

St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

March 7, 2010

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PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.stjustin.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

732-270-3797

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,
12:00 Noon & 5:00 PM

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Days: As announced

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements and to set a date for the Baptism

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: At 3:30 PM

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.

Parish Life

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:15 PM to 4:30 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.

BINGO: Thursday at 12:00 Noon

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION: Every third weekend of the month.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010

REQUESTED BY

<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 8 (St. John of God)</u>	
8:30am	Mrs. V. Bowler Michael Luongo	Carlo Safonte Gerry Panza & family
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>March 9 (St. Frances of Rome)</u>	
8:30am	Sam & Rose Cavalluzzo James Mahon	Josephine Picone Robert Malloy
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>March 10</u>	
8:30am	Margaret Sisto Alfred Corsano, Jr.	Family Toni & Bill
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>March 11</u>	
8:30am	John Eric & John Joseph Hennessy Peter J. Michelson	Wife & mother Wife & family
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>March 12</u>	
8:30am	Mary Westervelt Robert Frank Lach	Family MaryAnn Trow
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>March 13</u>	
8:30am	Anna Caruso Elizabeth Flavell	Brother, Carlo Sister
5:00pm	Margaret Iannandrea Louis Maiorano	Sister, Rose Wife & children
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>March 14 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)</u>	
7:30am	John Keseday Michele Boland	Daughter, Barbara Family
9:00am	People of the Parish	
10:30am	Rev. John Bogacz (Living) Vincenzo & Angelina Santoro	Evette Arango Henry & Margaret Hirschel
CHOIR MASS		
12Noon	Joseph & Mary Cooney Anne Petersen	The Kelly Family Mary Wiercinski
5:00pm	Armond Ipri, Sr. Dominick Nardone	Marlene & Doug Borchard The Rohmeyer Family

HOLY NAME

How many are the names of God! In our liturgy, we call upon the Lord, our Christ, for mercy. We ask our Father for our daily bread. We pray to the Holy Spirit to sanctify our gifts. In all this we recall the revelation to Moses that our God is the God Who Is. This most wonderful of names reminds us that the holy presence is with us always, journeying with us, one with our sacrament, speaking the word of life. The God Who Is does not abandon us but always offers us one more chance to bring forth fruit.

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Dear Friends:

Today at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, two members of our parish Sandra Johnson and Kimberly Davis will take the first of three scrutinies. At most Catholic parishes, those who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic faith are called forth from the assembly. As they stand before the altar, the celebrant leads the faithful in praying for them. They are then dismissed from the Mass in order to continue their formation in a separate meeting area. These brief rites are called the "scrutinies," and they are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the primary process by which unbaptized adults and those baptized in other faith traditions are received into the Catholic Church.

The scrutinies take place on the third through fifth Sundays of Lent, just as the Liturgy of the Word concludes and before the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. At Masses that include the rite, the Gospel readings are from liturgical **Cycle A**. These readings emphasize **Christ as the living water**, as in the story of the woman at the well; **Christ as the light of the world**, as in the story of the man born blind; and **Christ as the resurrection and the life**, as seen in the raising of Lazarus. All Masses other than the 9:00 a.m. Mass will have the readings from Liturgical Year C!

The scrutinies, however, are not just for the elect. The faithful are called upon during Lent to scrutinize their own lives, too. The scrutinies also invite us, who are already full members of the Church, to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance as the elect. At Easter, we all renew our baptismal promises as we see the elect received into the Church. So during Lent, we renew our own repentance as we see them scrutinized. This self-scrutiny of the faithful requires each person to ask same basic question: *Am I worthy to receive the sacraments?*

Please pray for Sandra and Kimberly as they prepare for full initiation into our Catholic faith. Please also keep Jason Martowlis in your prayers as well. Jason has already been baptized and has already received Eucharist. He will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil this year.

The Ash Wednesday collection totaled \$4,653.42 and this money was divided between the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Birthright of Ocean County. Both groups received a check for \$2,326.71. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society gives aid and assistance to members of our parish who are in need and Birthright assists pregnant women with difficult circumstances. ***Thank you for your generosity!***

On Monday evening, I met with the parents of the children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year. Groups of children will be receiving their First Communion during various Masses during the Easter season. I commend all our parents who seek to pass on our Catholic Faith to the next generation and I am grateful for our Religious Education Program and all who volunteer their time to share faith with the children of our parish. *Please pray for our parents, children and catechists!*

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed June 19, 2009 to June 11, 2010 a "Year of the Priesthood" in order to help all of us revisit what the faith tells us a priest is and to encourage ordained priests in their lives of service and dedication. I had the great privilege of partaking in a five day "Pilgrimage for the Year for Priests to Rome in the Footsteps of the Apostles." I joined other priests and we left on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday. The pilgrimage/retreat was a spiritually uplifting experience. We stayed at the Casa Santa Marta, where the Cardinals are cloistered during conclaves to elect a Pope. This gave us almost unlimited access, even off-hours, to Saint Peter Basilica and other Vatican sites. It was a great honor to be the main celebrant at Vatican Grotto Chapel of the Blessed Virgin "della Boccia" which is the oldest Marian chapel in Saint Peter Basilica. I was also a concelebrant at the Tomb of Saint Peter on the Solemnity of the Chair of Saint Peter (*February 22nd*). Each day I offered my Mass intention for personal intentions and the people of Saint Justin the Martyr Parish, both living and deceased. It was a great joy and honor to prayerfully offer your petitions in Rome and to remember all of you, my spiritual family, in my prayers at these most revered and sacred places in our Church.

