



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

March 10, 2019  
*The First Sunday of Lent*

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*Reverend Tuan Anh "Andy" Mai, Pastor, St. Andrew Dung-Lac*  
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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, March 9, 2019*

- 4:00 PM Doris Pedro by Her Family—SB  
4:30 PM Rev. John Heller—SM

## *Sunday, March 10, 2019*

- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
10:30 AM Carmela Shea, 33rd Anniversary, by Her Family—SM  
11:00 AM Grace Popovich, Birthday Blessings, by Her Family—SB  
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Monday, March 11, 2019*

- 8:30 AM The Portonova and Antolini Families—SB  
9:00 AM Agnes Mahoney, 9th Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

## *Tuesday, March 12, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Anthony J. Francies by His Daughter, Marie—SB  
  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Wednesday, March 13, 2019*

- 8:30 AM For Healing from Cancer for Christine DeBritz by a Friend—SB  
9:00 AM Rev. James M. Boyle by Sister Barbara Allaire—SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, March 14, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Michael DeVita by the Samuelian Family—SB  
9:00 AM

- 6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, March 15, 2019*

- 9:00 AM St. Anthony, Thank You, By Sophia Gagnon—SM; **Stations of the Cross follows**  
6:00 PM Syro-Malabar Mass and Stations of the Cross—SH  
7:00 PM Town-wide Stations of the Cross—SB

## *Saturday, March 16, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Francesco Abbatemarco, Birthday Blessings, by His Daughter Antonietta—SB  
8:30 AM Syro Malabar Mass—SH  
4:00 PM James E. Hickey, 38th Anniversary, by His Family—SB  
4:30 PM SM

## *Sunday, March 17, 2019*

- 8:30 AM SB  
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM  
11:00 AM Maria Giuseppe Scaringi and Nunziata Cardilli 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*

# LENTEN SEASON 2019

## Lenten Season special events...

***Holy Hour and Vespers/Evening Prayer...Sundays @ 5:00 p.m.  
at St. Brigid Church***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation...Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
...in both churches...***

***Stations of the Cross...Friday, 8 March, 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Mark's Church***

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Catholic columnist Kathleen Choi on her own Lenten journey...

*Just for Lent, I'll ask God to control my tongue. Detraction and gossip will be off limits. That includes public personalities. Ranking on our government leaders isn't any nicer than dinging my neighbor. While my mouth is shut, I'll try listening more. I can't love all the people around me, but, just for Lent, I can listen to them.*

*Just for Lent, I'll be a patsy. I'll let cars into my lane, even when they should have shifted over 100 yards back. I'll put a quarter in the parking meter when I'll only be gone 10 minutes and treat the next customer. The shopper with three items can go ahead of me at the market, even if there is an express line nearby*

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## **PARISH WISH LIST- 2019**

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, our thanks to all who participated last year in this endeavor.

Hosts for Mass	\$1,900	parish annual cost
Altar wine	\$1,500	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$2,200	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles	\$ 250 / candle (2 candles total)	parish annual cost
Missalettes	\$5,500	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday)	\$ 400	parish annual cost

# St. Gianna Parish Events

## 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.

## 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 will be sold after St. Mark weekend masses.** Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 dollars at the door, and \$7 for kids 10 and under.

## 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, March 12. 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.

## 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.

## SANDWICH SUNDAY

The Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" Sunday, March 24! 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.



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*miraculous*



Encounters  
with  
Jesus

JOIN US

For the March GOF

Sunday, March 10, 4:00 PM

or

Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 PM

St. Mark Pastoral Center

For Registration information  
call 860-236-3545 or email  
[sheila.stmark@yahoo.com](mailto:sheila.stmark@yahoo.com)

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday 12 March, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

St. Mark Pastoral Center

### **2018 Parish Financial Results**

On February 15, 2019 we filed the 2018 annual financial statements and 2019 budget for the Parish of St. Gianna with the Archdiocese of Hartford. We reported an operating loss of \$392,864 for the year. This loss exceeded our budgeted loss by \$301,829. The main reason for the increase in the loss is due to the following:

- Economic down turn in the financial markets resulting in an unrealized loss on our PACT/Parish investments (\$85,352)
- Changes in archdiocesan accounting procedures requiring the archdiocesan cathedral tax of 2018 (\$70,055) to be reported simultaneously with the 2017 cathedral tax (\$83,000).
- Unexpected repairs to parish buildings - tree removal, boilers, sewers, parking lights, lock replacements, roof patching (\$48,382)
- Reduction in annual contribution as a result of notification of St. Helena closure - approximately \$30,000 or \$600/week

For 2019 we anticipate a net loss of \$164,671. To an extent, the above factors play into this.

In addition, the expenses at the St. Helena campus are gradually being transitioned to the Syro-Malabar community throughout this year. Proper, adequate and budget-conscious staffing in a changing church environment presents both an opportunity and a challenge.

For further information, or questions, please contact Lynn Ryan by emailing [marie@saintgiannaparish.org](mailto:marie@saintgiannaparish.org) and she will respond to your message.

Copies of the financial report are available in the vestibules of our churches.

### **ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION**

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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### **Fasting and Abstinence:**

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



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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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt  
5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;  
Rite of Calling the Candidates to  
Continuing Conversion; Rite of  
Sending;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;  
Girl Scouting Sunday  
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins  
Friday: Abstinence

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Everyone is invited to attend GOF this Sunday at 4:00 and Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00. Our topic is servant leadership as taught in the story of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Peter is our focus as he slowly becomes the "Rock" of the Church. Join us for an interesting study. Call us at 860-236-3545 or email us to reserve your time.

### MUNSON'S CANDY

Please bring your orders to the Generations of Faith program or to the St. Mark religious education office this week between 9:30-3:30. All of the proceeds will go towards our religious education program. Thank you for your generous support.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Classes will resume for the spring session of the Gospel of John taught by Charles Conaghan on Wednesday, March 27, April 3, and April 10 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the St. Mark Pastoral Center and enjoy the discussion.

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG EVENT

All children who are ten and younger are invited to the annual Easter Egg event on Holy Saturday, April 20 at 10:30. We begin in the hall with an Easter story followed by Easter activities in all the classrooms. Tape the cotton tail on the bunny. Do the bunny hop. Decorate an egg. Toss the ring on the duck. Capture an Easter plushy. Following these activities the doors will open for the egg hunt. There will be a separate area for the youngest children. Be sure to bring an Easter basket for this event.

The fast of Lent has no advantage to us unless it brings about our spiritual renewal. It is necessary while fasting to change our whole life and practice virtue. Turning away from all wickedness means keeping our tongue in check, restraining our anger, avoiding all gossip, lying and swearing. To abstain from these things—herein lies the true value of the fast. St. John Chrysostom

### INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.

—Anonymous

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Pre-k thru 8th grade

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### NEEDED!

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. thru Fri. 7:30 AM to 4 PM

For more info email: [athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net](mailto:athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net)

Or Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 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 **\$122,000**. 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.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements