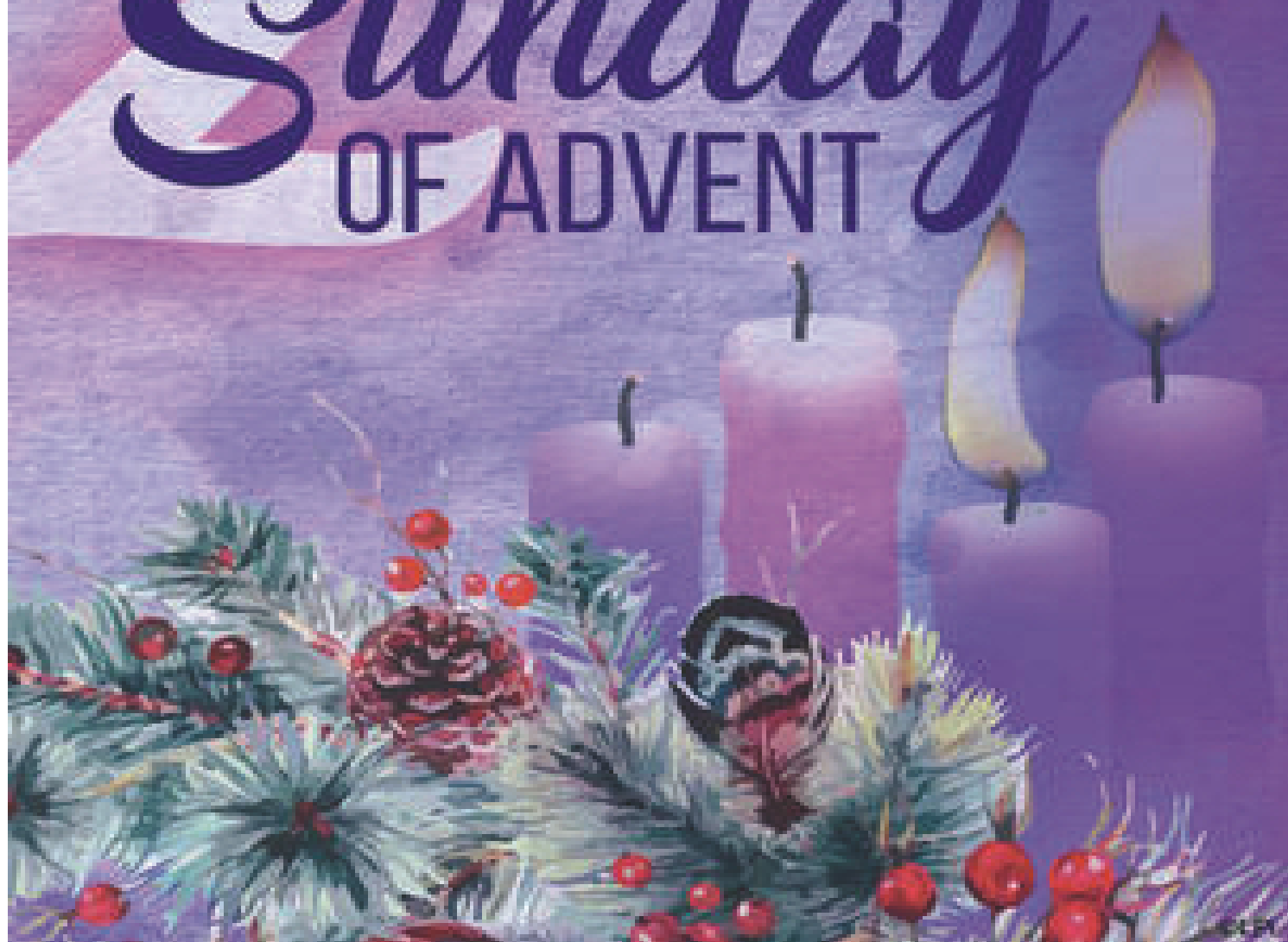




**ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

# 2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



# DECEMBER 6, 2020



## ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

{Weekday Masses are held in the Parish Center Chapel unless otherwise noted}

### Sunday, December 6, 2020: Second Sunday of Advent

**10:00 AM** In memory of Florine and Gulio Lundy, requested by Flo Lundy;  
For the happy repose of my mother, Mary Lebrun, on her birthday, may she rest in peace, requested by her children.

### Tuesday, December 8, 2020: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Wednesday, December 9, 2020: St. Juan Diego

**12:00 PM** For Gloria Chambers, her children, father, and husband

### Thursday, December 10, 2020: Advent Weekday

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

### Friday, December 11, 2020: St. Damasus

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

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):

**John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.**

#### The Malta Food Pantry at

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No Food Pantry, 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



December 6: Monthly and Weekly

December 8: Immac. Conception

December 13: Weekly

December 20: Retired Religious Fund and Weekly

December 25: Christmas

December 27: Weekly and Maintenance

#### 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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Pastor's Weekly Reflection

Once again, we hear the voice crying in the wilderness "Prepare a way for the Lord." This invitation, which is present both in the first reading and the gospel, is one that signals the season of Advent. In it, Isaiah announces the glad tidings concerning a God who comes to comfort, to liberate and to save His people. He comes with power, with reward and recompense for those who await in righteousness. Saint Paul reminds us, in the second reading, that the patience of God must not be taken for granted. Rather, it is an opportunity granted to us so that we can repent and live in holiness and devotion. The central message of John The Baptist in today's gospel is one of repentance and of turning from old ways to a new life of righteousness. To make straight His path means to remove every obstacle that stands in God's way as He seeks a relationship with us. He wants to inhabit our hearts. To make ready our hearts for this heavenly guest means to wash ourselves clean from all iniquities, free from envy and jealousy, from greed and pride, from anger, resentment, and malice, from unforgiveness and mean spiritedness. God makes His home in a pure and loving heart. During this season as always, the doors of our church are open to those who seek to reconcile with God through the sacrament of reconciliation. It would be wonderful if we could take advantage of such great opportunities. To those hearts who earnestly seek Him, the Psalmist reminds us that God provides many benefits. He causes their hearts to experience peace, makes their land yield abundant harvest, and let's His glory dwell with them. We pray that God may grant us the humility to open the doors of our hearts in order that we may experience the fullness of joy which this season provides, Amen.



### St. Justin– St. Michael Parish 2020 Annual Collection

Campaign Statistics as of 11/24/2020

<b>Total # of Households:</b>	<b>382</b>
<b>Total # Pledged:</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>% of Participation</b>	<b>17.80 %</b>
<b>Total Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$16,905.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$14,960.00</b>
<b>Average Pledge:</b>	<b>\$248.60</b>
<b>% of Pledges Collected</b>	<b>88.49%</b>

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



### 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.



## 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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