



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

February 24, 2019  
*The Seventh 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 23, 2019*

- 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

## *Monday, February 25, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Katherine Gray by Her Mother-in-Law—SB  
9:00 AM Msgr. Charles W. Daly—SM

## *Tuesday, February 26, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Anne Crombie by Carol Crombie—SB  
  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Wednesday, February 27, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Catherine “Kit” Henneberry by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB  
9:00 AM Rev. Stanislaus A. Kwasnik—SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, February 28, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Repose of the Soul of Madeline Waddell by Her Niece—SB  
9:00 AM Msgr. Michael W. Barry—SM  
  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, March 1, 2019*

- 9:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Gertrude Pulvertaft by Her Grand-daughter—SM

## *Saturday, March 2, 2019*

- 8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—SB  
  
4:00 PM John Chaponis, 5th Anniversary, by His Family—SB  
4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

## *Sunday, March 3, 2019*

- 8:30 AM SB  
10:30 AM The Pageotte/LePage Families by Lonni Bos—SM  
11:00 AM Rosa and Cristino Ficocelli by Their 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...*

## HOLY WEEK PLANNING 2019

Considerations to remember...

--As you know, there are three pastoral communities comprising St. Gianna Parish: Anglo-American, Syro-Malabar, and Vietnamese. To some extent, there are barriers of language and culture separating them. Each one of these three groups celebrates the Holy Week ceremonies in their own language and ritual – separately.

--From a Vatican instruction on Holy Week, given in 1988:  
*...It is recommended that ... parishes should assemble, as far as possible, in a principal church and participate in the (Holy Week) celebrations there ... where a pastor has the responsibility for two or more (churches)...*

--The Archdiocese of Hartford also encourages the **consolidation** of Holy Week ceremonies wherever local circumstances permit and recommend (2018).

--The ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are ideally intended to be celebrated for a given group in the same church building for these three days.

--Deference and respect for Fr. Metzler, as well as other matters in our situation last year, permitted Holy Week ceremonies to occur in addition at St. Mark. As you are aware, Fr. Metzler is now retired.

Accordingly, with these points in mind... Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil ceremonies in 2019:

St. Brigid ... English language with Fr. Devine

St. Mark ... Vietnamese language with Fr. Andy

St. Helena ... Syro-Malabar/Malayam and English languages with Fr. Joseph

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### 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.

### BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.  
—George Herbert

**PLEASE NOTE:** to email Karla, please use [karla@saintgiannaparish.org](mailto:karla@saintgiannaparish.org). The [stbrigidchurchwhct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stbrigidchurchwhct@sbcglobal.net) has been shut down by Yahoo. She cannot access it and you therefore will not get a response (nor will your email be returned—it will just go off into cyberspace and you will think it's been received when it hasn't). Thank you for your understanding.

# 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

### To all members of St. Gianna Parish

The program for the Monday March 4 meeting of the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild is a White Elephant Bingo. For the first time in our history the participants are providing the prizes!

We are asking that everyone bring one wrapped White Elephant item --you can get as fancy as you wish. The meeting starts at 7 pm in McMahon Hall at Saint Brigid Church followed by desserts and the bingo. Call Beverly at 860-313-1498 if there are any questions. **Wear Green!**

## 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](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net).

## 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 this weekend and next 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 Saturday March 23rd. 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.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Altar Servers Needed

Saint Mark's is in need of altar servers, especially for our Sunday (Saturday) Vigil Masses. Servers should be fourth grade or older. It's a great opportunity for children to become a part of the liturgy. Training will be provided. Any age through high school is welcome to join. Call the Administrative Center or send an email to [stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Counters Needed

Are you free once a month on Sundays to help count the weekly collection from Mass? The count takes place during 10:30 am Mass on Sundays at St. Mark's with three people participating per Diocesan rules. Training will be provided. Call the Administrative Center or send an email to [stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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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](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://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](http://www.sttimothywesthartford.com).

**Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday Reflection: A Lenten Path to Holiness: Finding Wholeness in Our Spiritual Practices with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.:** During Lent we will once again hear the words "prayer, fasting and penance" as ways of growing closer to God on our Christian journey. How do we turn these words into deep spiritual practices that last throughout the year for all of us on this sacred pilgrimage of faith? Come explore this question and experience a renewal of the goodness that is within each one of us. Day program includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Both day and evening programs include the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass). **Offering: \$40, includes meal. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - 303 Tunxis Rd - W Hartford, CT**  
[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or call 860.760.9705 to register.



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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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

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

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
— *Psalm 103:8*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### MARCH GOF: SUNDAY, MARCH 10 @4:00 OR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 @ 6:00

Our March GOF is about Peter's encounters with Jesus. Peter isn't perfect and even denies Jesus. After stumbling and failing he learns and gives his life in service to Jesus and the conversion of people to Christianity. His life is an example of how the Holy Spirit will enlighten us and teach us what we need to know to be disciples in this world. Come to GOF and be inspired! Call or email us to reserve your spot.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The catechumen in our RCIA program were presented with the Creed and the Lord's Prayer this Sunday. They are studying and preparing for the Rite of Election to be held at the Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent. There will be a Rite of Sending from St. Mark on that day. Please keep them in your prayers.

### MUNSON CANDY SALE

If you did not get your order form at GOF there are forms in the Religious Education Office here at St. Mark's Pastoral Center and in the vestibule of the church. The proceeds will be used for the Religious Education Program. Last year some new tables were purchased to replace damaged ones.

### 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.

### ULTREYA

Looking for encouragement and support on your spiritual journey? If so, please join the Cursillo community for our monthly Ultreya on Wednesday March 6th at Sacred Heart Church hall, 66 Cottage St, Kensington, CT. We start at 7:00 pm with light refreshments and fellowship. Opening prayer is at 7:30. For more information, please access the Cursillo website at [HartfordCursillo.org](http://HartfordCursillo.org)

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**Responsibilities: Promote our events & fundraisers after church services.**

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**DO NO HARM**

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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