



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

February 9, 2020  
*The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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

# Mass Schedule

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## *Saturday, February 8, 2020*

- 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

## *Monday, February 10, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Edmundo and Carmela Ragone by Their Daughter-in law and Family—SB  
9:00 AM SM

## *Tuesday, February 11, 2020*

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

## *Wednesday, February 12, 2020*

- 8:30 AM SB  
9:00 AM Dianne Koproski by Sister Barbara Allaire—SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, February 13, 2020*

- 8:30 AM SB  
9:00 AM SM  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, February 14, 2020*

- 9:00 AM SM

## *Saturday, February 15, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Leonard Plourde by the Gendreau Family—SB  
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
  
4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
4:30 PM SM

## *Sunday, February 16, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Nancy Morin by Betty and Joe Ferreira—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM 11th Anniversary and Happy Birthday, Rico Volpe by His Wife Annette and Sons Rico and David—SM  
11:00 AM Cristino and Rosa Ficocelli, Anniversary, 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*

## BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

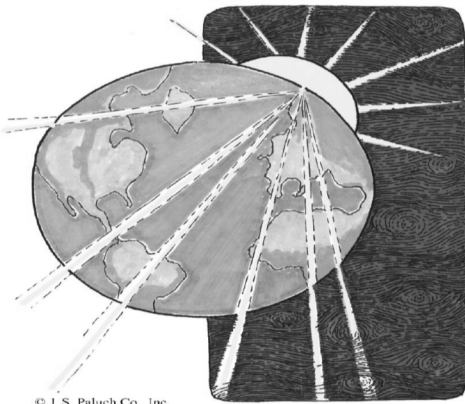
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*....Bishops have been surprised by the Pope's personal kindness. When 84-year old retired Bishop Peter Rosazza of Hartford, Connecticut, was faced with navigating the cobblestones of the Vatican in the cold and pouring rain, he heard someone calling out: it was Francis who was getting into his car with his driver about to close the door. He told Rosazza to get in the back and then dropped him at his next appointment at the Congregation for Catholic Education.*

As reported in the British journal, The Tablet, 16 November 2019 edition—page 27.

## PARISH COUNCIL

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



**Your  
light  
must  
shine  
before  
others**



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

Thursdays: February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. St Peter Claver Parish Hall

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."

## **CAMP VERITAS 2020**

Camp Veritas is a one week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7-12 grades. It will be held at 5 locations in 2020: June 29-July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland; July 19-25 at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-August 1 in Emmitsburg, MD; August 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL; and August 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opened 1/1/2020 and enrollment price for each camper per week is \$400 (until 4/1/2020) and \$450 after that. More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

# St. Gianna Parish Events

## FOOD DRIVE

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is holding a food drive **this weekend, 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).

## 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.

On Vacation

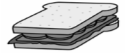


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## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

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.

## 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.

## LADIES GUILD SUPPER CLUB

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., St. Gianna ladies will meet at The Corner Pug, 1046 New Britain Avenue. If you haven't already signed up, why not consider joining us for fun company and comfort food at the cozy neighborhood Corner Pug? Please call by Sunday evening, February 16 to let us know you're coming! Thanks!

## COUNTERS NEEDED

St. Mark has a need for members of the parish to help count the weekly collection. It typically involves volunteering once a month on a Sunday morning for about two hours. You will be part of a team of three volunteers who count the donations and prepare them for deposit. The need for counters is immediate. No special skills are required. Current counters will train you. Please contact Keith Griffin at [stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com).

## WANT TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER?

There is an ongoing need for extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, especially at the Sunday 10:30 am mass. This is a special ministry as it involves the distribution of the body and blood of Christ. This is a beautiful opportunity for couples to serve a ministry together (but anybody is welcome). Plus, you're already at Mass. You just need to show up 15 minutes early. You'll most likely serve once a month, maybe more, depending on need. A class will be conducted by Father Devine and will be scheduled once we have a few candidates. The major requirement is you be an adult Catholic who has received confirmation and is a regular churchgoer. Please consider this important ministry. It is a spiritual way to give back to the community.

Contact Keith Griffin at [stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com).

## **SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947)**

### **February 8**

“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!” For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ.”

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### **GOD’S CALL**

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

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### **PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING**

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.

—Abraham Lincoln

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day  
Monday: St. Scholastica  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;  
World Day of the Sick  
Wednesday: Lincoln’s Birthday  
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;  
Valentine’s Day  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **February 9, 2020**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— *Psalms 112:4*

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;  
Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5,  
10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31,  
39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;  
Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;  
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,  
33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-  
22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Our next Confirmation Class will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please check your email for an exciting opportunity for Confirmation Students to be on the broadcast on ORTV of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Father Joseph.

**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.

**Catholic Biblical School 075 "Making Sense of the Bible"** classes will begin the first week of February. If you have signed up or expressed an interest in the classes, you should have received an email with all the information. If you have not, please contact Sandy Everett at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com).

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

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

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### SAVE THE DATES

Catholic Biblical School graduates Maria Roja, a parishioner here at St. Gianna Parish, and Sue O'Brien, a parishioner at Mary Gate of Heaven Parish invite you to join them as they present a 2 part program on the 4 Women Doctors of the Church, to be held at St. Mark's Parish Center, on Wednesday evenings: March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> 2020. PLEASE SAVE THE DATES and stay tuned. Details to follow soon.

### **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).

