



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

February 17, 2019
The Sixth 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.

MassSchedule

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Saturday, February 16, 2019

4:00 PM Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nhan and Family—SB

4:30 PM Rico Volpe, 10th Anniversary/Birthday, by His Wife Annette and Sons, Rico and David—SM

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:30 AM John Peluso by Lucy and Family—SB

10:30 AM Rev. Genaro J. Testa—SM

11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, February 18, 2019

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Rev. Alfred R. Merusi—SM

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

8:30 AM SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Rev. William J. Topor—SM

10:00 AM SH

Thursday, February 21, 2019

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Rev. Lawrence J. Leclair—SM

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, February 22, 2019

9:00 AM Teresa Roncaili, Happy Birthday, by Barbara Judycki —SM

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:30 AM Agnes and Bryan Witlicki by Their Children and Grand-children—SB

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

4:30 PM Mary Preneta by Bob and Pat Hilliard-SM

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:30 AM SB

10:30 AM Jane DiToronto, 20th Anniversary, by Her Family—SM

11:00 AM Francesco Cerone by His Family—SB

11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

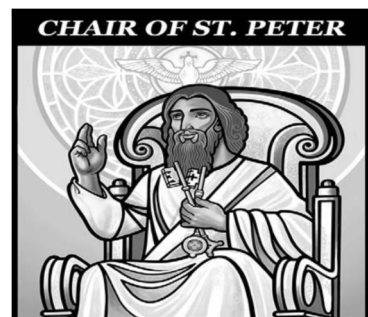
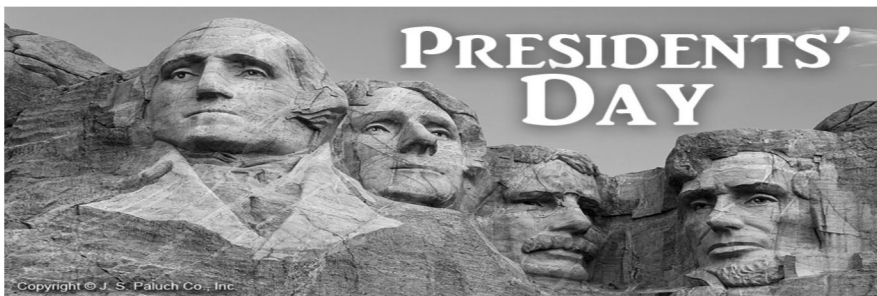
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

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

from Father Devine...

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me,
Sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me...*

Christ is present everywhere and in everyone – our faith teaches, and thus we believe. This truth does mean that there are times when it is not easy to see Him, particularly in challenging situations and in difficult people. There are “difficult” people present in just about every Mass – in every parish...and there are different ways they can disturb us with their presence. It may be a person who has had too much to drink on a particular day...or a person having a very bad day and unable to control their tears...or someone who bellows hymns out of key, and Mass responses out of sync with the rest...or an epileptic individual unable to control their bodily gyrations...or an individual/group who shows insensitivity to others. In these, as well as in other situations, Christ is nevertheless present - in His “distressing” disguise. I know this, and you know this. Being aware of this together, let’s do our best, as a parish community and as individuals, to be Christ to them!



PLEASE NOTE: to email Karla, please use karla@saintgiannaparish.org. The stbrigidchurchwhct@sbcglobal.net has been shut down by Yahoo. She cannot access it and you therefore will not get a response. Thank you for your understanding.

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS will be *awarded by* **THE CATHOLIC GRADUATES CLUB OF GREATER HARTFORD, INC.**

AMOUNT: \$2,000 for one year – **2019-2020**

ELIGIBILITY: Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2019

BASIS FOR SELECTION: NEED-SCHOLARSHIP-CHARACTER LEADERSHIP-ACHIEVEMENT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2019

SEE YOUR PRINCIPAL or COUNSELOR or go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org

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.

SAINT BRIGID LADIES GUILD NEWS 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.

