



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

February 2, 2020  
*The Presentation of the Lord*

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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 1, 2020*

- 4:00 PM SB  
4:30 PM Joseph Le Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SM

## *Sunday, February 2, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Armando Serrano by His Parents—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM  
11:00 AM Deceased Relatives, Benefactors and Friends by Fr. Devine—SB  
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Monday, February 3, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Lillian Sussilleaux, 11th Anniversary, by Her Daughter—SB  
9:00 AM SM  
6:30 PM *Prayer Service—Blessing of the Throats—SB*

## *Tuesday, February 4, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Howard and Catherine Robertson by Their Family—SB  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Wednesday, February 5, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Monica DiTaranto by Her Sister-in-law—SB  
9:00 AM SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, February 6, 2020*

- 8:30 AM For Peace in the World—SB  
9:00 AM Mary Jane Mukalel, 19th Anniversary, by Her Family—SM  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, February 7, 2020*

- 9:00 AM SM

## *Saturday, February 8, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Agnes and Bryan Witlicki by Their Children and Grandchildren—SB  
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
  
4:00 PM Dr. Joseph Formeister by His Family—SB  
4:30 PM Raymond Aneiro by the Aneiro Family—SM

## *Sunday, February 9, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Mrs. Pacifico Salvati by Her Husband—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM Thank you, St. Anthony by Sophia Gagnon—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*

## **BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Just a reminder, please: regular bulletin submissions are due by **2:00 p.m. on Fridays.**

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*from Father Devine...*

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you  
visited me, in prison and you came to see me...*

Christ is present everywhere and in everyone – our faith teaches, and thus we believe. This truth does mean that there are times when it is not easy to see Him, particularly in challenging situations and in difficult people. There can be “difficult” people present in just about every Mass – in every parish...and there are different ways they can disturb us with their presence. It may be a person who has had too much to drink on a particular day...or a person having a very bad day and unable to control their tears...or someone who bellows hymns out of key, and Mass responses out of sync with the rest... or a person wandering aimlessly down a church aisle during Mass...or an epileptic individual unable to control their bodily gyrations or noises. It could be someone who simply rubs us the wrong way for whatever reason. In these, as well as in many other examples, Christ is nevertheless present...in His “distressing” disguise. I know this, and you know this. Being aware of this together, let’s do our best, as a parish community and as individuals, to be Christ to them!

## **HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER**

Join us for holy hour and evening prayer **tonight**  
Sunday, 2 February at 5:00 p. m. (SB)



**EVENING  
PRAYER**

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING—**

Saturday, 8 February, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (SM)

For those of you who did not come to the Saturday 1 February session, please attend the session above!

The purpose of these meetings is to inform all ministers about the proper way to do Communion for the Sick/homebound visits, as well as to address other contingencies and questions related to all facets of Eucharistic minister service. A freebie will be given out! 😊

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Monday, 10 February, 6:30 p.m. @ St. Mark Parish Center



# *St. Gianna Parish Events*

## **PRAYER SERVICE: BLESSING OF THE THROATS**

In honor of St. Blaise, we will have a prayer service with blessing of the throats Monday 3 February at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid. All are welcome to attend.

## **MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD**

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, February 4 and Wednesday February 5. 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.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is holding a food drive the weekend of February 8 and 9. The drive begins on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and ends on Sunday from 8:15 to 11:15 am. Flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tuna, sardines, coffee, tea, canned fruits/vegetables, pasta and sauce are greatly needed. (Please do not leave any food in the church).

## **JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

### **Friday February 7th at St. Mark the Evangelist Church**

Is there a better way to spend some time than to spend it with our Lord? Visit after our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday February 7th. In this quiet season of winter, spend time with our Lord.

## **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

This month's food collection at St. Mark is February 8 and 9. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all parishioners, Ladies Guild members, Knights of Columbus and CCD teachers and students for your wonderful contributions to our Caring Hearts holiday drives. Your monetary support and donations of food, meals, gift cards, toiletries, gifts and household supplies made a big difference in the lives of our adopted families and brought them some much-needed holiday cheer. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

## **Save the Dates!**

Sr. Maryann Cantlon will present an 8 week course on the Gospel of John

Thursdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. St Peter Claver Parish Hall

Sign up after Masses at St Peter Claver or contact Gigi Frailey at [ggfraileyspc@gmail.com](mailto:ggfraileyspc@gmail.com)

In this 8-week course, we will explore the symbolism and spirituality of the fourth Gospel as well as the Christology that underlies it, and we will see how it can be a source of strength and nourishment in our own lives of faith. The community to which this text was first addressed will become our friends along with the characters John uses to bring about the gradual revelation of the identity of Jesus. The depth of this Gospel writer's theology is stunning; yet, at the same time, extremely simple. It is a text "ever ancient, ever new."



## **SAINT AGATHA (died 251)**

**February 5**

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

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## **A CHRISTMAS REPRISE**

The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

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## **The Presentation of the Lord**

**February 2, 2020**

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

— *Hebrews 2:17a*

## **THE ROAD TO GOD**

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Blessing of Candles;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
- Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time;  
St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
- Wednesday: St. Agatha
- Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

### **On Vacation**



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### **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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

**Elementary and Middle School Religious Education** Classes are in session this Sunday February 2 beginning at 9:00 in the Parish Center. Children will be dismissed to their parents from the Church at 10:15 so you are able to attend Mass as a family. Please remember to bring your folders and workbooks to each class. Our next class will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Confirmation Prep Classes** are not in session this weekend. Our next Confirmation Prep Class will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the Parish Center. All students are reminded that their Saint report is due at that time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Everett via email.

**CBS 075 Making Sense of the Bible Classes** have now been formed. We will be meeting every other week on either Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 or Wednesday Mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the St. Mark's Parish Center. Our first class will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. You only need to attend one class per week. Books will be distributed at the first class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy via email. **Since Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is Super Bowl Sunday, we have decided to start that class at 12:30.**

**Generations of Faith Reunion** will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the St. Mark's Parish Center. The program will feature a pasta dinner and a conversation around the upcoming season of Lent. Please bring your family and friends to this free event at our church. Sign up can be done at the exits of the church as well as via email to [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com) Please sign up no later than February 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can plan.

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

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

**Psalms** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

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## **HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Interested in giving back to your community?

Let us know! Volunteering is a great way to offer your time and talents to those in your community. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital are always looking for people interested in giving back to those in need. Apply now and get your name into our volunteer database for future placements. [www.stfranciscare.org](http://www.stfranciscare.org)

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