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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Today's Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30, or 25; 14-15, 19-21

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Jesus' parable is one with several meanings, but ultimately it stresses both prudence and the importance of using one's gifts to serve others, especially the poor. On this World Day of the Poor, the latter meaning is most appropriate.

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2020

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Today's Readings and Gospel:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111520.cfm>

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder

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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, 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 Morrocco
Mark Zeliff
Heather Veth

MONDAY, November 16
Weekday; St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:00am Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Joe Baranowski

TUESDAY, November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00am Deacon Richard Hauenstein
Carlo Safante

WEDNESDAY, November 18
Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:00am Jacqueline Mary Sheehan
Louise Plentus

THURSDAY, November 19

Weekday
8:00am Maureen Kluxen
Maria Seger

SATURDAY, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00pm People of the Parish
Joell Lanfrank
Angela Chiappelli

SUNDAY, November 22
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

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

Charles Berzansky
Barbara Urgovitch
Ursula Olesky
Glen Maire
Bennett DeSapio & Joseph Caporrino
Nicholas Torre
Dad, Mom & Renee Wiercinski
Patricia & Dominic Preziose

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

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
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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 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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 15, 2020

WATCH

MARY OF NAZARETH

This film vividly captures Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassion and concern for others and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another.



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From the Pastor
33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A
November 15, 2020

BENIGN ROYALS. Many assume royals have the easy life; but while people who live in palaces have many perks, they also have many challenges. Popes, Presidents and

other public dignitaries, Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses have little, if any, private life; and much is demanded of them. We are used to such people 'rising to the occasion,' like American First Ladies who take on important issues like proper diet, drugs or human trafficking, or Britain's late Princess of Wales, Diana, whose many causes were extolled by the media - but she was not the first or only monarch to be so solicitous of the poor and needy.

The Church honors, among other 'royal' Saints: **Elizabeth of Hungary** [1207-1231; Feast Day: 11/17] who was evicted from her castle for feeding the poor; **Elizabeth of Portugal** [1271-1336; FD: 07/04, in the USA: 07/05]; **Hedwig** [1374-1399; FD: 07/17]; **Louis** [1214-1270; FD: 08/25]; and **Edward the Confessor** [1003-1066; FD: 10/13] whose great-niece we honor along with **Saint Gertrude the Great** on 11/16: **Saint Margaret of Scotland.** After praying the Collect from the Mass offered in her honor, we will reflect on her life of service to the poor and needy.

Collect - Saint Margaret of Scotland

O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness. Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. Amen.

MAKE LEMONADE OUT OF LEMONS. Many royal families are dysfunctional with a capital 'D' - and **Saint Margaret's** kin were no exception. She was born in Hungary around 1045, where her father, England's Prince Edward the Exile, had gone for safety, and her mother, Princess Agatha of Hungary, reigned. In 1057, the family returned to England; her father had a rightful claim to the throne, but unexpectedly died. When William the Conqueror began the Norman Conquest, her family sailed to the continent, but were blown off course and landed in Scotland, where they were

warmly welcomed by Scotland's King Malcolm III, who fell in love with her and married her in 1070.

HOLINESS IS CONTAGIOUS. Although he was good-hearted, King Malcolm was uncultured and gruff. But his saintly wife gradually enabled him to become a more virtuous, tempered ruler. They raised 6 sons and 2 daughters in the practices and tenets of the Catholic faith, which she personally oversaw. He entrusted all domestic affairs to her, and she used her position in many ways that were usually not a woman's work at that time!

Most unique was her role in ecclesial matters; she encouraged synods: meetings of clergy and laity, who sought to correct abuses, establish uniformity between Parishes, Dioceses, and the Universal Church, and promote better faith formation. With her husband, she founded several churches and paid for their upkeep. She was a great role model: she prayed often, both privately and communally; attended holy Mass, and not just on Sundays; regularly fasted; served the poor financially and with her own hands and sweat, even washing their feet; and challenged Bishops, Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters and the Laity to become better Christians - not just in words, but in deeds.

THE 'PEARL OF SCOTLAND.' She enlivened the drab, dark, dismal Scottish climate by introducing the colorful tartan plaid which became its main 'fashion.' More importantly, she reflected divine light into worldly darkness. While the Catholic custom of 'Saying Grace' before meals: "**Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive, from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**" - and after meals: "**We give you thanks for all your benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns for ever; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**"

Saint Margaret required that no one start eating or leave the table without first giving thanks. One way to imitate and honor her is to pray these prayers often, not just on Thanksgiving Day! [The underlined part about the dead was added after Saint Margaret's time; it fulfills the corporal work of mercy to pray for the dead, recalls those no longer at table with us, and reminds us of the heavenly banquet that awaits us!] **Saint Margaret of Scotland, 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..."

Shea Kiernan Cummings, Rory Andre Cummings,
Colton Richard Whitmore, Luigi Guardascione

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

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

John Langan, Jr., Michael James Mayer

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

On November 9th, 2020, Reverend Mark A. Kreder bestowed the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following students:

Landon Allen	Martin Andersen
Theresa Bagdi	Amanda Barr
Julianna Batin	Ashley Bertero
Carly Bowbliss	Isabella Ciaravino
Vanessa Cicienia	Alyssa Cino
Cole Cooper-LaVecchia	Angelina DeLima
Daniel Detore	Christopher DiOrio
Isabella Disano	Kaitlyn Egan
Kara Gartelman	Nicole Gora
Trevor Grosso	Patrick Hinkson
Kayla Hunter	Nicholas Iannone
Ariana Julius	Grace Kalina
Alena Kelly	John Koman
Nicholas Koman	Ryan Koman
Richard Kulesa	Isabelle Mack
William Madigan	Eva Varellas

Tyler Worthley

"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come, as you learned in the reading from the Apostle."

(Saint Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON NOVEMBER 16TH

We remind our students who will be confirmed on Monday, November 16th to please arrive twenty minutes prior to our liturgy. Please note that everyone in attendance must wear a mask. We ask that our parish family hold in prayer our young parishioners and their families.



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.



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*



IMPORTANT RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

The Reproductive Freedom Act would remove restrictions protecting unborn babies and allow medical professionals who are not doctors to perform abortions. **Please call the sponsors of these bills and tell them to remove their sponsorship and vote NO on these bills**

Senator Loretta Weinberg and Senator Linda Greenstein. **VOTE NO ON BILL S 3030.**

Assemblywoman Valerie Huttel:
VOTE NO ON BILL A 4848.

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