St. Justin Martyr Church

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2021 Guide Book and Directory

Parish Information

St. Justin Martyr Parish

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Website: www.stjustin.net
e-mail: sjmoffice@stjustin.net

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm
CLOSED Saturday
Sunday: 9:00am-Noon
If you need to speak to a priest, please call ahead to be sure one is available.

Weekday Liturgies:

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am
(10:30am liturgy interpreted for the deaf)

Holy Days:

Please refer to the Bulletin for Mass times.

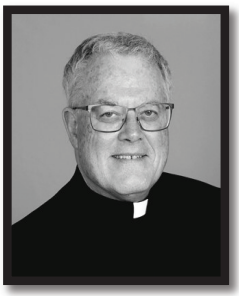
St. Justin Martyr PSR/Religious Education

35741 Stevens Blvd.
Eastlake, Ohio 44095
440-946-3287

Office Hours

Daily: 9:00am-3:00pm
Monday evening when there is PSR: 6:00-9:00pm
e-mail: charles@stjustin.net

From the Pastor



Fr. Kevin Liebhardt
Pastor

Deacon Tim Shell

Fr. Mark Latcovich
Weekend Assistant

Dear Members of St. Justin Martyr Parish,

We follow Jesus in faith,
prayer and service.

I join with the parish staff and the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils in extending to you with warm greetings of our parish community. God has richly blessed our community of 2,776 parishioners in 1,474 households. We share a commitment to worship the Lord together. Strengthened by the Lord we live out our faith in many visible ways.

Our website (www.stjustin.net), weekly bulletin and Facebook page provide timely news about our parish life. This Parish Guide Book and Directory supplements them with good information about the *who, what, when* and *why* of the many ministries, organizations, committees and activities through which we live out our faith.

I hope that as a member of our parish family you will find an area that interests and challenges you. I believe our faith comes alive when we are active and involved in prayer and service. I ask you to enrich your life by sharing your gifts and talents in our parish community.

Peace,

Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt

Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt, Pastor

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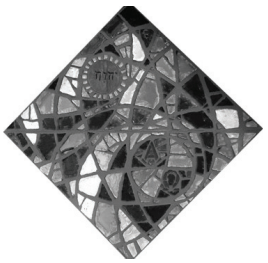
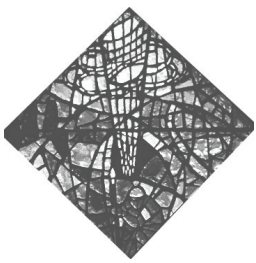
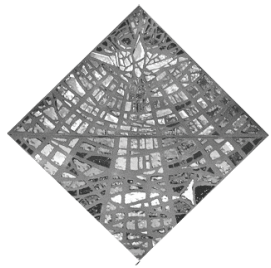

Stewardship Prayer

Holy Trinity, as a good steward of St. Justin Martyr Parish,
I pledge myself to you.
I give you my hands
…to do your holy work.
I give you my feet
…to walk in your way.
I give you my eyes
…to see as you see.
I give you my tongue
…to speak your words.
I give you my mind
…to think as you think.
I give you my time
…so that your will may be done.
I give you my talents
…so that I may help others.
I give you my treasures
…to enrich others lives.
I give you my spirit
…so that you may pray in me.
I give you myself
…so that you may grow within me.

I ask you to continue to stay with me and all of St. Justin Martyr Parish so that you will always live in us, and work through us, and pray with us.
Amen.

St. Justin Martyr Parish Motto

We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.

St. Justin Martyr Parish Mission Statement

We Are the Catholic Parish of St. Justin Martyr, a Eucharistic Community.

We Give generously of our time, talents and resources for the life of the Church.

We Seek to deepen our spirituality to better embody our faith in Christ, to work diligently serving others, and to strengthen the community of St. Justin Martyr.

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Leadership

"...and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord...
1 Corinthians 12:5

Parish Pastoral Council

The purpose of the council is to promote the growth of the parish community and to plan ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church. It serves as a consultative body to the pastor on major matters concerning the life of the parish and supports the work of our committees.

