



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

February 23, 2020
The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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See inside the Bulletin for details

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 22, 2020

- 4:00 PM Mom, Dad, and Richard Woods by Their Family—SB
4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

Sunday, February 23, 2020

- 8:30 AM Theresa and Bart Roncaioli by Their Daughter—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Mary Preneta by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM
11:00 AM Francesco Cerone, Happy Birthday, by His Family—SB
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, February 24, 2020

- 8:30 AM Patricia Sweeney by Francis Pajot—SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

- 8:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Rosemary Fleming by Francis Pajot—SB
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, February 26, 2020--Ash Wednesday

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Anne Crombie by Carol Crombie—SM
10:00 AM SH
5:30 PM SM
7:00 PM SB

Thursday, February 27, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, February 28, 2020

- 9:00 AM SM

Saturday, February 29, 2020

- 8:30 AM For Strengthening of Marriage and Families—SB
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

4:00 PM Edward Houle by Joe Glowacki—SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, March 1, 2020

- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Jane DiTaranto by Her Family—SM
11:00 AM Carmine and Anna Giammarco by Their Family—SB
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

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

St. Gianna Parish Events

SBLG TRAVEL GROUP

Join us on a 4-day, 3-night trip to Maine, June 16-19. Per person costs are: \$410 double occupancy, and \$544 single occupancy.

Included: Round-trip motorcoach transportation, five nights lodging, three breakfasts and three dinners, and driver gratuities. Fliers with details are available in the vestibules. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). A \$75 per person deposit is due when reservation is made. Thank you.

On Vacation



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MONDAY MORNING CONFESSIONS

Effective March 1, Monday Confessions (SB) will be available only on the 3rd Monday as part of the scheduled Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Brigid. *Remember, individual Confessions can be arranged for almost any time and day by individual appointment.*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus is having their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday March 7th. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after the Masses and at the Administrative Center. Treat yourself to corned beef, cabbage and more, all home cooked by the Knights!



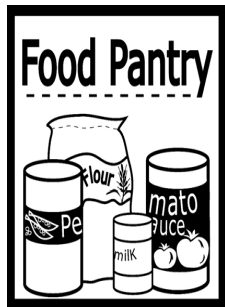
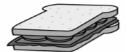
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MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday March 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 call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

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. 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.



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MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark is March 7 and 8. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM

You are invited to join Maria Roja and Sue O'Brien as they present a two-part program on the 4 Women Doctors of the Church (TERESA OF AVILA, CATHERINE OF SIENA, THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HILDEGARD OF BINGEN) on Wednesday March 18TH and Wednesday March 25TH from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish Center. All are welcome. **Registration is required:** Contact Maria Roja AT (860) 561-3263 (Leave a message **slowly** stating your full name and phone number) OR EMAIL: mrlu795pc@gmail.com.

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St. PATRICK'S NIGHT

The St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10267 present St.



Patrick's Night on Saturday March 21 at St. Mark's Parish Center. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner (byob) begins at 6:30 pm. There will be Irish step dancing at 7:30 pm by the Griffith School and at 8:30 pm dancing to live music by the Stay Tuned Band. Tickets are \$17.00 (\$7.00 for children 10 years of age and under). Tickets will be sold at all the Masses beginning this weekend or contact Jim Birmingham at 860 233-3058. We'll see you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite’s “Lenten Announcement” sounds surprising: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!” Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: “Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don’t be jealous.” A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (Leviticus 19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called “practical realities of life.” Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better “become a fool,” because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This “foolishness” continues in the Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “So be perfect,” says Jesus, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (5:48).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23;
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Elementary and Middle School classes are not in session this Sunday February 23. Our next class is scheduled for Sunday March 1st at 9:00 in the Parish Center. Please mark your calendars: Palm Sunday April 5th will be an all grades religious education Mass and the children will be carrying palms as they lead the procession into Church.

Confirmation Prep News: Our next Confirmation Prep class will be this Sunday February 23 at 6:30 in the Parish Center. We are also having class on Sunday March 1st. The Saint essay is due at the February class and the 10th graders have a request for Confirmation letter due on March 1st. All the details are in your Confirmation folder which was given out on the first day of class. If you have any additional questions, please email Mrs. Everett at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com. Any student looking for Confirmation Service hours is invited to come early to class on February 23 at 5:30 to help in the parish center. Snacks will be provided.

Children's Liturgy will continue to meet during the Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass. We just received a new carpet for these classes and we have a few more ideas to "spruce up" the area. Special thanks go out to all our wonderful Catechists and teen helpers who volunteer their time to this awesome program.

CBS 075 Making Sense of the Bible will not be meeting this week. Our next class is scheduled for Sunday March 1st at 12:30-2:30. This class also meets on Wednesday March 3rd at 9:30-11:30. Students need to only attend one of the classes each week they are offered. We will be exploring the theme of "covenant" found so often in the Bible.

Generations of Faith: Our Generations of Faith Reunion needed to be postponed. We are working on securing a new date. Please keep us in your prayers as we reschedule this event.

Sandy Everett will be out of town the week of March 2nd as her daughter is scheduled to give birth. She will be unavailable by phone, but feel free to contact her via email with any questions or concerns.

Any Religious Education Class Cancellations due to weather will be broadcast on WFSB.

Lenten **fast** and **abstinence** regulations :

fasting = 1 substantial meal, plus 2 other *light* meatless meals allowed
mandatory on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
encouraged on other days of Lent
persons 18 - 60 years old

abstinence = no meat, or even soup/gravy made from meat
mandatory on Ash Wednesday, Lenten Fridays, & Good Friday
persons 14 years & older

St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School

Pre-k thru 8th grade

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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 20-22, 2020 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.