

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



# FEBRUARY 28, 2021



## ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

### Sunday, February 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 AM** Spanish  
**10:00 AM** For Bryan Lightbody's 1st year since he passed away, requested by his mother and father, Carole and Howard Lightbody  
**4:00 PM** Haitian

### Tuesday, March 2, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM** For Father Salvatore Rosa

### Wednesday, March 3, 2021: St. Katharine

- 12:00 PM** In thanksgiving for our health, requested by Steve Edwards

### Thursday, March 4, 2021: St. Casimir

- 12:00 PM** For Father Mark Ngoku

### Friday, March 5, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM** For those who are anxious and uncertain  
**6:00 PM** Stations of the Cross ( **Main Church**)  
**6:30 PM** Holy Hour

**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):

**Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are *my* gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?**

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

Served **72** families this past weekend!

### OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

February 21, 2021	February 23, 2020
\$3,440.00	\$3,852.00

We are grateful for your contribution!

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



February 28: Maintenance and Weekly

### 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, Salvius Nestor, 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, Barbara Kelly and Bertram Morgan  
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### Archdiocese of Hartford

### 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

For the first time ever, please join Archbishop Leonard Blair on **Wednesday, March 3rd 2021 at 7:30pm**, for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal **Virtual Kickoff**, allowing him the opportunity to personally introduce the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Reaching Out, Healing Together.**

On **Wednesday March 3rd at 7:30**, please go to, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> to participate in the 2021 **Virtual Kickoff** from home!

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## Pastor's Weekly Reflection

Abraham's fidelity to God was tested and he was found worthy, ready to sacrifice his only son in order to win friendship with God. By that singular act, Abraham won God's favor in a way that no one prior or after him could do. His faith became an example for generations to come. In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us of the huge sacrifice that God made on our behalf, offering up His son, for the sake of our salvation. Although Jesus's death on the cross for our salvation will always remain a mystery, it is the greatest act of love and devotion to the will of the father, whose love for us is boundless. In both cases, we are reminded about how the idea of sacrifice is at the center of our faith. The disciples of Jesus were no strangers to this call to a life of sacrifice, although they often wondered, sometimes aloud, why they had to give up so much. We are all too familiar with Peter's question to Jesus as follows: "What about us who have abandoned everything and followed you?" (Matt. 19:27). Jesus assured him and the rest of the disciples of the glory that lies ahead. In today's gospel however, He decided to reveal to them a glimpse of that glory as he took them to the mount of transfiguration. They saw and were amazed, so much so that they wanted to live in that moment of glory forever. Lent is a time when we are reminded of the need to choose God over everything else. It is a time to forsake sin and all those self-destructive habits which create a barrier between us and God. The option for God must require some sacrifices, sometimes huge sacrifices. Yet, they are sacrifices that must be made if we desire a relationship with Him. As we continue this 40 day journey, we pray that God may open our mind's eye, to see like the disciples, what glory lies ahead for those who walk in His ways, and that He may grant us the courage, like Abraham, to choose Him over and above everything else, Amen.



## ST JUSTIN—ST MICHAEL GIVING TREE

The Outreach Ministry at St. Justin-St. Michael will have the Giving Tree remain a permanent fixture in the church as a reminder that we all must continue to help the homeless. **We will continue to ask for donations of: Socks, Hats & Gloves, Washcloths, Deodorant, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Hand Sanitizer & Rain Ponchos. Thank you so much for what you continue to do for the least of our brothers and sisters. If you have any questions, you can speak with Cheryl Lawrence.**



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

On February 4, Governor Lamont issued a new Executive Order which includes a provision for the "Relaxation of Limits on Religious Gatherings". It provides that "religious, spiritual, or worship gatherings, if held indoors, are limited to no more than 50 percent of the venue's capacity, and such services, if held outdoors, are limited to the number of people that can be accommodated safely by the venue or location, provided that all persons present at any such indoor or outdoor gathering wear masks, unless speaking from designated safe locations, and that a distance of 6 feet is maintained between all persons or groups not from the same household. "There are two things to be noted: We are now free to open our churches up to 50% capacity, and the precautionary measures for Mass in the Archdiocese (distancing, masking, sanitizing, no handouts, no congregational singing, etc.) remain in force. Pastors still have to exercise discretion as to what their churches can safely accommodate with regard to the number of people to be admitted.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Church on Fridays:

March 5 (6:00 pm); March 12; March 19; and March 26 (6:00 p.m.)

**LENTEN REVIVAL**, March 26, at 7 p.m.– 8:30 p.m., in the Main Church; And March 27, at 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m. in the Main Church

**PALM SUNDAY**, March 28, 10:00 a.m. Multicultural Mass.

**PALM SUNDAY DRIVE THRU**, March 28, at 1 p.m. at SJSM parking lot.



## SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

April 1-4 2020

## HOLY THURSDAY—April 1, 2021—Multicultural

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Adoration/Holy Hour—8:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

## GOOD FRIDAY—April 2, 2021

Procession, 12:00 Noon

Good Friday Mass, 3:00 p.m. Multicultural

## HOLY SATURDAY—April 3, 2021

Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 p.m. Multicultural

## EASTER SUNDAY—April 4, 2021

10 a.m. Multicultural Mass

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