



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

March 15, 2020
The Third Sunday of Lent

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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, March 14, 2020

- 4:00 PM James Hickey, 30th Anniversary, by His Family—SB
4:30 PM Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toce and Angelina Infante—SM

Sunday, March 15, 2020

- 8:30 AM Francesco Abbatemarco, Happy Birthday in Heaven, by His Daughter—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM The Pageotte and LePage Families by Lonnie Bos—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 16, 2020

- 8:30 AM *Mass today is at the St. Brigid-St. Augustine School at 8:30 a.m.*
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

- 8:30 AM Antonio Mirabelli, 50th Anniversary, by His Family—SB
9:00 AM Verna Jean Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM
10:00 AM SH

Thursday, March 19, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Paul E. Marceau and Family, Living and Deceased, by Susan—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, March 20, 2020

- 9:00 AM SM

Saturday, March 21, 2020

- 8:30 AM Joseph Hoan Van Nguyen 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 The Giacalone Family by The Family—SM

Sunday, March 22, 2020

- 8:30 AM Maria Giuseppa Scaringi and Cardillo Nunziata by Their Grand-daughter—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Maureen Mylott, 1st Anniversary, by the Mylott Family—SM
11:00 AM Frances and Leo Beauchamp by Their Children and Grandchildren—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

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

Stations of the Cross: 20 March - St. Mark the Evangelist @ 7:00 p.m.

**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 15, 29 March... 12:30 p.m.--2:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 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...)*

from Father Devine...

“Brennan, you don’t need any more insights into the faith,” he observed. “You’ve got enough insights to last you three hundred years! What you have to do now is to *trust* what you have received.”

Isn’t that refreshingly simple?

Wherever we are at in our faith - our relationship with God, we all reach a point where only one thing is useful – TRUST. Trust goes hand-in-hand with gratitude and acceptance. It is very challenging, but also therapeutic and healing. Trust opens the door to lower stress – without medication...not to mention how highly God esteems it!

Another point – If you were to lose everything, (whatever that might mean to you), would you still trust?

St. Gianna Parish Events

CARING HEARTS EASTER DRIVE

An Easter Drive for our adopted families will be held this weekend, March 14 - 15. Items they can use include food, gift cards, paper goods, toiletries, Easter candy, laundry and dish detergent, food storage bags, kitchen garbage bags, small gifts or anything else you'd like to contribute. Donations may be left on the collection table in McMahon Hall on March 14 or 15. Our families continue to suffer from unemployment and multiple health problems and struggle to make ends meet each month. Anything you can do to help make their lives easier would be greatly appreciated.

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!

SANDWICH SUNDAY

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" next Sunday, March 22! We are requesting that families prepare sandwiches (any kind) to be distributed to the homeless through the Immaculate Conception Shelter. Please put the sandwiches in sandwich bags and label them. We will be at our usual drop off spot in front of the church between 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Questions? Call Steve at 860 236-1475.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will be having a canned food drive for the 40 days of Lent. One can for every day of Lent is suggested (if you are able—all donations are welcome!) Suggested items: tuna fish, soup, peanut butter, pasta. Collected items will be distributed to food banks, and shelters.

LAMB of GOD

St. Mark's Choral Concert and Lessons

Saturday April 4th, 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 4th at 3:00 p.m., St. Mark The Evangelist Choir will present "Lamb of God," a concert for reflection and prayer leading into Holy Week. All are invited to attend, and to join on a musical journey through the events of Holy Week, beginning with Jesus's Triumphal Entry from the Mount of Olives, and ending with His Crucifixion and Laying in the Tomb. The Choir, Directed by Gregory Flower and joined by guest readers, will perform works by Bruckner, Byrd, Handel, Palestrina and others, with readings from John, Luke, Isaiah, Mark, and Matthew.

NOTE ABOUT CONFESSION AT ST. MARK APRIL 4

The St. Mark Choral Concert on April 4th will cancel the regularly scheduled Saturday Confession time. For those wishing to have their Confession heard, there is opportunity Saturday 4 April from 3:00-3:30 at St. Brigid or the Monday 6 April Penance Service at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid—or you may make an individual appointment.

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April St. Gianna Parish St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is **Friday March 27**. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence

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 18TH and Wednesday March 25TH 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.

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.*

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Now in *both of our churches*, we are equipped with a hearing assistance system for use during the celebration of Mass and other liturgical services. Equipment is available for loan/use—just ask for a receiver.



PARISH WISH LIST- 2020

No one likes to spend money – without knowing where it is going. Here is an opportunity, once again this year, to make a special offering to our parish, (in memory of a loved one, if you wish) and know exactly where the money is going! Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire. Contributors will be acknowledged. Also, once again our thanks go to all who have participated the last several years in this endeavor.

Hosts for Mass (partially taken ... Thank you!)	\$339 remaining	parish annual cost
Altar wine	\$ 600	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$4,000	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles (partially taken ... Thank you!)	\$ 200	parish annual cost
Missalettes/hymnals	\$6,000	parish annual cost
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights	\$ 500	parish annual cost
Incense (already taken – Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	parish annual cost
*Church flowers/plants	\$2,500	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday)	\$ 300	parish annual cost

N.B., *Church flowers listed here do **not** include those for Christmas and Easter, which are covered by our collections for those purposes.

'Parish annual cost' = the sum total for both St. Brigid and St. Mark.

ST. BRIGID PASCAL CANDLE DEDICATION

This year's Paschal Candle at St. Brigid burns in memory of Andy Mank, Dick Kyle and Geri Olander.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Religious Education 1-8 grades: Classes will be meeting this Sunday March 15th at 9:00 in the Parish Center. 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.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS! CT MARCH FOR LIFE!

On **April 15**, the first official annual CT March for Life will take place in Hartford. It is hosted by the national March for Life Education and Defense fund, the Family Institute of Connecticut and the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference.

The schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m.: Doors Open – Bushnell Theater, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT Assemble for a Pre-March Short Program

10:00 a.m.: Pre-March Short Program begins at the Bushnell

11:15 a.m.: 1st Official CT March for Life – March begins at the Bushnell

12:00 p.m.: 1st Official CT March for Life Rally – Rally begins at the State Capitol

The patron saint of our parish, St. Gianna, especially promoted life in the womb, choosing to literally lay down her life so that her baby could live. Let us honor her by participating in this march in our home state. More information will follow.

Please go to ctmarchforlife.org to register. Thank you!

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

