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**2020 Archbishop's  
Annual Appeal**



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# Mass Schedule

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## *Saturday, February 29, 2020*

- 4:00 PM Edward Houle by Joe Glowacki—SB  
4:30 PM Angelina DePrericio by Her Daughter—SM

## *Sunday, March 1, 2020*

- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM Jane DiTaranto by Her Family—SM  
11:00 AM Carmine and Anna Giammarco by Their Family—SB  
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Monday, March 2, 2020*

- 8:30 AM SB  
9:00 AM SM

## *Tuesday, March 3, 2020*

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

## *Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

- 8:30 AM SB  
9:00 AM Fr. James Boyle by Sr. Barbara Allaire—SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, March 5, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Howard and Catherine Robertson by Their Family—SB  
9:00 AM Richetta Petrella by Her Family—SM  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, March 6, 2020*

- 9:00 AM Ernesto Cabral, 12th Anniversary, by His Wife—SM

## *Saturday, March 7, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Lorena Valasquez, 1st Anniversary, by Her Husband and Children—SB  
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
4:00 PM Salvatore Mancini, 21st Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB  
4:30 PM Martha Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM

## *Sunday, March 8, 2020*

- 8:30 AM Beatrice and Pat McGill and John Augustine by Their Children and His Wife—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM  
11:00 AM Ida Dellaripa, 5th Anniversary, by Flora Rovella—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 2020

Holy Hour/Solemn Vespers...all Sundays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (SB)

Stations of the Cross: 6 March - St. Thomas the Apostle @ 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation/  
Confessions: Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mondays, 2 March thru 30 March / St. Brigid and St. Mark  
Monday, 6 April @ 6:30 p.m., Penance service/Confessions (SB)  
Saturdays... normal customary times in both churches

*No Confessions Saturday, 11 April, Holy Saturday*

Educational series: *Making Sense of the Bible*  
Sundays 1, 15, 29 March... 12:30 p.m.--2:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 11, 18 March; 1 April 9:30 a. m. – 11:30 p.m.  
with Sandy Everett; St. Mark Parish Center

*Women Doctors of the Church*  
Wednesdays 18 & 25 March... 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
with Maria Roja and Sue O'Brien; St. Mark Parish Center

Fasting and Abstinence: *(see detailed notice elsewhere in this bulletin...)*

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*from Father Devine...*

## LENTEN MEDITATION 3...ONGOING HEALING

*...The Church, however, clasping sinners to her bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal...*

One of the truths of our human condition is that each and every person is an "unfinished product" - constantly in need of forgiveness, healing, and renewal...IT NEVER ENDS...here on this earth. The signs of the Lenten season: penance, prayer, and charity are really with us all year long. We need to be **patient** and **realistic** about ourselves, other people, and all human institutions - including the Church! (A dash of **wisdom** doesn't hurt either!) Such virtues are invaluable as we weather the storms that are unavoidably part of "the long haul" of life.

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## Re: Holy Week ceremonies and their location

A few have asked about the site/location of this year's Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) ceremonies.

If our Anglo community were alone in St. Gianna Parish, this matter would be a clear no-brainer – simply alternate year-by-year between St. Brigid and St. Mark. However, as you know, we have St. Andrew Dung Lac quasi-parish/Vietnamese community assigned to St. Mark on a trial basis thru 2023.

As such, St. Mark's is the one place they have for their worship; we obviously, as St. Gianna Parish, have two. Accordingly, within these boundaries, St. Gianna Easter Triduum liturgies will continue to be in St. Brigid for the foreseeable future.

# 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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## MONDAY MORNING CONFESSIONS

Effective March 1, Monday Confessions (SB) will be available only on the 3rd Monday as part of the scheduled Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Brigid. *Remember, individual Confessions can be arranged for almost any time and day by personal appointment.*

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus is having their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday March 7th. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after the Masses and at the Administrative Center. Treat yourself to corned beef, cabbage and more, all home cooked by the Knights!



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## MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday March 6. 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.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

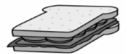
This month's food collection at St. Mark is March 7 and 8. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.



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## 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.



## 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).

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## St. PATRICK'S NIGHT

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 (byob) 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!

## PARISH ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE

(as of March 1, 2020)

Amount pledged: 61,961.07

Amount collected: \$60,461.07

Number of contributors: 299

Percentage Contributing: 35.18%

Total number of potential contributors: 850

## ST GIANNA PARISH EVENT

A special **Stations of the Cross for Families** is scheduled for Sunday March 1st at 7:00 in the St. Mark Church. These Stations will be family focused and led by Father Joseph. Parents and children are invited to attend. St. Mark's Confirmation Prep Students will be required to attend (beginning at 6:30) as part of their class. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Everett at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com)

This weekend marks the start of the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

For the fourth year in a row, in 2019, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 225 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

Organizations such as Catholic Worker House, Foodshare, Franciscan Life Center and House of Bread here in our area received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

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.com/appeal>. No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins  
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel  
Wednesday: St. Casimir  
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;  
First Friday  
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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## 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: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

## First Sunday of Lent

**March 1, 2020**

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve.”

— *Matthew 4:10*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

**Elementary and Middle School classes.** Classes will be meeting this Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 in the Parish Center. Our next class will be March 15th. Please mark your calendars: Palm Sunday April 5th will be an all grades religious education Mass and the children will be carrying palms as the lead the procession into Church.

**Confirmation Prep News:** Our next Confirmation Prep class is this Sunday March 1st at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Our class will continue over at the church at 7:00 for a teen themed Stations of the Cross lead by Father Joseph. Parents are invited to attend Stations of the Cross. Just meet us over at the church at 7:00. The Saint essay was 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 have added some new Catholic books to our space. Special thanks go out to all our wonderful Catechists and teen helpers who volunteer their time to this awesome program.

**CBS 075 Making Sense of the Bible** is scheduled for Sunday March 1st from 12:30-2:30. The Wednesday March 4th class has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 11th from 9:30-11:30. Students need to only attend one of the classes (March 1st or March 11th) We will be exploring the theme of "covenant" found so often in the Bible.

**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.

Sandy Everett will be out of town the week of March 2nd as her daughter is scheduled to give birth. She will be unavailable by phone, but feel free to contact her via email with any questions or concerns.

Please keep our third graders in prayer as they receive the grace of God during their first Reconciliation on March 21st.

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

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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## **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).