Tom Keaty: 440-953-5958 TPK826@aol.com

Finance Council

Aids the pastor by providing financial analysis, advice and oversight of the parish budget in order to carry out the mission of the Church. Provides sound financial guidance and planning regarding the resources needed to develop and implement parish plans, programs and policies. Appointed by the pastor according to Diocesan guidelines and after consultation with prospective candidates.

Jack Malarik: 725-0384 jack@malarikfs.com

Worship Commission

Coordinates music, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Art & Environment required for meaningful celebration of the liturgy. Plans special liturgies for major Church feasts and national holidays.

Tom Gulden: 946-1177
guldentamas@msn.com

Stewardship Commission

Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of the mind and heart that is expressed in action by generously using our God given gifts of time, talent and treasure. We call upon our parish community to share the gifts that God has given them to best help others and to help our ministries grow. We help those of our parish community to find the ministry suited for them to best use their God given gifts.

Beth Rossetti: 946-1177 beth@stjustin.net

Prayer Life

"For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord." - 2 Cornithians 4:5

Avilas

The Avilas, named in honor of St. Teresa of Avila, is a group whose members pray for priests and religious, and for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Avilas have adopted this as their special mission. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month for Mass at 8:30am and rosary. All are welcome.

Barb Kovacic: 946-1177
bpokelsek@att.net

Eucharistic Adoration

Ministry devoted to the worship of Jesus in the Eucharist. Provides the opportunity to spend quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and to become closer to Jesus Christ. Monday – Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm.

Marion Hanna: 975-8208
marionhanna@sbcglobal.net

Prayer Chain

A number of parishioners offer their time in the ministry of prayer for special needs of our parish family. There are no scheduled meetings, but there are phone conversations.

Theresa Davison: 942-5761

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry either knits or crochets shawls, lap pads and baby blankets for those in need of comfort. Not only are prayers said while they are being made, but after completion, they are blessed. There are no meetings to attend. Shawls are given out on a daily basis.

Louise Formica: 946-1177 louise@stjustin.net

Rosary & Novena Group

Every day after the 8:30am Mass this group meets to pray the rosary and the novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Prayers are said for the religious, sick, and suffering taken from the Prayer Chain. The rosary is also often said after morning masses.

Social Recreation Commission

Provides refreshments at parish receptions; organizes and staffs monthly Donut Sundays; serves coffee and refreshments after holiday liturgies and various social events and offers assistance to other parish groups. Open to all parishioners.
Kathy McCoy: 942-8309

Spiritual Life Committee

Plans programs and activities to help enhance the spiritual life of the parish. Open to all parishioners.
Charles Hunt: 946-3287
charles@stjustin.net

St. Joseph Rosary Makers

St. Joseph the Worker is the patron of the rosary makers. The rosary makers make rosaries for local hospitals and whoever else needs or requests them. They meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Kovacic residence where they socialize and pray the rosary. Rosaries can also be made at home.
Barb Kovacic: 946-7875
bpokelsek@att.net

Vocation Cross

In taking the cross one commits themselves to pray during the week, in the name of our parish, the vocation prayer in thanksgiving for all those generously sharing in Church ministry and in particular for the gift of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers to serve in our Cleveland Diocese. All are invited to participate in this program. *You can pick up the cross in the Parish Office.*
Loretta Vanagas: 942-7396
vanagas.loretta@gmail.com

Live Stream Prayer

Tuesday evening rosary, 7:30pm, check bulletin for times
Friday prayer: Rosary, Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
Weekend Mass: Saturday, 5:00pm

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Liturgical Ministry

"Whatever you do, do from the heart" - Colossians 3:28

Adult Choir

Provides traditional music to support and deepen the faith life of the community. Leads congregational singing and provides solo instrumental music. Practice is prior to Mass. Open to parishioners high school age and older.

Tom Gulden: 946-1177 guldentamas@msn.com

Altar Servers

Assist the celebrant at weekend, holiday, Holy Day, Funeral and Wedding Masses. Open to all parishioners from grade 4 to adult. Members attend a training session before they are placed on the schedule for Masses.

Tim Shell: 946-1177 tim@stjustin.net

Art and Environment Committee

Plans, orders, purchases and creates sanctuary and church decorations for major feasts, liturgical seasons and special parish celebrations. Open to any parishioner with a talent for art, flower arranging, plant care and an interest in self-education on proper liturgical décor. There are no meetings.

