St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church 975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753 SUNDAY, December 26 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Today's Readings & Gospel *Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Reading I: Micah 5: 1-4a

The announcement of a new David coming out of Bethlehem to restore his kingship is indeed a great joy. The "Little Town" will suddenly become big in the history of Israel and of the world in general

Reading II: Hebrews 10: 5-10

The author quotes Psalm 40, which enunciates the fact that God prefers our obedience to ritual sacrifices. Christ's obedience is the perennial model.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

The physician-evangelist continues his narration of the dawning of the great fulfillment of God's promise. This visit of Mary is not to be taken literally, since it strains credulity that a 14 year old pregnant girl would undertake a 4 day journey alone over mountainous territory. Instead it brings Luke the opportunity to bring the two mothers-to -be together to praise God and to show how Elizabeth's son is the precursor of Mary's Son.

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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



MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 26 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 8:00am James Rooney **George Petti** Dr. Robert A. Delvento (living) Helen & Roy Larkin 10:00am **Pasquale Cosentino** Giovannina & Raffaelle Padovano Laura Pisano 12noon William C. Morrocco Carl & Hilda Stelz MONDAY, December 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist No Mass **TUESDAY, December 28** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:00am Louie & Catherine Grote **Jack Cassidy** May & Carmine Granato WEDNESDAY, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr 8:00am **Cataldo Fiorenza Caroline & Carmen Marano** Frank Varga THURSDAY, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; 8:00am Dan Bergin Saverio & Lucia Ferrara Sgt. William Deighan (MIA) FRIDAY, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Vigil Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's Eve; St. Sylvester I Pope World Peace, Respect for Human Life 5:00pm

Saturday, January 1, 2022 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD; New Year's Day; World Day of Prayer for Peace 9:30am **Christina Johnson** Laura Pisano 11:30am **For Priestly Vocations**

Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord 5:00 **Gertrude & Albert Heid**

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:00am Ivan llovar 9:30am **People of the Parish** 11:30am Anne Maria Neveroski **Elvira Codiglion**



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE EF-FECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2022 The new Mass schedule will be effective Sunday, January 2nd: 5:00pm Sat. Vigil; Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am



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

> Catheríne & Lou Grote requested by Joyce Sauer & family

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



George Pettí requested by País & Petti famíly

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MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKEND: Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00PM As of 1/2/22: 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:

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

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. 514 page 2



From the Pastor The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - C December 26, 2021

THE ORDER OF BLESSING A HOME AT CHRISTMAS-TIME. While homes may

be blessed at any time, Christmas and Easter are especially appropriate times, since that's when many families gather together. The use of holy water is optional but preferred; our holy water dispenser is in the narthex; bring a jar to fill. It is also customary to bless homes on the Epiphany, after which 20 + C + M + B + 22 is written in chalk over the main door. Between the current year [20 - 22] are 'plus signs' symbolizing the Cross and a Blessing. CMB are the initials of the Wise Men: Casper, Melchior, Balthasar and an abbreviation of the Latin phrase 'Christus mansionem benedicat' -'May Christ bless this home.' Revive or make this a new Christmastime tradition.

Order for the Blessing of a Home at Christmas

All gather in one room and sing a suitable Christmas carol; then, the leader makes the Sign of the Cross as all do the same and reply, "Amen."

leader: "Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God for ever." all: "Blessed be God for ever."

leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

reader: Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke. Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall

give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him. "Stay with us, Lord." all:

reader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our quest and honor you as our head; we pray: [r]

reader: Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit; we pray:.[r]

reader: Lord Jesus Christ, you became flesh of the Virgin Mary: grant that your presence may be known always in this home; we pray. [r]

reader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory; we pray:.[r]

leader: As children of God we confidently pray: all: Our Father ...

Then, with hands joined, the leader prays:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your Only-Begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each room and those present may be sprinkled with holy water after the leaders says:

Let this water call to mind our baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing ends with another Christmas carol.

A Blessed and Holy New Year to All!

In Christ, Fatter Jack

Jo everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under hea**ven**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "...*a time to be born*..." Landyn Michael DeGennaro, Johnny Roc Sikorski, Reagan James Rodriguez

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

..."and a time to be born to <u>f</u>ternal <u>f</u>ife..." Evita Cardeleone, Patricia Messenger, Mary Cortese, Gloria Glover

Jhose 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, Jesse Silva Gage Maguire, Brett Turners; Mikey Fanelli *And for our President and elected Leaders of our Country.*

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF LITURGY

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Sacristy for **MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY** for anyone who serves at Mass as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector,

Usher, or Altar Server. Please sign-up for the Mass that you will be attending!



Father Mark, Father Bob, our Deacons & Staff wish Our Parish Family a Very Blessed, Healthy, & Happy Christmas and New Year!

Please note our Special Mass Schedule for New Year's Eve/ Day, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, in this bulletin's Mass Page

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, December 27th No Morning Mass Monday 12/27

Attention Lectors: the 2022 Lector Book is available in the Sacristy, please stop by and pick up a copy before or after Mass.



<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS</u> CONFIRMATION PREP REMINDER

Please send in all Confirmation paperwork as soon a possible. Parish Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-Noon and 1:15-4:00pm. If you have any questions please contact us at 732-270-3797.

