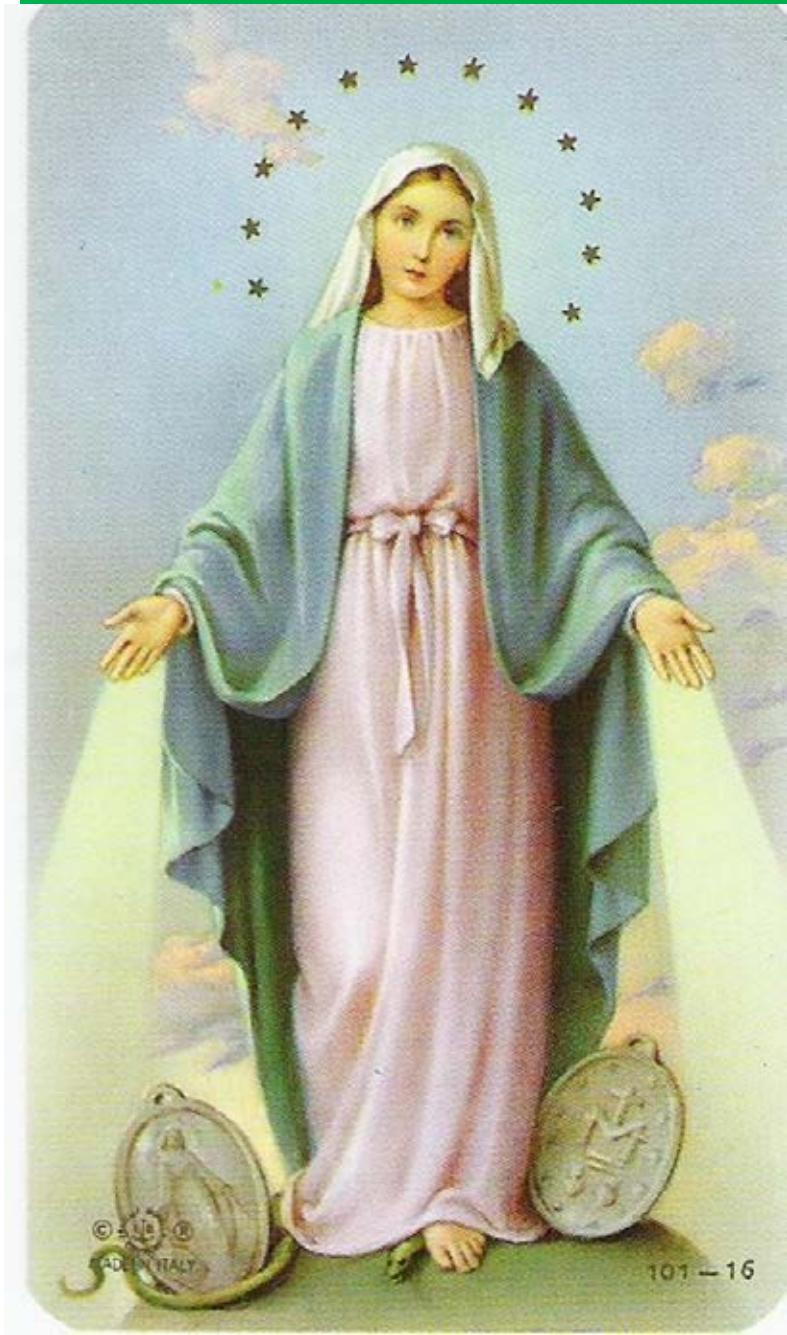


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Novena Prayer

Immaculate Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus and our mother, we have confidence in your powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested often through the Miraculous Medal. We your loving and trustful children, ask you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena if they will be for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. (*Here privately form your petitions.*) You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word, and deed may tend to his greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the queen of angels and of men. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

(Offices Temporarily Closed, please leave message)
Monday ~ Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and
1:15 PM to 4:00 PM; Friday 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

