

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The readings for this Sunday's Mass — <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092020.cfm>

Readings for the Week of Sept.20, 2020

- Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie
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Pastoral Associate: Deacon James Gillespie
Religious Education: Ellen Noble
Trustees: Jean Glynn, William Anderson
Director of Sacred Music: Angela Petti
Sacristan: Carol Lewandowski

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 20

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

MONDAY, September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00am Barbara Keseday
 Frank Bonaccorso

TUESDAY, September 22

Weekday

8:00am Josephine DiMartino
 Ceasar Millon

WEDNESDAY, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00am Manuel Maldonado
 Velona Napotina

THURSDAY, September 24

Weekday;

8:00am Joell Lanfrank
 Donald Werner
 John & Grace Galbraith

SATURDAY, September 26

Weekday; Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs; BVM

5:00pm People of the Parish
 Jean Abello
 Stephen & Grace Scillieri

SUNDAY, September 27

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Joan Durrof

Bob Redzinak

John Blevins

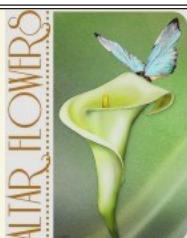
Juan Pablo Granados

Donald Werder

Judy Nauman

Michael McDonough

Albert Olshenske



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requested by mom & dad*

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which will become the
Body of Christ at the Masses
celebrated during the week***

and

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*

Joell Lanfrank

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PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797

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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***

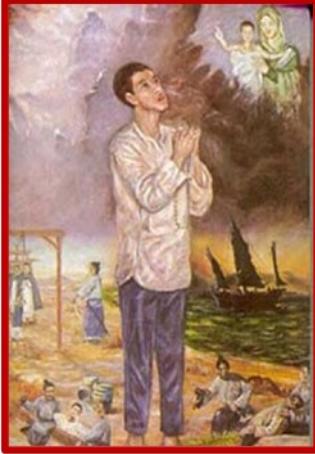
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
September 20, 2020

SAINTS FROM ASIA. Most of our Saints from the time of Christ were Asian, as Israel was the birthplace of every **Apostle** and of many of the first followers of 'The Way,' as Christians were first called. And many Saints born in Christianity's first centuries were from Africa. But as the Church spread throughout Europe from Rome, and after she was split in half between the Latin or Western Rite and Eastern Orthodox Rites, and much of Asia was ruled by Islam, almost all Saints were from Europe. It was not until 1930 that the first Saints from North or South America [**Saints Isaac Jogues (1607–1646), René Goupil (1608–1642), and Jean de Lalande (d. 1646)**] were canonized. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI canonized the first [and so far, only] Saint from Australia, **Sister Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ [01/15/1842 – 08/08/1909]**. There are no Saints from the seventh continent, Antarctica.

While there are many who left other lands and WENT to Asia as missionaries, some of whom were martyred and later canonized, it was not until the last century that native born Asians were becoming Saints. In 1988, The **Vietnamese Martyrs**, and in 2000, the **Chinese Martyrs** joined our roster of Saints. [With all the strife in that part of the world, more will surely follow!] And on **October 18, 1987**, the now **Saint John Paul II** canonized the first native born Filipino: **San Lorenzo Ruiz and his Companions**. After praying the Collect for the Mass offered on his Feast Day, which is next Monday, **September 28**, and which is also the Feast Day of **Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr** [who will be featured in next week's article], we will detail the life and martyrdom of **San Lorenzo [Saint Lawrence] and Companions**.

**Collect - Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions.
Martyrs**

Grant us, we pray, Lord God, the same perseverance shown by your Martyrs Saint Lawrence Ruiz and his companions in serving you and their neighbor, since those persecuted for the sake of righteousness are blessed in your Kingdom.

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

'LAYMAN, HUSBAND, FATHER & MARTYR. In 1521, as he circumnavigated the world, Magellan landed in what he called the 'Philippines' in honor of Spain's Prince, and later, King Philip. He brought with him missionaries who so planted the seeds of Catholicism that the Philippines is still over 80% Catholic. Some 80 years later, the son born of devout Catholics, a Chinese father and Filipino mother, was baptized. From them, young **Lorenzo** learned to speak Chinese and Tagalog, and from the Dominicans, Spanish. He served as an Altar Boy and Sacristan, Catechist, calligrapher and transcriber. He married, had two sons and a daughter, and lived an ordinary life until, in 1636, he was falsely accused of murdering a Spaniard.

FROM BAD TO WORSE. He planned to flee to Japan where he could work to support his family back in the Philippines, but unknown to him and the three Dominican Priests who sailed with him to Okinawa, Japanese rulers had turned violently anti-Christian. [The 2016 film 'Silence,' directed by Martin Scorsese, accurately captures this horrific Japanese persecution.] Soon after their Catholic Faith was discovered, they were arrested and taken to Nagasaki. After two years in an inhumane prison, they were vilely tortured. Loosely hanged upside down over an open pit, their captors used every means to keep them alive and prolong their agony; they even cut their heads to allow blood to escape, lest they die too quickly. On **September 29 or 30, 1637**, they breathed their last, after which their bodies were burned and thrown into the Pacific Ocean.

FROM CROSS TO GLORY. On February 18, 1981, in the first Beatification Ceremony that ever took place outside of the Vatican, while he was in the Philippines, **Saint John Paul II** beatified **San Lorenzo** and his **Companions**. On October 18, 1987, after two miracles were attributed to his intercession, **San Lorenzo** or **Saint Lawrence** was canonized in Rome as the Protomartyr [first] of the Philippines. He is the **Patron Saint of Altar Servers, Youth, People Working Overseas, and the Filipino People**.

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz & 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..."

Savannah Grace Elkhattib, Mila Patricia Cohen,
Abigail Theresa Soh, Harper Grace Boggi

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

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

Eric Elliott, Mary Baita, Rosemarie Pasqualetto
Bridget & Peter Biggiani

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.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. 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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.

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday—By virtue of Baptism, handing on the faith and witnessing the Gospel is something we are all called to do. We offer a special thank you to our parents and guardians who are the primary catechist of their child, our clergy, to our religious education ministry, RCIA team, Saint Justin's Learning Center and all who have shared faith and answered this call.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020. The 2020 theme is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you" which stems from Saint Paul's words in his first letter to the Corinthians. Let us all consider the ways in which we witness for Jesus Christ in our own lives.

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