Margie Zalar: 537-5940 margiezalar@yahoo.com

Broadcast Ministers

Provides assistance with Live Stream of liturgies and events. Lessons are provided-no experience necessary.

Deacon Tim Shell: 946-1177 tim@stjustin.net

Contemporary Musicians

Provides modern and traditional music at Sunday Mass during the school year. Leads assembly in song and encourages their participation. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Open to all singers and musicians.

Mike Caranna: 216-570-8059 trainman34@att.net
Rick Jablonski: 785-0453 Rick.Jablonski@gmail.com

Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers

Scheduler for Lectors, Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

John Roskos: 796-7871 john@stjustin.net

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Ministry dedicated to serving the parish community by distributing Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person or homebound (Outreach). Practicing Catholics over the age of 18 are eligible to apply to the pastor.

Janet McPeeks: 527-8683 janetmcpeeks@yahoo.com

Funeral Ministry

This Ministry assists the pastor in making the family more welcomed by our parish at a time of grieving. We assist at various parts of the Liturgy, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and greeters. As a ministry we give the family an option to have a booklet created, detailing various parts of the Liturgy. We welcome help with typing, hosts, adult servers, luncheon help, tablecloth washers and people to send cards.

Beth Rossetti: 946-1177 beth@stjustin.net

Lectors

Lectors help communicate the Word of God at Mass. Members of this important ministry are trained to proclaim the words of Scripture. Lectors help the congregation to better understand the scripture and to successfully communicate their messages to the people in attendance at Mass. There is an initial training session, but there are no scheduled meetings.

Leslie Simpson: 942-3455 lesliesimpson@oh.rr.com

Outreach (Ministry to the Homebound)

Outreach ministers serve the sick and homebound by taking the Eucharist and providing them with companionship. They plan and participate in the Anointing of the Sick Mass. Outreach is open to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Loretta Vanagas: 942-7396 vanagas.loretta@gmail.com

Sacristans

Undertake the overall preparation of liturgical celebrations, including all that is needed for special days such as Ash Wednesday, holy days and funerals. The sacristans work in harmony with the pastor to make sure that the vestments, church furnishings, liturgical vessels, and decorative objects are kept in good condition.

Loretta Vanagas: 942-7396
vanagas.loretta@gmail.com

Signing for Deaf at Mass

To allow deaf Catholics to be included and actively involved in our prayer and celebration as a parish family; St. Justin Martyr Parish signs the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy each Sunday.

Diane Petruccio: 951-3959 dpetruccio@gmail.com
Judi Klinger: ennaiduj@sbcglobal.net

Ushers

Welcome and assist those who gather for the celebration of liturgy. Open to all adult parishioners with a good sense of hospitality. They do not have scheduled meetings. Contacts for this ministry are any usher at Mass or

Dave Hobart: 951-3484 hobie44094@sbcglobal.net

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2018 8TH GRADE ACRE SCORES

Profession of Faith - All Saints Avg. 97% (National Avg. 69%)
Liturgy and Sacraments - All Saints Avg. 94% (National Avg. 69%)
Life in Christ (Morality) - All Saints Avg. 98% (National Avg. 79%)
Christian Prayer - All Saints Avg. 98% (National Avg. 73%)

Living, Loving, Learning in Christ

Social Justice & Community Outreach

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." - Proverbs 11:24-25

Bereavement Ministry

A caring ministry, with sessions that run for six weeks; provides support for those going through the grieving process. The at-home meetings are in a casual atmosphere. Follow up dinners are held to encourage ongoing support. Open to all.
Joe Chabail: 951-1663

Helping Hands

A ministry of direct outreach to the poor. Provides temporary assistance to parishioners and the community of Eastlake in need of food, help with utilities, etc.
Bev Pecjak: 946-1177

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Committed to helping all Veterans achieve a better life by providing information that's relevant and easily accessible. Members are practicing Catholics, and have served in the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard or Merchant Marine. You must have an honorable discharge and served in one of the armed forces for at least 90 days. Meetings are held once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.
Mike Strainic: 216-469-2375 mstrainic@aol.com

North Coast Veterans

Support group for all era veterans. Assists all Veterans to gain benefits, aids them with their special needs and helps increase public awareness. They meet on the third Saturday of the month. Open to any honorably discharged veteran.
Leo Gelsinger: 943-6647

Respect Life Committee

Devoted to a process of education and consciousness-raising regarding the sacredness of human life, especially the unborn. Open to anyone committed to following the Catholic Church's teachings regarding life, in all its stages.
Judy Berquist: 942-8649 judy.berquist@att.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

is at the service of parents, assisting them with the important task of teaching the Catholic Faith to their children who attend school in the public system.

