



Welcome to
Saint Gianna Parish
St. Brigid Church
St. Mark the Evangelist Church
St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School

February 3, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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The Celebration of the Grace of God Through The Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the parish Administrative Center in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: By appointment, or on Saturday St. Brigid 3-3:30; St. Mark 3:15-4:00.

Communion: For parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized, contact the Administrative Center.

Marriage: Please call the Administrative Center six months in advance of proposed marriage date to make arrangements.

Holy Orders: Please call the Office of Vocations (860) 242-5573 or www.hartfordpriest.org. You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, February 2, 2019

- 4:00 PM* James Tracey, 30th Anniversary, by the Tracey Family—SB
4:30 PM For the Soul of Joseph Le Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SM

Sunday, February 3, 2019

- 8:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
10:30 AM Raymond Aneiro, by the Aneiro Family—SM
11:00 AM Joseph and Bridget Quinn by Their Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, February 4, 2019

- 8:30 AM* Repose of the Soul of Lillian Sussilleaux—SB
9:00 AM Rev. James O'Brien—SM

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

- 8:30 AM* Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

- 8:30 AM* Special Intention for the Purification of Our Church—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Anthony M. Fracasso—SM
10:00 AM SH

Thursday, February 7, 2019

- 8:30 AM* SB
9:00 AM SM

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, February 8, 2019

- 9:00 AM* Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy—SM

Saturday, February 9, 2019

- 8:30 AM* SB

4:00 PM Dr. Joseph Formeister by His Family—SB
4:30 PM Rev. Carlos Garces-Henao—SM

Sunday, February 10, 2019

- 8:30 AM* SB
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM
11:00 AM Carmine and Anna Giammarco by Their Children and Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

SB=St. Brigid;
SH=St. Helena;
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist



You may be wondering “What is the meaning behind the decorations we are seeing on the St. Mark church grounds?”

Our Vietnamese brothers and sisters are preparing for the celebration of their lunar New Year, or “Tet.” For Vietnamese Catholics, Tet is a mix of culture, religion and tradition. It is their biggest cultural celebration of the year. This year Tet will be celebrated February 1-3.

Please keep them in their prayers as they prepare for this important occasion.

huc mung nam moi! Happy New Year!

As the new year begins and the old year is put to rest, all Vietnamese rejoice in their most important holiday—New Year. The living pay homage to the dead, and the younger community members honor their elders. Families are reunified; the coming of spring and the planting season are celebrated. This is a time for relaxation, joy and hope. Tet is the time to settle past mistakes and start anew. It is the height of feasting, parties and gift-giving—especially for children, who are rewarded with red envelopes containing “lucky money.”

Traditionally, this was the time when everyone counted himself or herself one year older. Houses are meticulously cleaned, business accounts are settled, homes are decorated with flowers and budding saplings and everyone buys new clothes. To celebrate the New Year as a family is an essential part of the Vietnamese experience and a way of validating one’s place in the most important group—the family. People visit family and friends, eat special holiday dishes, give gifts, and play games of chance. Firecrackers welcome the New Year. A good Tet augurs a good year ahead.

Tet to the Vietnamese culture is often described as a combination of New Year’s Day, Christmas, birthdays, Easter, Thanksgiving and Fourth of July. Not only is it a time for reunion with family but also for material and spiritual renewal. Its traditions, folklore, cuisine, music and dances harken back centuries in Vietnamese history and are central to Vietnamese culture.

Excerpts from Fr. Devine’s homily on the local publicizing of priests’ names connected with the sexual abuse of young people—given at St. Brigid 26-27 January—are available in the vestibules of our churches.

from Father Devine... (a message composed in January 2011!)

STATE OF THE UNION...STATE OF LIFE

In the President’s State of the Union message this past week, there seemed to be a conciliatory, peace-making tone, i.e., *let’s bear with one another and hang in there together, for the good of our nation, even though we may disagree and have opposite view points.*

That’s not a bad way of understanding how our Church works, as well. The Lord Himself spoke of there being many rooms in His Father’s house. Our daily challenge and opportunity is to bring Christ’s love to all we meet – no matter what!

It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me!...
(Letter to the Galatians 2:20)

St. Gianna Parish Events

Mass Intention Bookings at St. Mark

Please note that intentions for St. Mark Masses are to be booked at the Administrative Center effective January 1, 2019. The Masses will continue to be celebrated at St. Mark.

THANK YOU!

The Social Action Committee thanks all those who made or brought sandwiches or contributed money towards "Sandwich Sunday" last weekend. A special thanks to our Knights of Columbus council and our CCD classes who made hundreds of sandwiches. We provided food for many hungry people in the Greater Hartford area.

