

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Pastor: Reverend Mark A. Kreder
Weekend Associate: Rev. Robert Laferrera
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Deacon James Campbell
Deacon Frederick C. Ebenau, Sr.
Deacon Donald Gries
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Trustees: Susan Keogh, Peter Gudzak
Director of Sacred Music: Angela Petti
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797

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.

Second Sunday Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am	Michael & Lena McTigue Mary Jo Romano Paul Arubic
9:30am	Matthew Cornier Maria Anceschi Joseph Daly
11:30am	Baby & Cosmo DiBrizzi Michael Jude Gullace Anthony Petti Charles Ammann

MONDAY, December 9

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America—A Holyday of Obligation)

8:00am	St. Vincent de Paul Society John Campbell Helen Monaghan
12Noon	Satya Tobin & family (living)
4:45pm	John Campbell Marian Muoio (living) Ingrid Sabrina Rivera Zuniga

TUESDAY, December 10

Advent Weekday; Our Lady of Loreto

8:00am	Brandon Whitehead (living) Mathew Matloob (living) Joyce Hakimian
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WEDNESDAY, December 11

Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00am	Michael Ragan Edward Kube Susan Janssens (living)
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THURSDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am	Betty Hermann Marino Family Carol Procassini
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SATURDAY, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

5:00pm	Richard Beeh Bruce Matonis Richard Farrow
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SUNDAY, December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; Gaudette Sunday

8:00am	George Petti Gregory DeJohn James Rooney
9:30am	Louise & Joseph Becht Patricia D. Tesoro Deceased members of the Monaghan Family
11:30am	Thomas Palumbo Angelina & Andrew Petti Vera DeGennaro

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



*The Preziose Family
requested by Pais & Pettis families*



*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
The Najarian Family
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*St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Collection 3rd
Sunday of the month. Food Collection basket is
located in the narthex by the parish hall.
Please utilize the green envelopes found in each pew for
monetary donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM; 9:30AM; 11:30am

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: Confessions are from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. Outside the door of the church on the side of the Religious Ed Building. Kindly knock on the door, remain outside for Confession. Please arrive at 3:30.

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

Children O.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
2nd Sunday of Advent - C
December 8, 2024

WHEN IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION? The Dicastery for Legislative Texts, a Department of the Roman Curia, the advisory body that assists the Holy Father in governing the Church, recently

responded to an inquiry from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 1992, a complementary norm stated that when "January 1 [Mary, Mother of God], August 15, [Assumption] or November 1 [All Saints] falls on Saturday or Monday" it is **NOT** a holy day of obligation. However, Christmas and, in the USA, our National Feast Day, December 8, The Immaculate Conception, are **always** holy days of obligation.

The two main reasons the other days that fall on **Saturdays or Mondays** are **NOT** holy days of obligation are: 1] there are too few Priests to celebrate all the Masses needed in 48 hours so all could fulfill **both** obligations, and the Church cannot oblige us to do what we cannot do. 2] Anticipatory Masses [commonly called 'Vigil Masses'] **cannot** fulfill **both** that particular Sunday **AND** the Solemnity; a Mass can only fulfill one day or the other.

In the USA, most Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord that fall on Sunday [each country has its own obligatory days] take precedence over the Ordinary Time [OT] Sunday Orations and Readings of that day. In 2025, it will happen the most often in any year: 2/2: Presentation of the Lord; 6/29: Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles; 9/14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 11/02: All Souls Day; and 11/09: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. On all these OT Sundays, the Solemnity or Feast of the Lord will be celebrated, **NOT** the OT Sunday. Again, Christmas and the Immaculate Conception, as our National Feast Day, are **always** holy days of obligation. Here's where it gets messy.

The Sundays of *Advent* and *Christmastime*, *Lent* and *Easertime*, and all of *Holy Week* and *Easter Week*, are '**privileged**' days; when a *Solemnity* or a *Feast of the Lord* falls on *these* days, that *Solemnity* or *Feast* is **transferred** to the nearest *non-privileged* day. Recently, the *Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the BVM, March 19*, fell

on a Lenten Sunday, so it was transferred to the next day. The *Annunciation of the Lord, March 25*, fell during *Holy Week*, and was moved to the next available day, which was *April 8*: the **Monday after the 2nd Sunday of Easter**. [Some joked that Jesus was a 'preemie' last year, with only 261 days, rather than 275 days, between His Virginal Conception in the womb of the BVM and His Nativity or Birth. [A 'true' preemie is at least 3 weeks early.] This also happens in Ireland on their *National Feast Day, Saint Patrick's Day*; when it falls on a Lenten Sunday or during *Holy Week*, it is transferred to another day.

