

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Readings, Responsorial Psalm, and Gospel for Today's Mass:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110820.cfm>

Readings for the Week of November 8 2020

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder

Deacons: James Campbell; James Gillespie
Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.;

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



SUNDAY, November 8
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

All Souls Day Novena

John Horbacewicz

Daniel Candeletti

Justin & Jason Karkovice

Angelina & Andrew Petti

Timothy Kavanagh

Braden M. DeMartin

MONDAY, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am All Souls Day Novena

TUESDAY, November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:00am All Souls Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, November 11

St. Martin of Tours Bishop; Veterans Day

8:00am All Who Served our Country
Past and Present

THURSDAY, November 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

8:00am Mark Geraci
Shirley Becker

SATURDAY, November 14

Weekday; BVM

5:00pm People of the Parish
Alberto & Maria Fidalgo
Kenneth Walter Ritter

SUNDAY, November 15

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Charles Berzansky

Catherine & Robert Wooley

Maria Seger

Mary Baita (living)

Christina Johnson

William Morocco

Mark Zeliff

Heather Veth

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. 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



The Altar Bread,
which will become the Body of Christ
at the Masses celebrated during the
week is offered in Loving Memory of

Daniel Vincent Foley

requested by Mom, Dad, & sister Katie

RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE TICKETS Due to the pandemic, we cannot sell the chances in the narthex for the Volvo car which supports NJ Right to Life. If anyone would like to buy a chance please call Betty (732-270-1972) arrangements will be made to get the ticket to you. Your support is greatly needed & appreciated.

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

PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
(Offices are temporarily closed until further notice)
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 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

32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
November 8, 2020

SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT - OR SAINT GERTRUDE THE PATRON SAINT OF CATS?

On November 16, we honor two holy women: **Saint Gertrude** and **Saint Margaret of Scotland**, about whom we will write next week. But since there are two Saints named **Gertrude**, the scholarly Pope Benedict XIV [reigned 1740-1758] gave one the title '**the Great**' because of her profound spiritual and theological insights. She is still the ONLY female Saint with the designation 'the Great!' However, since both **Saint Gertrudes** had a strong devotion to the **Poor Souls in Purgatory** and had other similarities, they are often confused with each other, even in the imagery used to depict them. After praying the 11/16 Collect for **Saint Gertrude the Great**, we will explain what she and **Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, Belgium, the 'Unofficial' Patron of Cats** [626-659; Feast Day: March 17] have in common - and what made them unique.

Collect - Saint Gertrude, Virgin

O God, who prepared a delightful dwelling for yourself in the heart of the Virgin Saint Gertrude, graciously bring light, through her intercession, to the darkness of our hearts, that we may joyfully experience you present and at work within us. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A SIMPLE START. Born on January 6, 1256, in Eisleben, Germany where, two centuries later, the Father of Protestantism, Martin Luther, was born, she was a contemporary of other great Saints: **Thomas Aquinas, Francis of Assisi, and Dominic**. She was likely orphaned or left by her parents at a Cistercian monastery, so her surname is not known. She entered a Benedictine convent and, at 25, had her first mystical vision. In the most awesome of her mystical visions, she asked **Saint John the Apostle/Evangelist** why, after resting his head on **Jesus'** chest at the Last Supper, he did not detail in his Gospel what it was like to hear the **Lord's** heartbeat. **Saint John** explained that **Jesus** wanted to save that revelation for a time when the world needed it to rekindle its love. Since **Saint Gertrude** was the first to promote devotion to the **Sacred Heart**, she is often depicted with that symbol of **Christ's** love: His **Sacred**

Heart.

A PROLIFIC WRITER. Although the literacy rate for women in her day was just 1%, **Saint Gertrude** devoted her ability to read and write to God. Most of her mystical writings have been lost; but many are referenced in other works show that through her writings, many people were led to - or back to - **Christ** and His Church. However, unlike the 'other' **Saint Gertrude**, who was an Abbess, she led by her mystical writings; yet artists who confuse them depict them both with a crozier: the symbol of an Abbess' authority.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD. Both Gertrudes promoted the pious practice of praying for the dead, but not the sale of indulgences or seeking to 'buy' a ticket for themselves or others into heaven, which Protestant Reformers justly condemned. In the Middle Ages, so many people were illiterate, the Church needed visual aids to teach the Faith. For some reason, mice were used to depict the **Poor Souls in Purgatory**, perhaps since mice are omnipresent, innumerable, unwanted beings, always looking for what they need - like the dead for whom no one prays.