The goal of PSR is to form children as disciples of Jesus by developing their understanding of Christian doctrine, encouraging a Christian moral life, inviting worship and prayer in Catholic liturgy and orienting them to service. Classes are Monday evenings.

The teaching staff is comprised of adult volunteers who are called to share their faith with the youngsters of the SJM parish community.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 charles@stjustin.net

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Team

Prepares children for reception of these two sacraments and involves and informs parents of preparation process. Open to anyone wishing to assist parents in preparing their children.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 charles@stjustin.net

SacREd

Is a program offered to prepare children for first sacraments who have passed the typical age of receiving First Penance and First Communion. The program is tailored to individuals and is open to any youngster above second grade who may have missed regular preparation.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 charles@stjustin.net

Confirmation Program

Prepares Freshman in high school for the Sacrament of Confirmation and for the challenges of becoming a young adult within our Catholic Church today. Pre-requisite is completion of religious educations in grades 1-8. The Sacrament is conferred in the fall of the Sophomore year.

Beth Rossetti: 946-1177 beth@stjustin.net

Adult Faith Formation

Education Commission

Assists the Parish Pastoral Council in developing pastoral plans and policies in the areas of education. Deals with concerns related to life long learning as it is needed and experienced by all parishioners. Open to those knowledgeable in or having a willingness to gain knowledge in the areas of education.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 charles@stjustin.net

Evening Bible Study

Ministry group studies, reflects and discusses passages in the Bible. They have a spring and fall session and meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room. Anyone can stop by; visitors are welcome. Open to all.

Nancy Vitovich: 951-7141 svitovich@att.net

Homeward Bound

A welcoming ministry reaching out to inactive or alienated Catholics wishing to reconnect to the Church. Open to all, uniting them to the Community of St. Justin Martyr Church.

Ron Mona: 942-2887 rrmona@yahoo.com

Inquiry

Ministry devoted to Catholics interested in learning more about their faith or non-Catholics seeking more information about the Catholic Church. Open to Catholics in full communion with the Church who can assume a teaching role with a commitment to work in a team environment.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 charles@stjustin.net

Marriage & Family Ministry

This ministry is directed to engaged and married couples in St. Justin Martyr Parish and the surrounding community. We plan and present programs that help to strengthen marriage and family life. We meet as needed to plan programs.

Deacon Tim Shell: 946-1177 tim@stjustin.net

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Pre-Baptism Classes

are for first time parents who are bringing their children to be baptized and raised in the Catholic Church. The one time evening session entails prayer, conversation and catechesis on the basic theology of Baptism and it's liturgy. Classes are on the first Wednesday of September, December, March and June. Registration is required.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 charles@stjustin.net

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Ministry devoted to a process of conversion for individuals seeking membership in the Catholic Church. Team members plan, monitor and evaluate the process and provide necessary support to catechumens and candidates.

Open to Catholics in full communion with the Church with a desire to assist non-Catholics to discern God's call to a closer relationship with Him through membership in the Catholic Church.

Charles Hunt: 946-3287 Charles@stjustin.net

Various talks...

Along with our Parish Mission, there are, throughout the year, many programs offered at St. Justin Martyr. Watch the bulletin and the website for up to date information on the many different ways to learn more about your faith.

Participating

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people." - Hebrews 6:10

Athletic Program

St. Justin Martyr is a member of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Catholic Youth Organization Sports Athletic Program (CYO). CYO Athletics foster the spiritual growth of youth by providing athletic programs that promote Christian values. Programs are held for all sports for children of St. Justin Martyr Parish attending other Catholic schools or PSR in various grades depending on the sport. Agreements are in place with other parishes so that a child may participate in currently offered sports.

