



ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 13, 2020



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

Sunday, December 13, 2020: Third 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 15, 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 16, 2020: Advent Weekday

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

Thursday, December 17, 2020: Advent Weekday

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

Friday, December 18, 2020: Advent Weekday

- 12:00 PM For the happy repose of Sylvanus and Geraldine Ihejirika.
- 6:00 PM Advent Revival

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):

All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

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

Served 42 families this past weekend

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

November 29, 2020	December 6, 2020
\$3,714.00	\$3,990.00

We are grateful for your contribution!

St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections



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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Weekly Reflection

Today is Gaudete Sunday which comes from the Latin word meaning to rejoice. The color of today's celebration, which is pink or rose, shows a lightening in the mood of the season. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. In the first part of the first reading, Isaiah speaks of his mission to announce good news to the poor, healing to the broken hearted, liberty to captives and freedom to the oppressed. In the second part he speaks of the reason for rejoicing. His message was intended for the people of God who, after a time of great suffering are about to experience God's un-surpassing graciousness. Isaiah prophesied that God was about to remember his people and to wipe their tears. He would clothe them in a garment of salvation, wrap them in a mantle of justice and, like a bridegroom, adorn them with a royal diadem. Such a glorious prefiguring was a vision of God's plan to replace long years of adversity with a one of unparalleled prosperity. We are that people of God and this message is for us as well. It is a message whose timing could not have been better. As we live in these dark and gloomy times, Isaiah's words bring us such comfort, such joy and such hope. Saint Paul echoes same sentiments in his famous passage to the Thessalonians as he invites them, in all things, to rejoice. In the Magnificat, Mary gives us those beautiful words in recognition of the power of the Almighty who Has done and continues to do great things. That God is described by John the Baptist as the light which transforms all things. Aware of the immensity of His greatness and power and regardless of the seemingly dire circumstances in which we live, may we like Mary magnify the Lord for His infinite goodness. May we trust, like her, that nothing is impossible with God. May His praises be sung on our lips from now and through all generations forever and ever, Amen.



St. Justin- St. Michael Parish 2020 Annual Collection

Campaign Statistics as of 11/24/2020

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

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

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations: *Chyanne Castle, Jordan Chambers, Brianna Lebrun, Kaylah Laurent, Alex Rodriguez, and Javier Serrano Jr.* on receiving The Sacrament of Confirmation. God Bless you and your families on this special day!



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 Revival

And

Saturday, December 19, 2020

8:30 a.m. Advent Revival

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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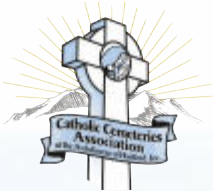
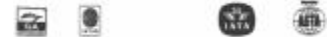


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