Anyway, it was assumed that, when a **holy day of obligation** is **transferred**, the obligation to attend **holy Mass** is **NOT** transferred. However, when some questioned this custom that has been in effect in the USA since 1992, our Bishops sought clarification from the Dicastery for Legislative Texts. They responded: the canonical statements that govern such situations do **not** allow for the obligation to be abrogated or 'lifted.' So, when **holy day of obligation** is transferred, the obligation to participate in **holy Mass** remains ... but wait, there's more ...

While Canon Law permits **PASTORS** to dispense those who, for a valid reason, are unable to participate in a **holy day of obligation** Mass, such a dispensation may not be needed. For all who, due to the demands of work, school, or other obligations, cannot attend **holy Mass** on these days, can deal with it themselves. Those **TRULY** unable to participate in **holy Mass** on a **holy day of obligation** can choose other options, like spending time in prayer. The same is true for those unable to abstain from meat when required to do so in Lent; they can perform another penitential act or abstain another day.

This may be confusing to those who want a 'black and white' world, which does not exist. It assumes that we will act **honestly** and **maturely**, doing all we can to fulfil all obligations, without looking for shortcuts or excuses. So, while I hope to see you at **holy Mass** this **Monday**, know that, if you are **truly** unable to attend **holy Mass**, our **Blessed Mother** will be pleased with **whatever** you do to celebrate her **Immaculate Conception**?

In Christ,

Frather Mark

Rev. Mark A. Kreder, Pastor

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

"...a time to be born..."

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

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

Christopher Lang, Amanda Marie Corcoran

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, Michael Griffing, Audrey Hughes, Ian Krong Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Walter Reed, Antoni Jedra,

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Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli, Sean Doherty, Nicholas Pfeifer, Joseph Paparazzo, Jr., Peter Herbert,

Jake Jackson, Cristien Osorio, Paul Honan, Frank Aklus

And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.

Prepare
FOR THE
Nativity
of
Our Lord, Jesus

Simbang Gabi 2024

Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-days series of Masses. A tradition of Filipino Catholics (ALL are invited to this beautiful Mass & devotion)

On December 14th our parish will be hosting one of the novena Masses. Rosary at 6:30pm; Mass at 7pm. Presider: Fr. Mark

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, December 22nd

Christmas will be here sooner than we think! We will start decorating after the 11:30am Mass, Sunday, Dec. 22nd. 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 www.stjustin.org or call the Parish Office.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Maximillian Kolbe Church
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 12:30pm

ST. JUSTIN CHURCH
Friday, Dec. 13, 5:30-7:00pm

St. Barnabas Church
Monday, Dec. 16, 7:00pm

St. Joseph's Church
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:00pm

St. Luke Church
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 5:00pm

Church of St. Pius X
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:00pm



Religious Education

December Reminders

December 9th Students in the Monday Session for Grades 1 and 3 and Grade CPII will attend class at their regular session time at 4:30PM.

The students will then attend Mass at 4:45PM to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend this Mass to fulfill their obligation for the holy day. Students will sit with their class and please note that dismissal will be delayed. An email will be sent home to all families as a reminder.

December 23-January 1st No classes for Christmas break. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.



GIVING TREE,
Dear Parishioners,
The Giving Tree is in the Narthex. Please take a gift tag from the Giving Tree to brighten someone's

Christmas. Date to return your gifts and gift cards to the church is NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DEC. 15th

On December 14th
The HIS - Southern Ocean County Chapter formerly

St. Justin Center of Learning will be presenting their Annual Christmas Pageant in the parish hall



We invite all parishioners to join us in this beautiful Birthday Celebration for Baby Jesus.

We are asking that in lieu of admission price, PLEASE bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

The doors will open 10:15. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. We hope to see you there! Info? Call the parish office at 732-270-3980 and leave a message for Francine Campbell

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MINISTRY MEETINGS



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary. Loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Come pray a rosary, enjoy friendship & fellowship with women who have a devotion to Blessed Mother in common. We recite a Rosary in church, followed by the meeting in the parish hall.

For further Info contact Pat: 732-608-0745

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan. 22nd. 6:30pm

New Members Always Welcome!



BAPTISMAL WORKSHOPS in the Religious Ed Building.

Next Baptismal Workshop
7:00 pm Wednesday, Jan. 8th

Pre-registration required call the
parish office at 732-270-3980

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Anyone who has lost a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing

Next meeting date: Monday, Dec. 9
7:00pm in St. Justin's Conference Room.

For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094



MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, January 6th Meetings are at 7:00 pm St. Justin's Conference Room.

New Members Always Welcome



Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet?

Come join our group! We are

in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets and more! Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1:00pm, St. Justin's Conference Room. For more info contact: JoAnne at 732-270-9258



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

St. Justin's has established the

Holy Name Society at the parish. Our mission is to share the love and holy name of Jesus with our parish and community at large. In addition, the society promotes personal sanctification and holiness of its members by assisting other parish ministries and performing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

All men of the parish community are invited to join.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 9th
7:00pm Religious Education Building



Is God Calling you to Help

Those In Need? The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul, our neighbors have received assistance with rent or mortgage payments that prevented them from being homeless, we have given respite to homeless people with a few nights in a motel to maintain their dignity with a shower, a warm place to sleep and a hot meal, we have made sure our seniors and families with children have kept the lights on, kept heat on in the winter months and provided food to fill empty pantries.