Holy Name Society

Worldwide confraternity committed to spreading the Good News and strengthening the Church against opposition and error. Provides parish with financial help, manpower and works of mercy. Provides a scholarship program for St. Justin Martyr Parish students who want to attend a Catholic high school. Supports other parish organizations with financial backing and/or manpower for special events or programs. Sets up Nativity Display at both City Hall and the Church. Open to any man in the parish over 18.

Dave Hobart: 951-4384 hobie44094@sbcglobal.net

Just In Fun

Provides social opportunities for local fun and travel throughout the year. We offer day and overnight trips by motorcoach within Ohio and surrounding states. Activities are geared to all ages and are open to all parishioners, as well as their family and friends who like to explore new surroundings and meet new people.

Cheryl Doyle: 942-3391 wheels_200@yahoo.com

Just In Timers

An essential group of St. Justin Parishioners who help with the many demands of the parish such as mailings, changing the worship books, festival assistance and many more things.

A good way to get involved if you have limited walking ability.

Leslie Simpson: 942-3455 lesliesimpson@oh.rr.com

Just In Time for Dinner

Special home-made dishes made by parishioners for these events are becoming a tradition! Open to the parish and surrounding community. Volunteers are always needed in all areas.

Cheryl Vitelli: 463-8930 lorraine6424@yahoo.com

Money Counters

Count weekly and holiday collections; make bank deposits. Open to any adult parishioner; approval of the pastor required.

Pop and Praise

Our high school youth group meets several times during the year for Service Nights, Open Gyms, and wherever needed to be an active part of our parish. The get-togethers are fun and faith filled ways to meet other teens in the area. All teens of all faiths are welcome.

Beth Rossetti: 946-1177 beth@stjustin.net

Other Ways to get involved

There are many ways to get involved during the year and new events are continually being planned. Keep looking on the website and the bulletin. Some of the ways to participate are:

- Become a Catechist to help with Fresh Faith, Confirmation, PSR, etc.

- Volunteer for seasonal events, the Parish Mission, Ministry Fair, Fellowship Meal, Appreciation Dinner, May Crowning, Garage Sale, Festival, Fashion Show, Halloween Party, Advent Tea, and Marriage and Family nights, to name a few.

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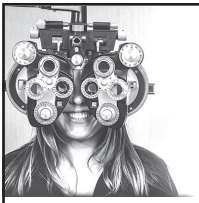

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Evangelizing

What does "evangelize" mean? To give witness with joy and simplicity to what we are and what we believe in. Pope Francis

Bulletin

The Sunday Bulletin is the primary source for timely communication of parish activities and "happenings" at neighboring parishes or within the civic community. Articles and flyers must be at the parish office by 4:00p.m. Mondays a week before the bulletin is published. General information should be submitted 10 days prior to printing of Sunday Bulletin. Notices should be submitted ready for typing or scanning – the office will not assume responsibility for editing or correcting facts and reserves the right to edit.
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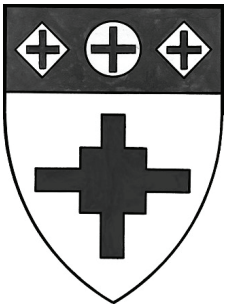
Join our Facebook page and meet parishioners, alumni, and friends of St. Justin Martyr! Also follow us on Twitter and Instagram. Receive updates on parish news and events!

Personal Evangelization

Be proud of your Faith. Find ways to show your faith in public. Invite a friend to our many activities and services. Be a good example.

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH COAT OF ARMS



The arms of Saint Justin Martyr Church consist of a silver (white) shield charged with a red cross, the limbs of which project from a squared center and are cut short of touching the edge of the shield; this is known in heraldry as a cross couped quadrate.

The cross is a sign of the Church proclaimed by Christ and the teaching of Saint Justin Martyr (A.D. 165). Red has a long tradition of symbolizing martyrdom, while the combination of red and white have been the traditional colors for Christ, the Risen Savior. This form of the cross also recalls the architecture of the church edifice and the geography of the four communities which the parish encompasses.

The blue 'chief', or upper portion of the shield, honors the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Church (Sess.3, Vatican Council II, Lumen Gentium, Chapter VIII (Our Lady) Sec. 1, no. 53 and the concluding address to the Third Session by Pope Paul VI, 21 November 1964).

