



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

# 4th Sunday OF ADVENT



# DECEMBER 20, 2020



## ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

### Sunday, December 20, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM** Spanish
- 10:00 AM** For Fr. Kingsley, thanking God as he marks 17 years in priesthood;  
Happy birthday to my daughter Nadine with love from her mom and family, requested by Joy Chance-Blake
- 4:00 PM** Haitian

### Tuesday, December 22 2020: Advent Weekday

- 12:00 PM** For Fr. Kingsley, thanking God on his birthday.

### Wednesday, December 23, 2020: St. John of Kanty

- 12:00 PM** For God's blessings on Brian and Diedre Sheehan and their families.

### Thursday, December 24, 2020: Christmas Eve

- 9:00 PM** Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Christmas;  
Thanksgiving for the birthday of Marcella Evans, may God continue to guide and protect her.

### Friday, December 25, 2020: The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 AM** Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord;  
For Marlene Harris on her birthday, requested by Kay Taylor-Brooks.

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

### 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):

**In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" — "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." — that the promise finds fulfillment.**

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

Served **92** families this past weekend

### OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

**December 13, 2020      December 15, 2019**

**\$3,694.00**

**\$5,023.00**

**We are grateful for your contribution!**

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



**December 20: Retired Religious Fund  
and Weekly**

**December 25: Christmas**

**December 27: Weekly and Maintenance**

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:

**Timothy Andre for a successful surgery and recovery ,  
requested by Marcella Evans**



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our parish, and especially for: Mamie Gage, Lucille Chambers, Annie Mears, Michael Mierz, 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 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.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Pastor's Weekly Reflection

In this week's readings, we see a direct relationship between the promise made to David in the first reading and the fulfillment of that promise in today's gospel. David no doubt must have been both surprised and excited about the promise he received, yet there was no way for him to have imagined the enormity of it. He may have understood that promise in terms of the expansion of his earthly empire and domain and the destruction of his enemies, but God had a plan way bigger; a plan already in place before he was chosen from shepherding his father's flock. Mary's yes became the fulfillment of that mysterious plan which, according to Saint Paul, was hidden from the foundation of the world. All of this is to tell us that the universe is a harmonious symphony and an intelligent design put together by the most Supreme Intelligence of all. Each and every one of us has been called to a specific mission in the realization of God's grand design. In the past few weeks we have heard the voices of Isaiah and John the Baptist as they, through their messages, make way for the coming of the Lord. Mary became the perfection of that process. By her yes to the will of the father she made Christmas possible. What the examples of David, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and above all Mary, reminds us is that God's promises do not happen in a vacuum. He continues to rely on His creatures like you and me to realize His plans. In the midst of these dark times in which we have been living for the past several months, the coming of Christ announces a message of hope and joy to the world. One of the best ways that we can celebrate Christmas this year especially is to become those channels through which God's good news reaches the world. There is a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member, a stranger, someone lonely out there who could use a listening ear, a warm embrace, or a helping hand. There is someone whose life could be blessed by being gifted with those extra pair of shoes or clothes which you haven't worn in years. Can you commit today to be that bearer of good news to a neighbor in need? Can you, like Mary, make Christmas real for someone? May the birth of Jesus the Emmanuel fill our lives with hope, peace and joy, Amen.

Wishing you all my dear parishioners a truly Merry Christmas!



## 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



#### 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



### 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>

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