

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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First Sunday in Advent Readings and Gospel: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112920.cfm>

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder

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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, November 29
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 (8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Patricia Mongiardini
 Eric Fralley
 Stephen Seger, Sr.
 Aquilino Cubano
 Donald J. Foley, Jr.
 Benjamin V. Montenegro
 Luigi Cristinziani
 Valerie Davis
 Robert Kowalski, Sr.

MONDAY, November 30
 St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00am Hernan & Marina Arango
 Dan Bergin

TUESDAY, December 1
 Advent Weekday

8:00am Carmela & Pasqual Cennamo
 Joanne Scarola

WEDNESDAY, December 2
 Advent Weekday

8:00am Carmine Rotolo
 Evette Arango (living)

THURSDAY, December 3
 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00am Helen Monhan-Black
 Rose & Victor Leone
 Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, December 5
 Advent Weekday

5:00pm People of the Parish
 Mathew Matloob (living)
 Angela Chiappelli

SUNDAY, December 6
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 (8:00am; 10:00am; 12Noon)

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Monaghan
 Pasquale Cosentino
 Albert DeAngelo, Jr.
 Betty Serafino
 Katrina Sullivan (living)
 Carol Curcio-Mertz
 William Morrocco
 Ann Marie Neveroski

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
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.



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

*Hernan & Marina Arango
 requested by Evette Arango*



From the Pastor
1st Sunday of Advent - B
November 29, 2020

GRAVE BLANKETS. We are not sure who or where the tradition of placing a grave blanket or pillow, a spray or sprigs of evergreen branches, began. It seems to

have been brought to the upper Midwest by those of Scandinavian descent. A personal act of respect for one's deceased loved ones, it is usually placed by immediate family members in the late fall or early winter. It serves as a simple reminder of life amidst the stark, barren terrain; for Catholics, it is a holy way to end the **Month of All Souls**. In that spirit, we will reflect on another set of orations for Masses offered for the dead. As we give thanks at our tables this Thanksgiving weekend, may we remember those already seated at heaven's banquet table - and all who are still being purged of sin and await admission to God's Kingdom.

Collect - For One Deceased Person - A-1

Incline your ear, O Lord, to our prayers,
by which we humbly entreat your mercy, that,
as you graciously numbered your servant **N.**
among your people in this world,
you may now set **him/her** in a place of peace
and light and grant **him/her** a share
in the company of your Saints.
Through our Lord Jesus ... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE: NOW & ALWAYS! As many orations for Funeral and Memorial Masses remind us: the bonds we forge in life - with one another and with God - do not unravel at death. In this Collect we ask God, who numbers us among the sheep of His flock at our Baptism, to welcome the dead into heaven through Jesus, who called Himself 'the Gate.' [cf. John 10:9] And as Psalm 23 and this oration remind us, the pasture into which we hope to be admitted is "**a place of peace and light**," lush with fresh, green meadows; a banquet table, spread with the finest food and drink; a secure haven where we can rest forever.

It is also, as this Collect notes, the dwelling place of the blessed, where all holy men and women join together in never-ending communion. Every Altar around which we gather for holy Mass, every table at which we are seated for a meal, is a foretaste of what awaits us [hopefully!] in the life-to-come. So make sure you get there!

Prayer over the Offerings - For One Deceased Person - A-1

Look with favor, O Lord, on your servant **N.**,
for whom we offer you the sacrifice of praise,
humbly entreating that, reconciled with you
through these devoted offices,
he/she may merit to rise again to life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DEVOTED OFFICES. One of the seven corporal works of mercy requires us to bury the dead, and one of the seven spiritual works of mercy requires us to pray for the dead. In numerous places, the Church's **Rite of Christian Burial** refers to these works of mercy as a 'fraternal office,' or in this oration, a "devoted office." These phrases denote a duty or service, a responsibility or ministry which we offer for a brother or sister in Christ, whether we know them or not, whether they were a 'practicing' or a 'lapsed' Catholic.

When this pandemic ends and we return to some sense of normalcy, we will be looking to expand our Parish's **Lazarus Ministry**. These ministers will be trained to carry out this 'fraternal' or 'devoted office.' Our dedicated lay women and men, and our Deacons, try to attend every funeral our Parish conducts. They will be trained to conduct the **Vigil or Wake, Transfer of the Body and Committal Rites** as well as other functions of parish funerals. Please contact the Parish Office if you may be interested in this ministry. We will keep your name and number and call on you when the pandemic ends. At the very least, always remember to pray for the dead whenever you pass a cemetery or funeral home.

Prayer after Communion - For One Deceased Person - A-1

Renewed by this life-giving Sacrament, we pray,
O Lord, that the soul of our **brother/sister N.**,
to whom you gave a part in your covenant,
may be purified by the power of this mystery
and rejoice without end in the peace of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A PART IN YOUR COVENANT. Our Lord promises us so much; in response, God asks us to uphold our part of the covenant He makes with us. We can easily do that by praying for the dead, offering sacrifices for them, honoring their burial places, and making sure everyone has a Christian Burial with all the hope-filled, grace-filled Rites offered by our Church. **Happy Advent!**

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..."

Kellen Antone Carr

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

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

Edward Duva

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.*



We hope all of our families had a safe and happy Thanksgiving celebration.

Please refer to our parish website www.stjustin.org for updates and information during the course of this year. We hope all our students are enjoying their online classes. Just a few reminders:

*Students in Grades 1-6 (www.christinus.com) please make sure you are accessing your e-Books for your Assignments. Everything you need is in the book and we ask that you please not google and use the book. We are so proud of all the effort you are doing so far this year.

*Any questions or concerns please contact our office at (732) 270-3797.

Catholic Trivia 101'

For trivia buffs, each day of this year's **Advent Calendar** asks one or more trivia questions about our Catholic Faith; the answers will be found in the **Epiphany** bulletin and on our website after **January 3, 2021**. Some might say Jesus would criticize such trivial games as He criticized the Pharisees: **"Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!"** [Matthew 23:24] But Jesus also warned: **"Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place."** [5:18] So, in case 'trivia' is on the Final Exam, take this quiz seriously! With Covid-19 constrictions still in place, get your own **Advent Wreath** and **Nativity Scene** and do all you can to celebrate **Advent** and **Christmas** at home! Fr. Mark

Since we are not able to distribute printed bulletins at this time due to COVID restrictions **our Advent Calendar and all the information regarding Advent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation times, our Christmas Mass Schedule** can be found on our parish website: www.stjustin.org

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

This novena prayer is traditionally said from November 30th (The Feast of St. Andrew) until Christmas day

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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.



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

Dear Parishioners, if you wish to submit names for Christmas Flower Offerings print out the form or simply write the information down, place in an envelope with your offering, and either mail in or drop off the envelope to the parish hall in the Collection Boxes.



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