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is Friday February 22. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.

To all members of St. Gianna Parish

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild is having a Mardi Gras Party at their March 4th meeting. Come join us as we have fun. We begin the evening with a short Ladies Guild Meeting. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATES: ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The St Brigid Knights of Columbus is having their annual St Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday March 9th. Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of February 23/24 after the Masses and at the Administrative Center. Treat yourself to corned beef, cabbage and more, all home cooked by the Knights!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The St Mark Knights of Columbus Council is having their annual St Patrick's Day dinner dance on Saturday March 23rd. Please join us after the 4:30 mass at 5:30 for a great night of music, a performance from Irish step dancers, and a full corned beef and cabbage dinner to be served at 6:30. BYOB. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 dollars at the door, and \$7 for kids 10 and under.



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for Adoration March 1 at St. Mark's after the 9:00 a.m. morning Mass. Our gift of our time is precious to Jesus and His gift of Himself is priceless to us. All are welcome.



BOOK STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to participate in a 6-week book study/discussion group on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, "Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate)."

The group will meet on Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 Mass at St. Brigid's, and will run from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in McMahon Hall starting March 5th through April 9th (weather date, Tuesday, April 16).

Registration is required through the Administrative Center at (860) 236-5965. Except for the price of the book, there is no charge for the program. Maria Roja, a parishioner at St. Brigid, will facilitate group discussion.

If you plan to attend, please order your book directly from: Amazon.com (type in: **The Word Among Us Press – Rejoice and Be Glad** in the book search bar); or through Barnes and Noble.com (type in: **Rejoice and Be Glad - Pope Francis** in the book search bar). Please plan to read the short Introduction, Chapter One and review the questions for Chapter One in the Study Guide located in the back of the book before we meet on March 5th.

LADIES OF ST. GIANNA PARISH

Our **Annual Women's Retreat** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House 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.

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.
—St. Louise de Marillac

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 1 -3 in Litchfield, CT** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Sheehan Hilborn Breen will Continue until further notice as a Food and Personal Care Collection Site to Benefit the West Hartford Food Pantry 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford

Most needed items: (canned fruit, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, cold cereal, soups and personal care products) Please be sure items are not expired.

Bring your items to Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home 1084 New Britain Avenue West Hartford from 9 am -4 pm Monday - Friday. Please place the items in the container just inside the back door. Or if you prefer, call us and someone will come out to your car to pick up the items. 860-561-3800

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main St., West Hartford, offers Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 8 am to 6 pm in our newly built Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. All are welcome to participate with us and spend some quiet time in the presence of Jesus. We encourage you to come for whatever amount of time fits your schedule. Come see and experience our new chapel. Come find peace, comfort and clarity in the presence of Jesus Christ. For more info, visit www.sttimothywesthartford.com.

THANK YOU!

The Social Action Committee thanks all those who donated food or made monetary donations during the Food Drive we had last weekend. Immaculate Conception Shelter and the South Park Inn were greatly appreciative of St. Brigid's generosity. Many hungry people in the greater Hartford area will now have food to eat.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”

— Luke 6:20-21a



St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION REMINDER

CANCELLATION OF CCD CLASSES DUE TO BAD WEATHER WILL BE MADE KNOWN BY TV CHANNELS 3, 8 and 30. Wednesday snow closings will follow West Hartford closings and early school closings.

CCD REMINDER

There will be No CCD classes for St. Brigid and St. Helena students on Saturday, February 16 and Monday, February 18, respectively, due to Winter Vacation. Classes will resume the following week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

THANK YOU TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Confirmation students and parents at St. Mark Church want to thank our wonderful St. Mark community and the Knights of Columbus for the donation from the proceeds of their Chrysanthemum sale for our retreat at Holy Family. Also, thank you for the send-off breakfast for parents and students, which gave us an opportunity to prepare for the retreat and involve parents.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Saturday: St. Polycarp