Anyway, people left mice made of metal - and even live mice - at shrines to pray for their beloved dead, as we would light a candle. To combat the infestation, the 'other' **Saint Gertrude** and many nuns allowed cats in their abbeys; the Church has not officially declared her the **Patron Saint of Cats**, but many people have! And many confuse the two **Gertrudes**; while this is not - 'cat'astrophic - we should 'purr'-fect our knowledge of these distinct saintly women.



HONORING SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT. Never officially canonized, a process dating from 1000, she was declared a Saint in 1677. In this **Month of All Souls**, remember to pray for all the dead, especially those forgotten dead in **Purgatory**. Pray, too, for all who, like her, find it hard to let go of their present life to answer God's call to ministry or religious life. **Saint Gertrude, 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..."

Collin James McGrath

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

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

John Campbell, Rev. Thomas Morris, OSST

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

*And for our President and
elected leaders of our Country.*



GIVING TREE

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of help for Christmas (registered parishioners only) please call Betty at 732-270-1972.

To do our part in keeping our parish safe and healthy on the giving and receiving side, only gift cards will be distributed this year (Visa, Mastercard, Shop Rite, or gift card of your choice) We presented this idea to Father Mark and he gave his approval.

Please drop off your gift card/check at the church in the box provided marked "Giving Tree". If you prefer you may mail a check to the parish office with "Attention: Giving Tree" 975 Fischer Blvd., Toms River, NJ 08753. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Justin's Giving Tree Committee



Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, December 20th

Christmas will be here sooner than we think! We will start decorating the church and narthex at 1:15pm We need volunteers of all skills and levels of expertise. If you would like to participate in decorating you can sign up on the parish website under News/Events

(drop down menu labeled Christmas Decorating) or private message our parish Facebook Page, St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church, or call the Parish Office. Social Distancing will be observed and masks will be required, we will call you with time slot for the area you will be helping in. Thank you !

Religious Education

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On November 9th and November 16th, Reverend Mark A. Kreder, Minister of the Sacrament, will bestow the graces and gifts of the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people. We thank our clergy, staff and volunteers who journeyed with and helped prepare our candidates in their faith formation, our parents/guardians who are the primary catechists of their children and their sponsors. May God bless our candidates as they prepare to assume their new place in our Church as fully initiated Catholics. We ask our parish family to hold these candidates and their families in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS 2020 COVID PREPARATIONS

The COVID pandemic will not take away Christmas 2020! It will, however, change the way we celebrate it, especially in our churches and parishes, if current circumstances continue as they are or worsen. Because COVID is a highly contagious airborne virus, the prospect of large (or larger than usual) crowds gathering indoors this winter for long periods of time without ample ventilation and proper social distancing, as well as the necessity to sanitize churches between Masses, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedules will be affected, especially in parishes where there is only a single pastor or priest assigned. The COVID pandemic's maximum one-third occupancy restrictions in churches coupled with the need for social distancing will limit the space available for parishioners to attend Christmas Mass as usual. Church schedules will also have to accommodate required cleaning.

Parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton have been dispensed from the holy day obligation because of the COVID pandemic this year. In addition to the restricted "in church" occupancy with required social distancing at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, parishes will also offer live-streamed Christmas Masses along with those broadcast on television to support the faith of those who cannot attend church this year. Those who are not feeling well or who are in a high-risk category should remain at home and take advantage of the on-line or televised celebrations of Christmas Mass.

Parishes will determine the number and times of Christmas Masses they will be able to offer this year. Please listen for announcements or check parish websites for schedules.

None of us want the restrictions or adjustments we have had to make because of the COVID pandemic. Please God, it will end soon. Although different from past Christmases, parishes will do their very best to assist the faithful in celebrating the Lord's birth with faith and joy.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D., Bishop of Trenton

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