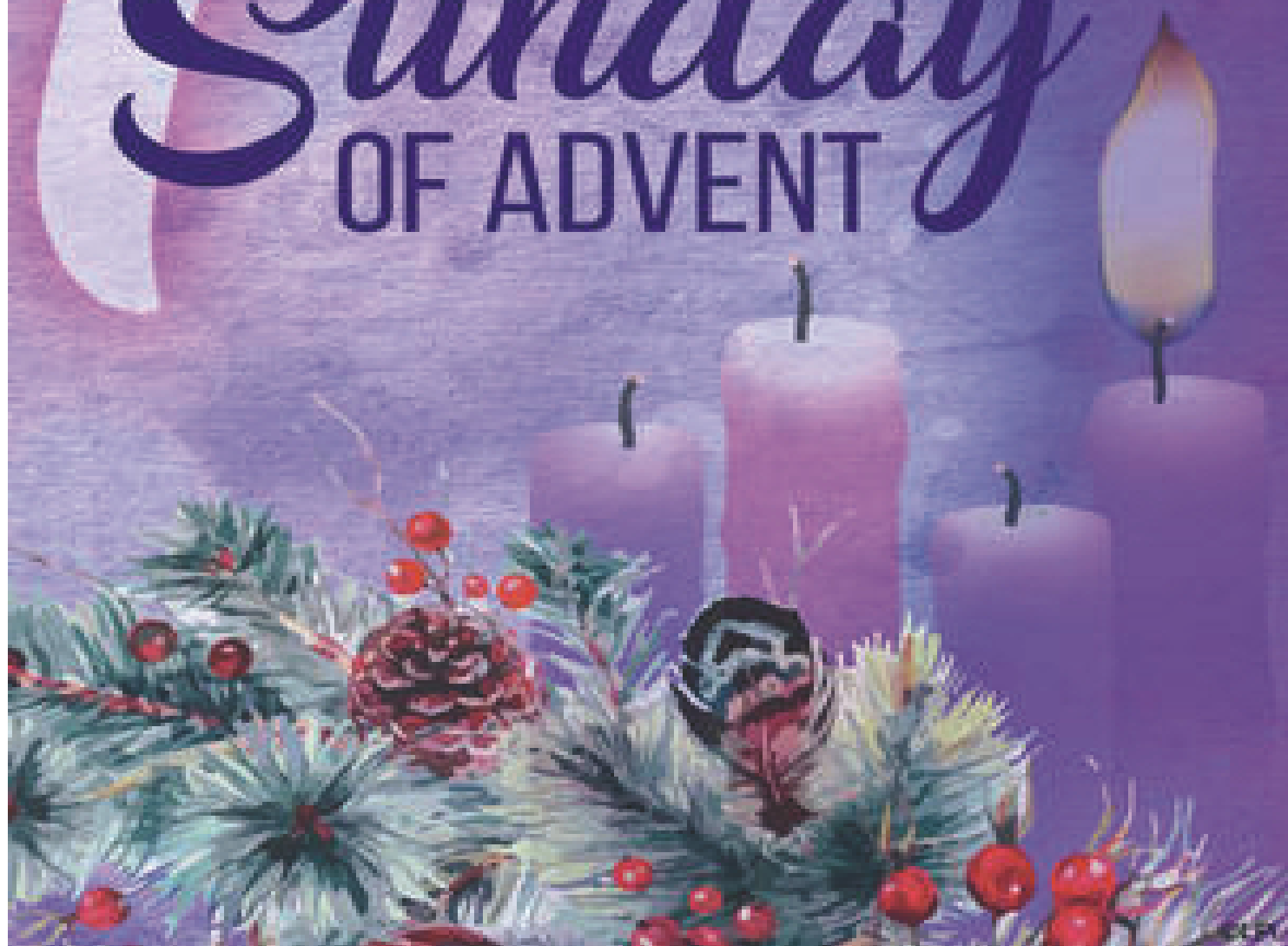




**ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

# 1st Sunday OF ADVENT



# NOVEMBER 29, 2020



## ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

(Weekday Masses are held in the Parish Center Chapel unless otherwise noted)

### Sunday, November 29, 2020: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 AM Spanish
- 10:00 AM For our parishioners at St. Justin-St. Michael's
- 4:00 PM Haitian

### Tuesday, December 1, 2020: Advent Weekday

- 12:00 PM For those who find it difficult to find hope and healing in these challenging and uncertain times

### Wednesday, December 2, 2020: Advent Weekday

- 12:00 PM For doctors, nurses, and all health care workers

### Thursday, December 3, 2020: St. Francis Xavier

- 12:00 PM For those who are anxious and uncertain

### Friday, December 4, 2020: St. John Damascene

- 12:00 PM For those who may be struggling financially during these challenging times
- 6:00 PM Holy Hour

**Please reserve your spot for Mass using our link for SignUpGenius on our website and on Facebook!**



#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:  
**The happy repose of all who have died from the Coronavirus in recent weeks.**



#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our parish, and especially for: Mamie Gage, Lucille Chambers, Annie Mears, Michael Mierez, Norman Nesbeth, Michael Tutler, Luz Santana, George Jackson, Beverline Goines, Rose Johnson, Peter Alcide, Janet Pivarsky, Aaron Greene, Antoinette Forbes, Ruth Adams, Muriel McDonald, LaJune Brown, Francisco Rivera, Dalvis Henriques, Concepcion Roman, Ruffin Davis, MaryAnn Carter, Ferdinand Anigbo, Perline Blake, Tio Blanks, Lloyd Francis, Jaya Emmanuel, Maria Francheshini, Tyler James, Mary-Ann George, June Young, Glenice Brooks, Outhone Ford, Sandy Miller, Gernett Goodison, Doloris Harper, Anthony Charles, Bernadette Pierre, Madeliene Nestor, J. Lorraine Tutler, Joey Arango, Verona Tai, Patricia Beckford, Hazel Smalls, Eliza Ferrier, Sylvia Williams, Henry McQuiller and Barbara Kelly.

