



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

March 8, 2020  
*The Second Sunday of Lent*

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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](http://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, March 7, 2020*

- 4:00 PM* Salvatore Mancini, 21st Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB  
*4:30 PM* Martha Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM

## *Sunday, March 8, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Beatrice and Pat McGill and John Augustine by Their Children and His Wife—SB  
*8:30 AM* Vietnamese Mass—SM  
*10:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM  
*11:00 AM* Ida Dellaripa, 5th Anniversary, by Flora Rovella—SB  
*11:45 AM* Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
*2:30 PM* Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Monday, March 9, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* SB  
*9:00 AM* Michael Sussilleaux, Birthday Blessings, by His Sister—SM

## *Tuesday, March 10, 2020*

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

## *Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* SB  
*9:00 AM* SM  
*10:00 AM* SH

## *Thursday, March 12, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Rita Felice, 1st Anniversary, by Flora Rovella—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM  
*6:00 PM* Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, March 13, 2020*

- 9:00 AM* SM

## *Saturday, March 14, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Norma Cronin, 1st Anniversary, by Her Family—SB  
*8:30 AM* Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
  
*4:00 PM* James Hickey, 30th Anniversary, by His Family—SB  
*4:30 PM* Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toce and Angelina Infante—SM

## *Sunday, March 15, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Francesco Abbatemarco, Happy Birthday in Heaven, by His Daughter—SB  
*8:30 AM* Vietnamese Mass—SM  
*10:30 AM* The Pageotte and LePage Families by Lonnie Bos—SM  
*11:00 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—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*

## LENTEN SEASON 2020

**Liturgy of the Hours:** Holy Hour/Solemn Vespers...all Sundays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (SB)

**Stations of the Cross:** 13 March - St. Peter Claver @ 7:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Confessions:** **Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
Mondays, 2 March thru 30 March / St. Brigid and St. Mark  
Monday, 6 April @ 6:30 p.m., Penance service/Confessions (SB)  
Saturdays... normal customary times in both churches

*No Confessions Saturday, 11 April, Holy Saturday*

**Educational series:** *Making Sense of the Bible*  
Sundays 15, 29 March... 12:30 p.m.--2:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 11, 18 March; 1 April 9:30 a. m. – 11:30 p.m.  
with Sandy Everett; St. Mark Parish Center

*Women Doctors of the Church*  
Wednesdays 18 & 25 March... 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
with Maria Roja and Sue O'Brien; St. Mark Parish Center

**Fasting and Abstinence:** *(see detailed notice elsewhere in this bulletin...)*

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*from Fr. Devine*

### THE DAYS AND WEEKS OF CORONAVIRUS

It goes without saying that the last week or two have not been easy for anyone. Worries, fears, uncertainty – these are not appealing daily staples, obviously. The downturn in emotional spirits, coupled with the uptick in anxiety and insecurity now accompany us.

In this (and any) situation, the ever-enduring Word of God speaks. Psalm 91 is a great place to begin, and reflect. A few other texts which come to mind are Psalms 23, 27, 46, and Matthew 6:25-34, Romans 8:31-39.

Additionally, there are these questions...

*Do I trust in the Providence of God and turn to God in my need?*

*Do I allow worry, fear or doubt to overshadow the strength and Peace that comes from God's presence in my life?*

*Do I lift up in my prayer the difficult people or situations that I encounter in my life and in the world, and do I surrender them to the care of God without judgement?*

# St. Gianna Parish Events

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

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

## CARING HEARTS EASTER DRIVE

An Easter Drive for our adopted families will be held next weekend, March 14 - 15. Items they can use include food, gift cards, paper goods, toiletries, Easter candy, laundry and dish detergent, food storage bags, kitchen garbage bags, small gifts or anything else you'd like to contribute. Donations may be left on the collection table in McMahon Hall on March 14 or 15. Our families continue to suffer from unemployment and multiple health problems and struggle to make ends meet each month. Anything you can do to help make their lives easier would be greatly appreciated.

## HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Now in *both of our churches*, we are equipped with a hearing assistance system for use during the celebration of Mass and other liturgical services. Equipment is available for loan/use—just ask for a receiver.

## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will be having a canned food drive for the 40 days of Lent. One can for every day of Lent is suggested (if you are able—all donations are welcome!) Suggested items: tuna fish, soup, peanut butter, pasta. Collected items will be distributed to food banks, and shelters.

## LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM

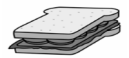
You are invited to join Maria Roja and Sue O'Brien as they present a two-part program on the 4 Women Doctors of the Church (TERESA OF AVILA, CATHERINE OF SIENA, THERESE OF LISIEUX AND HILDEGARD OF BINGEN) on Wednesday March 18<sup>TH</sup> and Wednesday March 25<sup>TH</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. 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](mailto:mrlu795pc@gmail.com).

## 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 personal appointment.*

**HOLY HOUR/ADORATION** will not be held in St. Brigid on Monday 16 March because of the Holy Hour and Exposition the evening before, on Sunday the 15th.

## 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.

## 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!

## SANDWICH SUNDAY

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" Sunday, March 22! We are requesting that families prepare sandwiches (any kind) to be distributed to the homeless through the Immaculate Conception Shelter. Please put the sandwiches in sandwich bags and label them. We will be at our usual drop off spot in front of the church between 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Questions? Call Steve at 860 236-1475.

## 2019 PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

On February 14, 2020, we filed the 2019 annual financial statements and 2020 budget for the Parish of St. Gianna with the Archdiocese of Hartford. Below is a summary of that report.

The results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2019 were as follows:

- Offertory revenue =\$532,884
- Other revenue =\$383,900 (Rent, investments, stole fees, gifts and donations)
- Total expenses =\$1,464,232
- Net operating loss for the year ended December 31, 2019 =\$547,448
- Investment appreciation (in value) = \$608,043
- \*Net overall bottom line for the year ended December 31, 2019 = \$60,595 (black ink)
- Subsidy of \$523,872 paid to St. Brigid/St. Augustine School for unpaid benefits from the past

For further information or questions, please contact Lynn Ryan by emailing [karla@saintgiannaparish.org](mailto:karla@saintgiannaparish.org). Lynn will respond to your questions through Karla.

Copies a more detailed version of the Financial Report are available in the vestibules of our churches.

### PARISH WISH LIST- 2020

No one likes to spend money – without knowing where it is going. Here is an opportunity, once again this year, to make a special offering to our parish, (in memory of a loved one, if you wish) and know *exactly* where the money is going! Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire. Contributors will be acknowledged. Also, once again our thanks go to all who have participated the last several years in this endeavor.

Hosts for Mass	\$2,600	parish annual cost
Altar wine	\$ 600	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$4,000	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles	\$ 400 (2 candles total)	parish annual cost
Missalettes/hymnals	\$ 6,000	parish annual cost
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights	\$ 500	parish annual cost
Incense	\$ 150	parish annual cost
*Church flowers/plants	\$ 2,500	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday)	\$ 300	parish annual cost

N.B., \*Church flowers listed here do **not** include those for Christmas and Easter, which are covered by our collections for those purposes.

‘Parish annual cost’ = the sum total for both St. Brigid and St. Mark.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

**Elementary and Middle School classes.** Our next class will be March 15th. Please mark your calendars: Palm Sunday April 5th will be an all grades religious education Mass and the children will be carrying palms as the lead the procession into Church.

**Children's Liturgy** will continue to meet during the Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass. We have added some new Catholic books to our space. 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** The Wednesday March 4th class has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 11th from 9:30-11:30. Students need to only attend one of the classes (March 1st or March 11th) We will be exploring the theme of "covenant" found so often in the Bible.

Please keep our third graders in prayer as they receive the grace of God during their first Reconciliation on March 21st.

### MARK YOUR CALENDERS! CT MARCH FOR LIFE!

On **April 15**, the first official annual CT March for Life will take place in Hartford. It is hosted by the national March for Life Education and Defense fund, the Family Institute of Connecticut and the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference.

The schedule is as follows:

**9:30 a.m.:** Doors Open – Bushnell Theater, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT Assemble for a Pre-March Short Program

**10:00 a.m.:** Pre-March Short Program begins at the Bushnell

**11:15 a.m.:** 1st Official CT March for Life – March begins at the Bushnell

**12:00 p.m.:** 1st Official CT March for Life Rally – Rally begins at the State Capitol

The patron saint of our parish, St. Gianna, especially promoted life in the womb, choosing to literally lay down her life so that her baby could live. Let us honor her by participating in this march in our home state. More information will follow.

**Please go to [ctmarchforlife.org](http://ctmarchforlife.org) to register.** Thank you!

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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Growing Together In Faith!



**OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020**

**9 AM TO 3 PM & BY APPOINTMENT**

**ENROLL TODAY!**

For Students in Pre-k thru 8th-Grade

**A Good Education is A Necessity not an Option**

**Open House Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**Or Call For An Appointment**

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**"Casa Abierta Diario"**

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## **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

We hope you can help meet our parish goal of **\$17, 370.00**. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.com/appeal>. No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.