



ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

JANUARY 10, 2021



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

Sunday, January 10, 2021: The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 AM** Spanish
- 10:00 AM** For the happy repose of Stephen Hewitt; For God's healing grace and deliverance from all ailments of mind, body and soul for Bernice and Skeiffer Walker and the Hewitt Siblings especially David and Joyce; In memory of Staff Sargent Kevin Walker on the 1st anniversary of his death. May perpetual light shine upon him. God's blessings on his faithful friends: June, Guilaid, Torres, Julio, Smithy, Vega, Leonard, and Jack, who kept watch by his side and stood by us this past year as we grieved, requested by the Walker Family.
- 4:00 PM** Haitian

Tuesday, January 12, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM** God's blessings on Roland Drayton

Wednesday, January 13, 2021: Saint Hilary

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

Thursday, January 14, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM** For our parishioners at St. Justin-St. Michael's

Friday, January 15, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM** For all those who have died from this infectious disease

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

St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections



- January 10: Monthly and Weekly**
- January 17: Maintenance and Weekly**
- January 24: Archdio Catholic High School and Weekly**
- January 31: Weekly**

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):

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it—especially themselves—to the Lord of all."

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

Closed this past weekend!

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

December 27, 2020 January 3, 2021

\$3,147.00 \$8,177.00

We are grateful for your contribution!

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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pastor's Weekly Reflection

Jesus' baptism was a great deal for Him and for all humanity. It launched Him on to His ministry. Indeed it was an empowerment for the great task ahead. In the waters of the River Jordan, as He was being baptized by John, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon Him, as He would later on announce in the Synagogue of Jerusalem. His baptism was a confirmation of His vocation to heal, to liberate and to announce the Lord's year of favor. His baptism and empowerment signaled, above all, a victory of justice, of mercy, of compassion and of love. His awareness of and commitment to His ministry was so acute and so consummate that he called it His 'meat'. No word could have been more appropriate and so adequate in capturing Jesus' immersion into this self-sacrificing ministry. It goes to show how, although this ministry brought exhaustion to His body, it brought nourishment to his soul. No wonder it was His 'meat'. Jesus' baptism goes to show what high premium that is placed on each of our baptisms. It is a call for each and every one of us to become a voice in defense of justice, hearts that feel the pains of others, eyes that see the good in people and in nature, and ears that rejoice over the good fortunes of other people. Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to embrace goodness. As we begin this New Year, guided by the star of Jesus, it is time to ask ourselves: Are we living true to our Christian commitment, our baptismal vows? If not, what can we do to respond adequately to our vocation to goodness? Our prayer today is that this great feast may help to reactivate our baptismal unction, enabling us to become, like Christ, pillars of faith, beacons of hope and champions of love, Amen.



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.



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 Parish 2020 Annual Collection Campaign Statistics as of 12/30/2020

Total # of Households:	383
Total # Pledged:	87
% of Participation	22.72 %
Total Amount Pledged:	\$20,542.50
Total Amount Paid:	\$19,080.50
Average Pledge:	\$236.12
% of Pledges Collected	92.88%



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



ST JUSTIN—ST MICHAEL GIVING TREE

The Parish of Saint Justin–Saint Michael would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Advent Giving Tree. We have collected over 160 Backpacks. We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many! We are still in need of **SOCKS, HATS & GLOVES, WASHCLOTHES, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES, HAND SANITIZER, & RAIN PONCHOES. THE GOAL IS TO FILL 50 BACKPACKS. FOR MEN AND WOMEN.**



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