**If you would like Fr. Kingsley to visit you, or your loved one in the hospital, at home, or hospice, call (860) 246-6897.**

#### ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday (Office is closed on Friday)  
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

#### WHAT'S YOUR OFFERING TO GOD TODAY?

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Bring an offering and come to His courts (Psalm 96:8):

**We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.**

#### The Malta Food Pantry at St. Justin — St. Michael Parish

Food Pantry was closed

No Annual Collection or Offertory Numbers are available because of early transmission all will be reported in the next bulletin

**We are grateful for your contribution!**

#### St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections



November 29: Maintenance & Weekly



#### SJSM Annual Appeal

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.



#### ST JUSTIN—ST MICHAEL 2020 ADVENT GIVING TREE

This year we have our Advent Giving Tree set up so that we at SJSM can respond to the needs of our homeless men, and women in Hartford. We need donations of **Backpacks filled with: Hats, Gloves, Socks, Washcloths, Travel Sizes of Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc. We also need Face Masks, Hand Sanitizer, and Rain Ponchos.** The Tree will be up the First Sunday of Advent, November 29. Please put your backpacks under the Advent Giving Tree by Sunday, December 20th. If you have any questions, please call the church office (860) 246-6897

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Pastor's Weekly Reflection

The prophet Isaiah in today's reading acknowledges the transgressions of the people of God while beckoning on Him for mercy. God, he reminds us, is the potter and we are the clay. We are the works of His hands and He can do whatever He wills. The Psalmist speaks about the people of God as the vine which His right hand has planted. He therefore appeals to God to protect His vine from destruction and to let His face shine on His people. At the beginning of Advent, we mark the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of a new one. And quite appropriately, God is the beginning and end of all things. Advent reminds us of His coming at Christmas as the Word Incarnate. But it also reminds us of the future coming of Christ who is lord and king. Whether it be for the immediate or for the future coming, we are reminded to make our hearts ready for Him. This is the meaning of prophet Isaiah's invitation to forsake old ways. The gospel uses the metaphor 'to keep watch' as a reminder to stay relentless in doing good. In doing so, it re-echoes the theme of the last two Sundays both of which invite us to stay awake at all times, for we know neither the day nor the hour. The call to be holy is a daily and constant one. While moments and seasons such as this may help to remind us to not let our guards down, our call to be Christians is one that is timeless and without season. Doing good should be the norm not the exception, it should be a part of the ordinary routines of our daily lives to care, to forgive, to be compassionate, to be sincere, to be just and loving in all our ways. Doing so is indeed our true and only mission as Christians.

### St. Justin– St. Michael Parish

#### 2020 Annual Collection

#### Campaign Statistics as of 11/17/2020

<b>Total # of Households:</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Total # Pledged:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>% of Participation</b>	<b>15.75 %</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$15,665.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$13,145.00</b>
<b>Average Pledge:</b>	<b>\$261.08</b>
<b>% of Pledges Collected</b>	<b>83.91%</b>

Never underestimate what your drop in the bucket can do for your church!



## What's happening at St. Justin-St. Michael Parish

We are continuing to follow the required Archdiocesan procedures and respecting the current limits set by Governor Ned Lamont. Sunday Masses can take place indoors with a maximum of 100 total persons, socially distanced. In addition, as other meetings at venues have been reduced to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors, any upcoming non-liturgical events, meetings, or gatherings held at parishes will need to follow those limits. While Sunday Masses have resumed, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the Archdiocese by the Archbishop will continue to extend through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday. The elderly, sick, and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable remain encouraged not to attend at this time. Anyone in those categories is asked to continue taking advantage of television or streaming Masses online as they stay home and stay safe. Unless exempt, those attending Mass are required to wear masks or face coverings and are asked to bring hand sanitizer for use during the liturgy. Please arrive about fifteen minutes early to Mass in order to be screened for your temperature. Also, remember to reserve your spot for Daily and Sunday Masses to allow the volunteers to prepare the church properly.



### ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH CHRISTMAS 2020 SCHEDULE



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020**

**6: 00 p.m. Advent Penance Service**

**And**

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

**8:30 a.m. Advent Penance Service**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**

**8:30 a.m. Spanish**

**10:00 a.m. English**

**4:00 p.m. Creole**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 – 9:00 p.m. – Multicultural  
Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Christmas – Christmas Eve**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020 – Christmas Day**

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

**9:00 a.m. Multicultural Mass**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**8:30 a.m. Spanish**

**10:00 a.m. English**

**4:00 p.m. Creole**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020 – New Year's Eve**

**9:00 p.m. – Multicultural**

**Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. – New Year's Day**

**Multicultural Mass**

**12:00 Noon—Haitian Independence Anniversary Mass**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**



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*Mt. Olivet Cemetery - 669 Platt Rd. Watertown, CT*

***Saturday October 31, 2020***

*Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd. Bloomfield, CT*  
*St. Francis Cemetery - 863 South Main St. Torrington, CT*  
*Mt. St. Peter Cemetery - 219 New Haven Ave. Derby, CT*  
*St. Lawrence Cemetery - 280 Derby Ave. West Haven, CT*

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