



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

March 24, 2019
The Third Sunday of Lent

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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 23, 2019

- 4:00 PM Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nhan and Family—SB
4:30 PM Kevin P. McMahon by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM

Sunday, March 24, 2019

- 8:30 AM SB
10:30 AM The Giacalone Family by Their Family—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

Monday, March 25, 2019

- 8:30 AM Christa Weber by Her Husband and Family—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Michael A. Sullivan—SM

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

- 8:30 AM Eddie Batayte, 19th Anniversary by His Wife—SB
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

- 8:30 AM Michael Sussilleaux by His Sister—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Joseph A. La Penta—SM
10:00 AM SH

Thursday, March 28, 2019

- 8:30 AM Joan Godlewski by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Matthew R. Shanley—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, March 29, 2019

- 9:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Yoshi Okamoto by a Friend—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—St. Timothy

Saturday, March 30, 2019

- 8:30 AM George McClay by His Family—SB
8:30 AM Syro Malabar Mass—SH
4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Ruth Bail Fagnoli, 6th Anniversary, by Her Family—SM

Sunday, March 31, 2019

- 8:30 AM Emil Foley, 20th Anniversary by His Family—SB
10:30 AM The Moschella Family by Their Family—SM
11:00 AM Francesca Cerone by Her 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, 29 March, 7:00 p.m.
at St. Timothy Church***

from Father Devine...

*As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection in us....*

These words from one of the Church's Lenten prayers have much to say!

Consider the idea of *bringing something to perfection...this takes time, patience, perseverance, and ongoing hard work. A lot of care and tenderness is typically part of the picture too!*

This is how God deals with us...how faith works!

How about the way we treat and deal with... ourselves...other people...friends...strangers...even those who do not like us...

How closely does our treatment compare to God's style?

PARISH WISH LIST- 2019

Here is the latest (as of 18 March) listing of where we stand with Wish List donations. **THANK YOU** to those who have so generously donated, up to this point. Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire.

Hosts for Mass	\$1,700 remaining	(out of original cost)
	<i>(partially taken ... Thank you!)</i>	

Altar wine	\$1,300 remaining	(out of original cost)
	<i>(partially taken ... Thank you!)</i>	

Altar candles	\$2,200	parish annual cost
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Easter/Paschal Candles	\$ 250 / candle	parish annual cost
	(2 candles total)	
	<i>(candles already taken ... Thank you!)</i>	

Missalettes	\$5,500	parish annual cost
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Palms (Palm Sunday)	\$ 400	parish annual cost
	<i>(palms already taken ... Thank you!)</i>	

St. Gianna Parish Events

LADIES GUILD NEWS

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is Monday March 25. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.

LADIES GUILD MEETING

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is Monday April 1 at 7 pm. Our speaker will be a representative from the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame. All St. Gianna women are invited to join us.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday April 3. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please remember the request for "part-boiled rice" if you are donating rice. Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild Communion Breakfast is May 5 following their 8:30 am Mass at Rockledge Grille. Details will follow but mark your calendars now!

SBLG TRAVEL GROUP

Join us on a 6-day, 5-night trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk, VA, Monday through Saturday, October 14 to October 19. Per person costs are: \$645 double occupancy, \$865 single occupancy. Included: Round-trip motorcoach transportation, five nights lodging, five breakfasts and 3 dinners, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, dinner cruise in Norfolk, admission to Nautilus and Battleship Wisconsin, visit to Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center, and driver gratuities. Fliers are available in the vestibule. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422).

For Your Info...

If you like the recent handout—Word Among Us, as well as the Little Black Book from the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan—we encourage you to *personally subscribe for the future* as we cannot necessarily rely upon these "free" gifts from the publishers to our parish each year. Thank you.

Saint Mark the Evangelist Church Community wishes to acknowledge **Matthew DeLutrie**, who recently retired after being an Altar Server for nine years. Over the years Matthew faithfully performed his duties, not only at weekend Masses, but also on Holy Days and Sacramental Occasions. Thank you Matthew, and your family, for your many years of service.

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 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 if you are interested.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Please be sure to have your Flower Offering Envelopes in to the Rectory by Monday April 15th. Marie will be preparing this insert for the Bulletin this season.



Human Trafficking: From Awareness to Action

Did you know that the National Human Trafficking Hotline handled almost 9,000 cases of Human Trafficking in the U.S. in 2017?

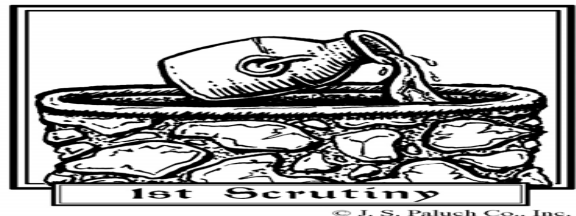
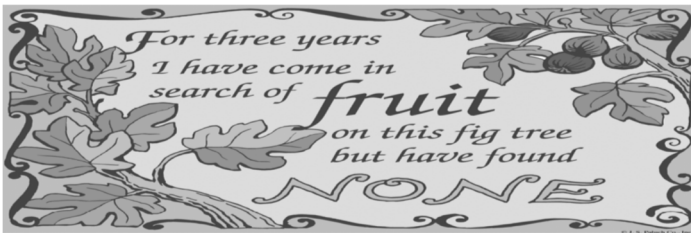
Nancy Strini, a member of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Human Trafficking Task Force, will make a presentation designed to raise awareness about this issue and opportunities for action. The presentation is appropriate for students in high school and adults. Please join us to learn more about the impact of Human Trafficking across our country and throughout Connecticut. **The presentation will be held at 7 PM at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 872 Farmington Ave. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

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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

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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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

Religious Education

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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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
— *Psalms 103:6*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalms 95*.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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.

St. Gianna's Easter Egg Hunt

Join us
Saturday, April 20
10:30 a.m.

St. Mark Pastoral Center

Kids collect eggs for their Easter baskets as they move from activity to activity, indoors. We will finish with a hunt for eggs outside on the lawn, weather permitting. Children ten and younger are invited to participate in the Easter fun.



Don't
forget your
basket!