In a secondary manner the blue recalls Lake Erie which is the northern boundary of the parish. The 'chief' is charged with a roundle between two lozenges all tinctured silver (white); these charges are part of the architectural design of the church edifice. They have been charged with crosses 'couped' – their limbs cut short of touching the edges of the roundle and lozenges.

The three red crosses symbolize the unity and integrity that exists between the Holy See, the Diocese of Cleveland and Saint Justin Martyr Church, Eastlake, Ohio; they also recall Saint Justin's three major works, and their importance as a second century witness to the essentials of the Catholic liturgy of Baptism, Eucharist and the Sunday assemblies.

These arms were devised by A. W. C. Phelps, Cleveland, Ohio, in cooperation with the Rev. Louis A. Pizmoht, Pastor, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, 24 May,1986 and approved 2:15 p.m. the same day.

The Teachings of St. Justin Martyr

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called Gospels, handed down to us what Jesus Commanded them to do. They tell us that He took break, Gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me*. *This is my body.* In the same way He took the cup, He gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through His Son, Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or in the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give their assent by saying, "Amen." The Eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For He was crucified on Friday and on Sunday He appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

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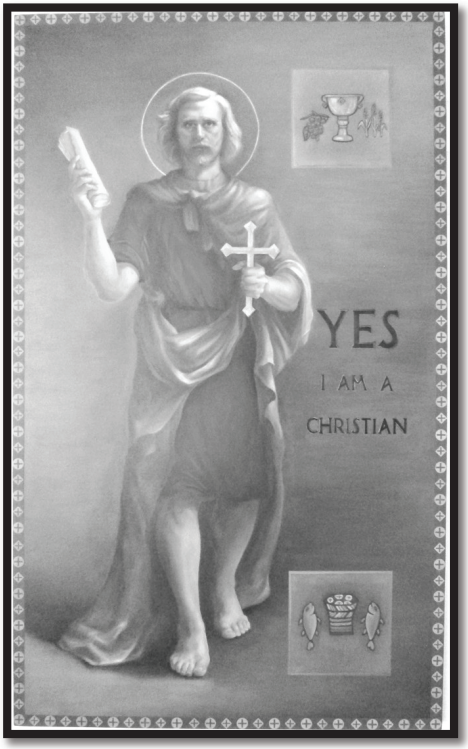

Justin Martyr is our patron saint.

Who is St. Justin Martyr?

Servant of God's Truth. Justin was a Christian, a philosopher, a teacher and a write. He met Jesus in the inspred Word of God and the inspiring lives of Christians. He was drawn by their faith, their way of life and their worship. He was among the first to directly address those who were not Christian to explain and defend the Christian Faith, a dangerous thing to do in a time of persecution. He used his knowledge of Scripture and philosophy to challenge and invite non-Christians to encounter Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Man of the Eucharist. Justin's most famous passage describes how each Sunday the Christians in Rome celebrated the Eucharist around the year 150. He emphasized that the same Jesus who once fed the five thousand in Galilee now is the Risen Lord who feeds us with his own Body and Blood.

Intercessor. This is symbolized by the silver cross Justin is holding. This is a reminder that when we gather around the cross of Christ, we find the strength we need in the Eucharist and through the intercession of all those saints, like St. Justin Martyr, who clung to the cross of Christ and found victory and resurrection through it.

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For the entire explanation of the painting, //www.stjustin.net/about-us/history-of-the-parish

Vocations from St. Justin Martyr

We continue to pray for Vocations at St. Justin Martyr.
You can help by joining the Avilas, taking home the Vocations at the Crossroads cross for a weekend, and praying on your own. Please pray for those pictured below:

Sister Mary
Berigan, SND
Blessings House

Deacon Pat Berigan
Retired

Father John Chrysostom
Kozlowski, OP
Pontifical Faculty of the
Immaculate Conception
at the Dominican
House of Studies

Father Chris Cox
St. Charles Borromeo,
Parma

Father Kevin Fox
St. Bernadette
Westlake

Father Tom Mattingly
St. Olaf
Williamsburg, VA

Father James Roach
St. John Cantius,
Cleveland

Lord Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and by your parent's example, rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life, Amen.