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



SUNDAY, September 13

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Steven Senerchia

Richard Regg

Patrick Monaghan

Patricia Jarocki

Peter Jacovino

Bettina Passarelli

Louise A. Riccie

Barbara Pistilli

MONDAY, September 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00am Richard Beeh
 Christopher Beech (living)

TUESDAY, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am Alberto & Maria Fidalgo
 Manuel P. Maldonado

WEDNESDAY, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am Regina Polokowski
 Peter and Tony Buccieri

THURSDAY, September 17

Weekday;

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Manuel Maldonado
 Judy Jehnke
 Joseph John Sauer
 Peter Pravata

SATURDAY, September 19

Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop & Marytr, BVM

5:00pm People of the Parish
 Carl & Hilda Stelz
 Joell Lanfrank

SUNDAY, September 20

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Maryann Bielski

Ellen Bolger

Cathy Farrant

Francesco Bruno

Richard Luty

Christina Johnson

In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy

Alzira & Joao Guedes

Readings for the Week of Sept.13, 2020

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

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
Mt 20:1-16a



The Altar Bread,

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

Joseph John Sauer
requested by family

The Flowers

*Adorning the Altar
are offered for "Happy
Birthday in Heaven"*

Barbara Pistilli
requested by mom & dad



St. Vincent DePaul Society—Food Donations CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED at this time of any kind until the government lifts all bans and clears the state of restrictions from the virus, 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. Please contact the St. Vincent dePaul Society for any questions: 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:

Saturdays: 3:30pm —**READ NEW DIRECTIVES FOR PROCEDURE BEFORE YOU COME: www.stjustin.org**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office

Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Ed.

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
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
September 13, 2020

THE PATRON SAINT OF BLOOD BANKS.

Another sad victim of the Coronavirus is the annual **San Gennaro Festival** in Little Italy, NYC; this year would have been its 94th celebration. In Latin, the Italian name 'Gennaro' is 'Januarius' - which is what he is called in the Roman Missal, and his Feast Day is **September 19**. But there is much more to **Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**, than parades, rides, a cannoli eating contest and all the other Italian foods. So, to keep this holy man's 'blood from boiling' [pun intended!] we should learn about who he was, what he did, and why he is the **Patron Saint of Blood Banks**. First, we begin by praying the Collect from the Mass offered in his honor.

Collect - Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

O God, who grant us to venerate the memory of the Martyr Saint Januarius, give us, we pray, the joy of his company in blessed happiness for all eternity.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BISHOP & MARTYR. Although we have no contemporary sources of information about him, we believe he was martyred in 305 during the brutal persecutions ordered by the Emperor Diocletian. His death is chronicled in a letter written in 432 by Bishop Uranius of Nola, who attested that while visiting a friend in prison, **Deacon Saint Sossius**, with whom he was preparing for Priesthood, **Saint Januarius** and his friends, Deacon Festus and Lector Desiderius, were arrested and beheaded. **Saint Januarius** had served as the Bishop of Benevento, in south-central Italy, east of Naples. **Saint Severus**, who was Bishop of Naples from 363 to 409, had **Saint Januarius** interred in Naples' Cathedral. In the 9th Century, his body was returned to his own Diocese of Benevento, but his head remained in Naples. The oldest document showing that a vial of his blood remained with his head is from 1389. His body was moved a few more times, but in 1497, his earthly remains were finally reunited in Naples, where the faithful gather three times a year for the miraculous liquefaction of his blood.

'A MIRACLE, A MIRAGE OR A MYTH? While the Church permits many curious customs that are not contrary or harmful to the One True Faith, she rarely rules on their authenticity. She allows room for God to do as He pleases and does not limit Him to what we believe is scientifically possible. While she allows scientists to test 'unusual' things to make sure nothing's 'fishy' or any falsehoods are being promoted, she has not allowed the vials to be opened for fear of causing irreparable damage. And while various experiments have been safely performed, she has made no official ruling on them; so, we may accept or dismiss it. If you are curious: search for the videos of papal visits to Naples when some claim the miracle occurred! [But be respectful: poking fun of others' faith is unkind!]

