



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

AUGUST 15, 2021



ST. JUSTIN-ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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

Sunday, August 15, 2021: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 AM Spanish
- 10:00 AM Special intention for Kantius and Vanessa Joshua on their Anniversary; Wishing a Happy birthday to Vanessa Joshua
- 4:00 PM Creole (Parish Chapel)

Tuesday, August 17, 2021: Weekday

- 12:00 PM For Camille Spencer

Wednesday, August 18, 2021: Weekday

- 6:00 PM Outdoor Mass

Thursday, August 19, 2021: St. John

- 12:00 PM For the eternal repose of Monsignor Theophilus Okere

Friday, August 20, 2021: St. Bernard

- 12:00 PM For the eternal repose of Father Julius Mnegwa; For the eternal repose of Norris Taylor, Sr., on the 5th Anniversary of his passing; from the Family; For Cwen Williams blessings, thanksgiving, good health, wisdom and love on her Birthday, from her Nana, Judith Williams



SANCTUARY LAMP

Is Lit for:
Those who have died from the coronavirus this week.



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, Lloyd Francis, Jaya Emmanuel, Maria Francheshini, Tyler James, Mary-Ann George, June Young, Glenice Brooks, Outhone Ford, Gernett Goodison, Doloris Harper, Anthony Charles, Bernadette Pierre, Madeliene Nestor, J. Lorraine Tutler, Verona Tai, Patricia Beckford, Hazel Smalls, Eliza Ferrier, Sylvia Williams, Henry McQuiller, Ellen Dorosh, Mathew Nestor, Pearlina Williston, Ruth Williams, Carol Lightbody 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 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):

"After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship...She was called and gifted by God: she responded generously, creatively and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as 'handmaid' in terms of service and fidelity."

The Malta Food Pantry at

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Served 117 families this past weekend

August 8, 2021

August 9, 2020

\$3,839.00

\$5,078.00

OFFERING FOR THE WEEK



St. Justin-St. Michael Parish Sunday Collections

August 15: Maintenance and Weekly

August 22: Weekly

August 29: Weekly

ST. JUSTIN -ST. MICHAEL PARISH FUNDRAISER

The Parish Fundraiser, sponsored by the Finance Council, in collaboration with all Parish Ministries, has been moved to a **VIRTUAL EVENT**, because of the rise in the infection rate of the Covid-19 Delta Variant! The event will **start at 3:00 p.m.** on Sunday, September 12 (instead of 12 noon) to give parishioners time to get home after Mass and have lunch, since there will be **NO LUNCH** component of the event. We will still have the **Gospel/Jazz Concert** and **fabulous Door Prizes**, all done virtually! If you have already purchased a ticket, please **KEEP THEM**. They are your entries for the Door Prizes! **Every Ministry is encouraged to continue to sell all tickets** to parishioners, family and friends, and inform them of the changes. It is **IMPORTANT to keep a record of the NAMES and TICKET NUMBERS** for each ticket you sell. This will help us in the drawings of the door prizes. **VIRTUAL TICKETS** will also be sold on our website, which will increase our chances of making this event a big success. **Every Ministry is also asked to CONTRIBUTE** a Basket or other items to the pool of Door Prizes. We hope to have at least 10 prizes, worth a **MINIMUM of \$25 PER MINISTRY**. If you have any questions, please contact Alandy Penny, or any member of the Finance Council or Parish Council.

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Pastor's Weekly Reflection

One of our distinguishing characteristics as Catholics, besides our devotion to the Eucharist, is our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a devotion that has been subject to both praise and dispraise. And yet, it remains one of the crowning jewels of true Catholicism. While many of the criticisms leveled against Catholics as a result of this devotion focus on the perceived excessive devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the true *raison d'être* for the devotion is the recognition that she who was appointed and distinguished by God to play a special role in the history of salvation deserves the honor relative to her unique vocation. What this devotion does, in fact, is that it helps in advancing the divine purpose and mandate in recognizing and honoring Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Redeemer. In the solemnity of the Assumption, we celebrate the continuation of that privilege which started in her Immaculate Conception, by which God preserved her from the stains of original sin. The angel Gabriel, at the Annunciation, would recognize this extra-ordinary favor by which Mary is "Blessed among women". Over the centuries, Mary's blessedness has become cause for unending honor since, as she herself acknowledged in the Magnificat: "All generations shall call me blessed because of what the Almighty has done for me". Every Marian feast reminds us of at least three things: 1. That Mary's obedience to God is something to be celebrated, as a significant moment in the history of salvation, 2. That Mary is not a distraction from God, but a true and powerful vessel through whom glory is brought back to God, 3. That when we fail to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as God Himself was the first to do, we miss one of the greatest opportunities we have as Christians to gain grace from God through her ceaseless and unfailing intercessions. May today's celebration therefore serve as a reminder for us to renew our devotion and honor to her whose 'Yes' brought us salvation. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.



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

As of Sunday (May 22/23), Archbishop Blair has announced there is an obligation once again to participate at Mass. Our churches can: Reopen to 100% capacity with no need for any specific social distancing. Both entrances are available to enter/exit the church. Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021, for those who are vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any indoor or outdoor events held at our churches. Those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention being given to the safety of young, unvaccinated children. We no longer need to do temperature checks at the door. Pew barriers (ropes) that were previously used to comply with social distancing can be removed. Floor decals will remain in place for now.

Liturgical Guidelines: Congregational singing is once again allowed, but masks need to remain on during singing and throughout the liturgy. The Sign of the peace can be announced but only to be exchanged without touching. The COVID-19 procedures for distributing Holy Communion will remain in place for now: Both the Priest/Deacon and those receiving are to wear masks. Communicants will receive the consecrated host in their hand, step to the side, lower their mask, consume the host, replace their mask, and return to their pew. Outdoor Masses continue to be an option and are allowed.

However, since the risk of infection still remains, the following individuals may decide not yet to attend church: those suffering from serious pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible to COVID-19; those who are ill or homebound or who are caregivers in close contact with someone who is; those who have tested positive for any contagious disease, including COVID-19; and those who are in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion, or who reside with someone who is quarantined.



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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