

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT



MARCH 21, 2021



ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

Sunday, March 21, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 AM Spanish
- 10:00 AM For the happy repose of the Soul of Jonathan McKenzie and the deceased members of his family; In thanksgiving to St. Joseph for protection and blessings for me, my children, and grandchildren requested by Lucilla Charles
- 4:00 PM Haitian

Tuesday, March 23, 2021: St. Turibuis

- 12:00 PM For the First Anniversary Memorial Mass for Delores VanDerbilt, requested by Flo Lundy

Wednesday, March 24, 2021: Weekday

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

Thursday, March 25, 2021: The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Friday, March 26, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM For those who are anxious and uncertain
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Main Church)
- 7:00 PM Lenten Revival (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):

"If anyone would serve me, says Jesus in today's Gospel, let him follow me; where I am, there will be my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

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

Served 128 families this past weekend!

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

March 14, 2021

March 22, 2020

\$3,547.00

\$1,225.00

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St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections



March 21: Easter Flower and Weekly
March 28: Weekly

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

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 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD 2021 ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2021 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastor's Weekly Reflection

The reality of the cross and its agony is becoming more and more imminent. Jesus is troubled by what is revealed to Him. Yet, He would not be swayed to choose otherwise because of the glory in the lot marked out for Him. The cross was only a part to His glory. In order to attain that glory, though, He had to first of all, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. These past weeks of Lent have been opportunities for us to fall to the ground and die in order to live. All the readings have been a constant invitation to a new way of life, to allow our old selves to die in order for a new one, cast in the image of the son of man, to live. Having crossed the mid-point of the season, the church looks forward in hope to the glories of the risen Lord. The prophet Ezekiel, in the first reading speaks of a new covenant, different from the old. In that new covenant, God's laws and ordinances shall be written upon the hearts of His people. All, from the least to the greatest, shall know the Lord. As we journey toward the peak of the paschal festivities, we must each ask ourselves: Are we ready for the transforming encounter? Are we ready for that new covenant with Him? Are we ready to share in that glory with Him? For the sake of the glory, Jesus was willing to forsake everything else. Are we ready to forsake those sins that have continued to create a barrier between us and God? This is a decision-making moment. Through this whole season, the grace of God has been poured upon us in abundance. We must not allow that grace to be in vain. God is once again appealing to us as He appealed to the chosen people through his servant Moses, in the following words: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse: therefore choose life, so that you and your descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19). 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 6:00 p.m. in the Main Church on Friday ; March 26

LENTEN REVIVAL, March 26, at 7 p.m.– 8:30 p.m., at the Main Church;. And March 27, at 9 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 SJSJ 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)



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.**

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