SAINT BRIGID LADIES GUILD NEWS

To all members of St. Gianna Parish

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild is having a Valentine Craft Night at their February 4th meeting. Come join us as we have fun and make an easy craft for Valentine's day. We will have desserts after the crafts portions of the evening. A short Ladies Guild Meeting will begin the night. If you are planning to attend and can bring scissors and glue, that would be helpful.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, February 5 and Wednesday February 6. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please remember the request for "part-boiled rice" if you are donating rice. Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

SBLG Supper Club

Our February Supper Club will be Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6:15 p.m. at the ever popular Olive Garden at Corbins Corner. Call Maureen (860-521-0820) to be included in the reservation. And, if you would like to carpool or need a ride just let us know.

TAX STATEMENTS for 2018

Upon request only, we will mail out tax statements for the calendar year 2018. Please call Marie at the Administrative Center to request your Tax Statement. Our number is 860 236-5965.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN

Members of St. Brigid will be preparing and serving dinner to 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen Tuesday, February 5. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help with the cost, please put it in an envelope marked "soup kitchen" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Administrative Center during normal business hours.

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FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive the weekend of February 9 and 10. The drive begins on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and ends on Sunday from 8:15 to 11:15 am. Flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tuna, sardines, coffee, tea, canned fruits/vegetables, pasta and sauce are greatly needed. (Please do not leave any food in the church).

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark will be February 9 & 10. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

The Sandwich Ministry collection is the second Wednesday of every month in the parking lots of St. Peter Claver at 4:30 pm and at St. Mark at 5:00 pm. There is no longer a pickup at St. Helena. Can you make 10 simple sandwiches to help the Hartford shelters? If you would like to join this ministry please call Susan at 860-561-3648.



PARISH ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE

Amount pledged: \$ 59,698.26

Amount collected: \$58,817.01

Number of contributors: 292

Percentage Contributing: 23.19%

Total number of potential contributors: 1,259

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

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LADIES OF ST. GIANNA PARISH, our **ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat will be March 8 to 10th. The theme is "The World Will be Saved by Beauty." Come for the weekend or Commuter Saturday only (March 9th). Cost is \$265 for the weekend, or \$130 for Saturday only with a nonrefundable \$65 registration fee. Any questions, contact Laurie-Ann Templeton at 860-953-4063 or call the retreat house at 860-677-8519 or go to www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT at OLC: "Do Not Be Afraid of Holiness", from 9am on Sat., Feb. 9th to 12 noon Feb 10th, 2019. For more info, call 860-677-8519 or go to www.ourladyofcalvary.net

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila



January 2019

Reverend Joseph Devine
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Dear Father Devine,

Thank you very much for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$1,251 from the people of *Saint Gianna (Beretta Molla) Parish*.

On World Mission Sunday, your parish community joined with Catholics throughout the world in support of the work and witness of the Mission Church, through which the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

Please continue your connection with Mission Church year round through MISSIO. Learn more about connecting your parish directly with those laboring in the Missions at missio.org.

Again, I am most grateful to you for encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parishioners. Know that you and they remain in my prayers - and in the prayers of those they help in the Missions.

Sincerely,
Reverend Robert B. Vargo
Archdiocesan Director



St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation classes will be held Sunday, February 10, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Brigid/St. Augustine Partnership School.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Boy Scouting Sunday

Tuesday: St. Agatha; Chinese New Year 4717

Wednesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

GENERATIONS OF FAITH IN FEBRUARY

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, February 10th at 4:00 or Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 for a Generations of Faith program. Our topic this month will explore the longest story in the Gospel of John, the rising of Lazarus. Jesus gets to the tomb four days after Lazarus was buried. Those present at the scene saw Jesus' power over death and the grave. The raising of Lazarus is a foreshadowing of Jesus' own passion and resurrection. Don't miss the discussion and how the study applies to our own attitude about death and resurrection. Email or call us at St. Mark.

RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

Would you like to learn about the history behind the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What does the church teach us about this most "maligned" sacrament? Everyone is invited to a talk on Sunday, March 3rd at 10:00 in the St. Mark Pastoral Center for information and discussion. The parents of students in the Reconciliation classes at St. Brigid and the parents of students at St. Brigid/Augustine school will be joining us along with the students enrolled in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Mark Church.

MUNSON CHOCOLATE SALE

Forms for Easter candy from Munson's will be distributed at the February GOF and at church. The candy is delicious and the proceeds go to support the Religious Education Programs here at St. Mark. A big thank-you to Heather McGann and family for their efforts in running the sale.

ADULT EDUCATION

Mark your calendars for the return of Adult Bible Study at St. Mark. The topic this year is the Gospel of John. Presenter, Charles Conaghan, will resume his classes on Wednesday, March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 4 of the St. Mark Pastoral Center.

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AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.