During Lent we are all encouraged to retreat from our hectic schedules to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord. The Holy Father and the papal household have a long tradition of going on retreat immediately following Ash Wednesday. We can all make a retreat wherever we are by spending some more time in prayer or other spiritual activities.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to attend one of Father William Bausch's reflections on the Tuesday evenings of Lent from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. or to participate in the Stations of the Cross on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Have a good week!

In Christ,

Father Mark

Loyola House of Retreats, the Jesuit Retreat, in Morristown, NJ offers a time to relax, away from business problems and family worries, a time to reflect and get a fresh slant on your life, a time to pray, to reawaken a sense of the reality of God, and to grow in the precious gift of faith.

The Women of St. Justin and other local parishes are invited to join their sisters in Christ on retreat the weekend of April 23-25, 2010.

Fr. Ed Nagle, S.J. will offer reflections on the theme "Our Relationships with God and One Another" (*My love for you is an everlasting love*). The retreat begins at dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. For more information and/or registration, please contact Debbie at 732-270-3218.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

**St. Barnabas-Monday,
March 22nd-7:00pm**

**St. Joseph's-Tuesday
March 23rd-7:00pm**

**St. Justin the Martyr-Friday,
March 26th-7:00pm**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe-Monday,
March 29th-12:00Noon**

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15/
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a,10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

St. Justin the Martyr Youth Group will be selling St. Patrick's Day Carnations, next weekend, after all Masses.

The Light of Life Prayer Group meets on Friday evenings, at 7:30pm, in the Religious Education Building.
All are welcome!

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..."

Grace Fink & Ann Gordon

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,

Tom Dennehy, Brian Dorman,
James Gillespie III, Louis Graffeo,
Martin Guarnieri Jr., Ian Honan, Brian Kircher,
Larry Larson, Michael Mongiardini,
John Henry Morse, Kelly Ann Pisano

for our President and elected leaders of our Country.

Religious Education News

Safe Environment Program

As explained at our Parent Meeting on October 20, 2009, for all those new to the parish program, "Protecting God's Children-Teaching Touching Safety" has been adopted by our Diocese. All children enrolled in our parish religious education program will participate in lessons the week of March 8, 2010.

Vacation Bible School

Any **ADULTS** interested in joining our VBS Committee, please contact the office at 732-270-3797. We will be holding a planning meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 6:00pm, in the Education Building, Room A.

La Tavola Di San Giuseppe

To celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the week of March 15, 2010, we will be honoring him with the St. Joseph's Table. We are inviting students to bring "non-perishable" foods that week to place on this table. At the end of the week these foods will be donated to our St. Vincent dePaul Society for our parish food bank.

We are in need of a Building Aide for Wednesday evening classes, from 6:30-7:45pm. If you can fill this need, please contact the office at 732-270-3797.

St. Justin the Martyr Holy Name Society will be selling tickets, after all Masses, this weekend for their Communion Breakfast.

Cost is \$20.00 per person!

For more information and/or reservations, please contact

President Nick Lambusta at 732-691-3373 or Treasurer Edgar Rodriguez at 732-768-8457.

Have you ever considered the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood?

Do you have questions about what it takes to become a Catholic priest?

The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Trenton is pleased to announce a new resource for anyone who is considering a call to the priesthood!

The website www.godiscallingyou.com provides practical answers to the questions you may have in discerning a call to the priesthood.

If you would like to make a difference in someone's life. Please consider becoming a Catholic Charities Fix-It Program volunteer. This program provides minor home repairs to seniors to help them remain safely in their homes.

For more information, please call Paula at 732-350-4120.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4969

PRESENTS *LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS,*
AT THE COUNCIL HOME

209 TENNYSON AVENUE, TOMS RIVER, ON MARCH 12, 2010, AT 5:30PM.

WHICH INCLUDES: LINGUINE WITH CLAMS, PASTA MARINARA, RAVIOLI, SALAD, BREAD,

COFFEE/TEA, AND DESSERT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 732-929-9811.

COST IS \$7.00/ADULTS, \$3.00/CHILDREN 7-12,

CHILDREN UNDER 6 ARE FREE.

The Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory of Valerie Roma." Requested by Mom, Alberta & family. For Altar Flowers and/or Sanctuary Candle, please contact the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 EXT. 301.

Next Weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

Please be generous!

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

The Office of Family Life/Respect Life will honor couples married in 1985 and 1960, and any couple celebrating more than 50 years of marriage. Bishop Smith will give his Episcopal blessing and a personalized certificate to each honored couple at this Prayer Service.

This year's event will be held at The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, NJ; at 3:00PM on April 11, 2010.

All couples must contact their Parish Office to register!

Registration deadline is March 19, 2010!

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL-IN ACTION

Office of Family Life/Respect Life

The Diocese of Trenton recognizes the tremendous importance of the family to promote a Catholic understanding of life through faith at every age of human existence. Marriage and Family Ministries, Bereavement Support, Separated and Divorces Support, Annulment Information and Advocacy, Rainbows Ministry, and Ministry for the Aging are vital and supportive ministries affecting our parishioners and influencing their daily lives.



Envelopes for Easter Flowers are available in the Narthex. Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of a loved one, may do so, by completing the envelope, and returning it to the Parish Office, no later than March 19, 2010.

If you or someone you know is in need of an Easter Food Basket, please call the St. Vincent dePaul Society at 732-929-1119, or stop by the Food Pantry on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00am-12Noon.