Obviously, the choice of who should be made the **Patron Saint of Blood Banks** and **Blood Drives** was a no-brainer! In honor of **San Gennaro**, donate blood, if you can! And know that such things as donating blood or platelets is not only permitted by the Church; she praises those who share the gift of life! The Church also permits, and praises, those who donate their organs and other body parts - but only AFTER NATURAL DEATH; no one's life may be intentionally shortened to harvest body parts! We can even donate our body to science, which means our body would not be present for our funeral - something that should normally only happen for a just reason - like leaving one's body to science.

GIVE OUR ALL TO GOD AND OTHERS. We are called to give our all to God and others; some, like **Saint Januarius**, literally gave their all through the ultimate sign of faith: martyrdom. Some do so by forgoing marriage and their own family to serve God and others as Priests or Religious Sisters and Brothers. Many do so by entering the sacred bonds of Marriage, by conceiving children, or by adopting them. Some risk their lives to help or rescue others as military or law enforcement personnel, as first-responders or health care workers. Like **Saint Januarius**, future generations may know little if anything about them. But God sees and knows. And God rewards.

Saint Januarius, 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..."

Mia Rose Dell'Acqua, Aubrey Grace Daniel

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

... "and a time to be born to eternal life..."

Joseph Lepore, Florence Lowell

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, Robert Tront, Autumn Hale

Joey Colosimo, Michael Anthony DeAnni, Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios, Kevin Kreder, Christopher Wright, Jordan Thomas

And for our President

and elected Leaders of our Country.



**Part-time maintenance/
custodial position.**

We are in need of fulfilling a position for a part-time

maintenance/custodial position. The hours will average about 5-10 hours per week. The person will do light maintenance and cleaning as well as some outside ground work. If interested, please call 732-270-3980 extension 315 and leave a message.

*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 hoppers located in the parish hall 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.sjjustin.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. You will receive a confirming email from the Diocese for your contribution. These are challenging times for all of us. This crisis has hit many of us hard and our parish is no different. 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. Father Mark**



PLEASE NOTE: 2020-21 PROGRAM YEAR UPDATE

REMINDER: If you plan on enrolling your child for this year please do so immediately, thank you.

The onsite parent meetings for the upcoming program year have been cancelled. We were informed by our publishing company that it is not necessary to hold in person meetings as the program is self-explanatory and you will be given instructions via email. Parents/Guardians of those students who have registered will be notified via telephone of the cancellation of the onsite meetings.

As mentioned in prior notifications, our program this year will be distance learning with e-Books with a portal access for activities and videos where the student will be able to learn in the safety of their home. For those who do not have internet capability, a hard copy of the materials will be provided. Please notify our office if this is a concern for your family. Our first learning session is scheduled to start the week of October 5th. We ask that you please register your child immediately so that you are in our system for online notification. Registration forms were mailed to all families in our parish census who have a child entering grade one and re-registration forms were mailed to all registered families. We ask that a copy of the Baptism Certificate be provided if your child was not baptized at our parish. Forms are also available at the parish office for anyone who has not yet registered as a parishioner. We wish to thank our families for your patience, understanding and support during this difficult time. As a parish and a global family let us remember that we are all in this together. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at (732) 270-3797.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Students who have not yet received their sacrament during the month of August have been notified via the mail of their child's sacrament date/time for the month of October. Details about the sacrament are in the notification letter.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our 2019-20 students will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on November 9th or November 16th at 7:00pm. Families will be notified of their child's scheduled ceremony. We are still in need of paperwork requirements for this sacrament. We ask that the paperwork be returned to us via the mail or dropped off at the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9:30am-Noon or 1:30-4:00pm, as soon as possible. We thank you for your cooperation.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS—A Prayer Service will be held at the Tomb of the 100 Aborted Loveladies Babies—Join the Roman Catholic Churches of Toms River (RCCTR) Pro-Life Cohort Saturday Sept. 12, 2020, at 10:30am —Ocean County Memorial Park 1722 Silverton Rd. Toms River, NJ

Bring: Chair, 1 Rose, Mask, Rosary. The morning consists of Opening Prayer, History, Pro-Life Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet Contact: Patti 732-678-7367

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