JANUARY REMINDERS

January 3rd	Grade 1 and 2 onsite session
January 4th	Grade 3-6 onsite session
January 5th	Grades CPI and CPII onsite session
January 11th	Confirmation Prep (CPII) session only
January 18th	Grade 2 and those preparing for First
Reconciliation/First Eucharist Sacrament Prep Session	

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5 -6; Mt 2:1-12



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 CHURCH UN-DECORATING AND CLEAN UP RIGHT AFTER THE 11:30 MASS Lots of strong hands, backs and vacuum cleaners needed

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE SIGN UP THRU OUR WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.STJUSTIN.ORG</u>, OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.



Collections are vital to our existence as a Parish. If your circumstances permit, please

consider donating to the parish at this time. I am thankful and grateful for your continued financial support during those challenging days to help us meet our weekly and monthly expenses. Many mail their contributions in and continue to do so. Here are some ways for you to help your parish: Place your offering in the receptacles at the doors as you enter or leave church. Have your bank send us weekly/monthly check automatically from your checking account made out to Saint Justin Church with your envelope number on the check to get proper credit. Thank you for giving the above some consideration to help support your parish financially, and know it is greatly appreciated! Fr. Mark

MINISTRY MEETINGS



WELCOME TO YOUTH GROUP

St. Justin Youth Group Ministry invites all Grade 7 through 12 youth to become

part of the "Youth Group." <u>Our next meeting will be on</u> <u>Sunday, January 9th</u> The Youth Group generally meets twice a month on Sunday evenings between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. 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. Come join us as we laugh, find hope, love, and friendship in a Catholic Christian community! 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 contact Deacon Fred at

(732) 270-3980 ext. 331.



NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday <u>January 5, 2022</u> 7:00pm in the Religious Ed Building.

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

<u>Marriage Encounter Weekend</u> <u>Christmas Gift</u>: For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held <u>February 4 – 6, 2022.</u> Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.



Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach

us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let

ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

(https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-synod-synodality)

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will be meeting on <u>Wednesday, January 26, 2022</u> 6:30pm, with a rosary in church and meeting in the **parish hall**. Join us for the Rosary and so much more! The Altar-Rosary Society is a group of women dedicated to Blessed Mother and to helping our Parish. Praying the Rosary and loving Jesus thru Mary is an important part of our lives. Any questions contact Pat at: 732-608-0745 or Barbara at: 732-232-3733

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be meeting on <u>Monday, January 10, 2022</u> 7:00 pm in St. Justin's Conference Room. Anyone who has lost

a loved one please come join us in prayer & sharing. For further information contact: Laurie: 732-929-9094

MEN'S FAITH GROUP

will be meeting on <u>Monday, January 3, 2022</u> 7:00pm, in St. Justin's Conference Room. Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction The next meeting is scheduled for:
<u>Tuesday, January 18th</u> at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Building For further info call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080

SENIORS CLUB

The next meeting is <u>Tuesday, January 18th</u>, in the parish hall. Doors open 11:00am. Enjoy coffee, pastry, Good conversation, games, and friendship For further info please contact Barbara: : 732-232-3733

Shawl Ministry

will meet on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 7pm in the Conference Room. We are in need of some talented hands to make lap blankets to distribute at Funeral Masses to family members of deceased Parishioners. If you knit or crochet, Please join us! For more info contact Fran Baranowski: 848-241-3976 /732-492-0329.

WOMEN IN FAITH

Our next meeting will be <u>January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm</u> in St. Justin's Conference Room. new members always welcome,

We will be sharing our faith through prayer, readings and discussions in order to uplift, share and encourage our Sisters in Faith in daily life. New Members Welcome. For more info: call Linda at (732) 232-7014.

Join us for prayer & sharing

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RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life" Saint Pope John Paul II



St. Joseph Church and Donovan **Catholic High School announce** Part Time Maintenance Position – Friday through Monday – up to 28 hours. Starting \$15 per hour. Contact: Wade Elms,

Facilities Managerweb: stjosephtomsriver.org email: grounds@donovancatholic.org Cell 732-684-3335





The Cathedral of Saint Mary of The Assumption hosts **Respect Life Mass** January 14, 2022 Day of Prayer for the legal protection of the

Unborn Children 9:30 a.m. |Mass will finish in time to walk over to the Rally for Life which will be held at the State House Annex at 11:00 am For any and all questions please call St. Mary's (609) 396-8447

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE PRO LIFE RALLY Join us as we Rally for Life FRIDAY - January 14, 2022 49th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court Decision State House Annex (Outside)** 145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ RALLY FOR LIFE at 11:00 A.M. with a MARCH FOR LIFE immediately following through the streets of Trenton **NOTE: Change in the location Pro-Life Leaders, Elected Officials and Clergy Expected to Address Rally. Check our website, www.NJRTL.org, for information regarding weather and last-minute updates. PLEASE DO NOT BRING SIGNS—SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED Signs on sticks are NOT allowed due to State House Regulation Please e-mail NJRTL if you plan to attend at : feedback@njrtl.org, or call us at 732-562-0562

FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

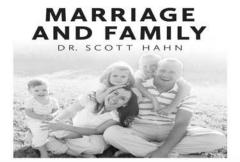
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED **BY DR. SCOTT HAHN**

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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