

Kickoff Weekend | March 6-7, 2021

*Reaching Out,
Healing Together*



**2021 ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL**



MARCH 7, 2021



ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

Sunday, March 7, 2021: Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM In memory of Florine and Gulio Lundy, requested by Flo Lundy;
In memory of my husband Andrew Octave on this 28th Anniversary, requested by Antoinette Octave

Tuesday, March 9, 2021: St. Frances of Rome

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

Wednesday, March 10, 2021: Weekday

12:00 PM For all those who have died from this infectious Disease

Thursday, March 11, 2021: Weekday

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

Friday, March 12, 2021: Weekday

12:00 PM For our parishioners at St. Justin-St. Michael's
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Main Church)

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):

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of Gods many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

The Malta Food Pantry at

St. Justin — St. Michael Parish

Served 123 families this past weekend!

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

February 28, 2021

March 8, 2020

\$4,257.00

\$5,637.00

We are grateful for your contribution!

St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections



March 7: Monthly and Weekly
March 14: Maintenance and Weekly
March 21: Easter Flower and Weekly
March 28: Weekly

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, 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

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

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.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastor's Weekly Reflection

The giving of the Ten Commandments to the people of Israel through Moses was one of the most memorable moments in the history of the chosen people. After they had left their place of slavery in Egypt, having crossed the Red Sea, God decided to begin a new relationship with His people, and in doing so, He had to give them a series of commandments as a road map for this new alliance with them. As is evident from their past history, their greatest weakness was the frequent relapse into idolatry. The Ten Commandments begin with a recognition of that weakness and a reminder to place God above all else. Just in case they had forgotten, God reminded them of His mighty deeds that brought them out of Egypt, against all odds. The Decalogue is not something that most of us constantly meditate upon, although we should. As we continue on this Lenten journey, it is time to go back to the basic foundations of our faith. Fidelity to God is at the very core of that foundation. In a world in which we are constantly besieged by numerous concerns competing for our attention, it is time to ask ourselves once again, where is God in all these? Jesus demonstrates to us in today's Gospel that doing the will of his father was always His non-negotiable priority. At the risk of becoming a target of attack by the Jewish authorities, He went into the temple and drove out all the money changers who used their businesses to exploit the people. He knew quite well that the zeal to do the father's will would come with a price, and yet He would not be swayed. As Jesus unabashedly drove out of the temple all acts of profanity that were capable of desecrating it, we are reminded that we are the new temple of God. This 40-day period is a time when we are called to get rid of anything that is capable of destroying that temple. Jesus would put it in a much more graphic way when He says: 'If your right eye would cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into hell (Matt.5:29). This is a time for a deep soul searching, a time to excise those cancerous parts of our body-greed, envy, malice, un-forgiveness, lies, and many more. It is time to destroy them for good before they destroy us. Amen.



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

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

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)



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD 2021 ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend marks the start of the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you did not receive the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal request mailing, please pick up a packet at the rear of Church as you leave today. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

For the fifth year in a row, in 2020, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 200 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties. Organizations such as; **St. Justin—St. Michael Food Pantry, Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry, ImmaCare, Our Lady of Sorrows Food Bank, and many more** right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

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.

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