



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

February 16, 2020  
*The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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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 15, 2020*

- 4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
4:30 PM Clara Weber, Birthday Wishes, by Bob and Hedy Klopfer—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

## *Monday, February 17, 2020*

- 8:30 AM SB  
9:00 AM SM

## *Tuesday, February 18, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Lucia Peluso by Her Daughter, Domenica—SB  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Wednesday, February 19, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vigliana and Mary by Connie Tillota—SB  
9:00 AM Dianne Koprowski by a Friend—SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, February 20, 2020*

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

## *Friday, February 21, 2020*

- 9:00 AM Patricia Morandes by the Scharpers—SM

## *Saturday, February 22, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Special Intention—SB  
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
  
4:00 PM Mom, Dad, and Richard Woods by Their Family—SB  
4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

## *Sunday, February 23, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Theresa and Bart Roncaioli by Their Daughter—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM Mary Preneta by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM  
11:00 AM Francesco Cerone, Happy Birthday, by His 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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*from Father Devine...*

### PREPARATION FOR LENT

The season of Lent will be starting shortly...heads up!  
As you know, this particular season is a special time for all of us followers of Christ.

What is your plan for the Lenten weeks?  
How will Lent best work for you this year?  
I encourage you to start prayerfully thinking now!

*Fasting...prayer...  
works of charity and service – financially or otherwise  
...sacrifice...acts of penance, reparation, and self denial...  
Reconciliation/Confession...  
Morning or afternoon of Recollection... Retreat day or weekend away...  
spiritual reading...silence...  
private visits to the Blessed Sacrament...daily Mass...  
Bible reading, study and reflection*

The tools are all there! May you choose wisely and well!



Sneak Peek....

Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, we will follow the “holy day” schedule here at St. Gianna. It is listed for your planning.

**St. Brigid:** 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

**St. Mark the Evangelist:** 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with ashes at the St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School  
will be at 10:00 am

**Ongoing:** Sr. Maryann Cantlon will present a course on the Gospel of John

Thursdays: February 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.”

# St. Gianna Parish Events

## 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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## 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!

Edie & Maureen

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## 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).

## SAVE THE DATE!

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 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!



## 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).

## THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

February 22

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

### CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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### CONSCIENCE

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

—George Washington

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5;  
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6;  
Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK**

**Elementary and Middle School classes** are not in session this Sunday February 16 or February 23. Our next class is scheduled for Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 in the Parish Center.

**Confirmation Prep News:** Our next Confirmation Prep class will be February 23 at 6:30 in the Parish Center. We are also having class on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Saint essay is due at the February class and the 10<sup>th</sup> graders have a request for Confirmation letter due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. All the details are in your Confirmation folder which was given out on the first day of class. If you have any additional questions, please email Mrs. Everett at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com).

**Children's Liturgy** will continue to meet during the Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass. We just received a new carpet for these classes and we have a few more ideas to "spruce up" the area. Special thanks go out to all our wonderful Catechists and teen helpers who volunteer their time to this awesome program.

**Televised Mass:** Mrs. Everett from St. Mark's and Mrs. Goddard from St. Brigid School will be attending the televised Mass celebrated by Father Joseph on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We plan to invite the Confirmation Prep students to the next televised Mass by Father Joseph on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CBS 075 Making Sense of the Bible** will be meeting on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30-2:30. Please note the time change going forward. This class also meets on Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-11:30. Students need to only attend one of the classes each week they are offered. We will be doing a critical reading of the Creation Accounts in Genesis.

**Generations of Faith:** Our Generations of Faith Reunion needed to be postponed. We are working on securing a new date. Please keep us in your prayers as we reschedule this event.

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

### **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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