Please consider donating by using the green envelopes in the narthex, or call Joanne and leave a message on our Help-Line at 732-929-1119. Thank you.

ADULT OCIA NEWS (formerly RCIA)

**Classes are in session for the 2024-2025 season
from 9:00am to 10:00am
in St. Justin's Conference Room**

Through our preparation and formation process, the **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**, is always ready to accept those inquiring into becoming fully initiated Catholic Christians. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For further information on the OCIA program Contact: for Adults the Parish Office: 732-270-3980 (for Children call the Religious Education Office)

CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS COME HOME



ST. JUSTIN'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites all Grade 7 through 12 youth to become part of the "Youth Group."

The Youth Group generally meets twice a month on Sunday evenings. Come join our community service

group who share our faith while doing fun activities. Join us for a combination of continuing formation in our Catholic faith with opportunities to put our faith into practice through service. **Being involved in this group is a great way to deepen your faith and develop friendships with others who share your Catholic beliefs.** For further info or questions see Deacon Fred after Mass, or call the parish office at 732-270-3980 Next Meetings: Sundays, Dec. 15th, & Jan. 12th 6:00pm in the Conference Room

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Shop Rite Card Program. after all Masses Before going shopping you can purchase your Shop Rite gift cards in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations.

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Before coming to Confession, use an 'Examen' [below] to examine your conscience. Begin with your state in life [i.e., married, single, parent, etc.] and approximate time since your last Confession; list all grave, serious, major [mortal] sins by number and kind; a general admission of sinfulness suffices for less serious [venial] sins: i.e., impatience, intolerance, stinginess, lack of charity, forgiveness, etc. After the Priest offers a penance, listen to the Prayer of Absolution; pray the Act of Contrition AFTER you leave. with your whole heart."

AN EXAMINATION BASED ON OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S VISITATION AND THE MAGNIFICAT

"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Have I greeted others with a blessing - or with a curse? Have I borne bitter fruit in my thoughts, my words, or my deeds?

"And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Have I denied my own worth - or the worth of others?

Do I deny God's presence in me - or in others?

Have I missed God's presence because I am too busy, too hurried, or too anxious?

"For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

Are my ears open to the sound of God's voice in unexpected people, places or encounters?

Am I so serious I cannot leap for joy or rejoice in God's presence within me? Within others?

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Have I lost hope and faith in myself or others?

In the Church or world, my Parish or community?

Do I prevent God's Word from being fulfilled by my apathy or passive-aggressiveness, despair, complacency or lack of support?

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Does my whole being, my every word and every deed, proclaim God's goodness and love? Do I sing and dance, play and rejoice with others as often as I can?

"For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowness; behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed."

Have I acknowledged the quality of all people, regardless of their educational background, lifestyle, spirituality, political party, economic situation, physical or emotional condition, race or nationality?

Do I do all I am called to do so everyone, in every age and place, will call me blessed?

"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

Have I taken credit for what I have not done? Have I denied my own participation in the evil that takes place in my community, my Church, my family, my Country, or any associations?

"His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him."

Have I so lost my sense of mercy and compassion that nothing ever angers or sickens me? Have I so lost a healthy sense of fear, awe, and reverence that nothing ever moves me at my deepest core?

"He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart."

Have I been arrogant, haughty or unafraid of God - or used my own power, status, education, or religion to put others down, even in the silence of my heart?

"He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the lowly."

Do I participate in and influence the political life of my city, state, and nation? Am I afraid to be prophetic or revolutionary because it may cost me my comfort?

"The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty."

Am I gluttonous for praise, solitude or piety; do I only pray for those who are like me? Have I sent away empty, without acknowledgment, thanks or gratitude - anyone who has been good to me?

"He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever."

Have I refused to give help and mercy to anyone, or broken my promises to anyone? Will I leave this world a more merciful, just, and loving place for my descendants?

ONE OF THE NINE ACTS OF CONTRITION

Lord Jesus, you chose to be called the friend of sinners.

By your saving death and resurrection free me from my sins.

May your peace take root in my heart and bring forth a harvest of love, holiness, and truth. Amen.

**CONFESSiON TIME:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024 -
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**



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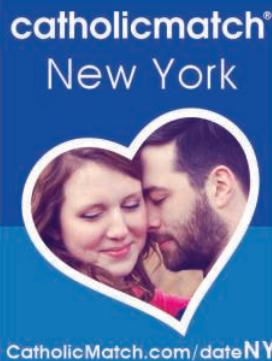
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