



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

March 22, 2020
The Fourth 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.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21, 2020

- 3:00-3:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SB
- 3:15-4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SM
- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Monday, March 23, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SB
- 6:00-7:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SM
- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Thursday, March 26, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Friday, March 27, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Saturday, March 28, 2020

- 3:00-3:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SB
- 3:15-4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SM
- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Sunday, March 29, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Note: All “canceled” Mass intentions may be rescheduled for a later date once life begins to return to normal. :-) Throughout this period, as we celebrate private Masses, your Mass intentions will continue to be remembered.

*SB=St. Brigid;
SH=St. Helena;
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

LENTEN SEASON 2020

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

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into
my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You by sin. Amen.

COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) – POLICY FOR ST. GIANNA PARISH

All church door handles, pew tops, and hardcover hymnals are now regularly
being sanitized.

It is possible that the Administrative Center may be closed at some point
due to illnesses, and/or government directives. Messages left on the answering
machine consequently might not be returned in a timely fashion.

At this time, the updated bulletin continues to be available in our church buildings on the
reading tables. Depending upon the course of events, be aware that there might not
be a church bulletin, or it might only be accessible online at
saintgiannaparish.org.

Always remember, **LIFE GOES ON!** ...

as well as these tidbits from God's Word...

*God is for us a refuge and strength,
A helper close at hand in time of distress;
So we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea
The Lord of hosts is with us, The God of Jacob is our stronghold!
from Psalm 46*

St. Gianna Parish Events

SANDWICH SUNDAY

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is having a “Sandwich Sunday” this 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 GOES ON

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. Please leave a can if you come for private prayer or Confession. The needy still need you!

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.

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.



LAMB of GOD

St. Mark's Choral Concert and Lessons canceled due to CoVID-19. Confession at St. Mark will now take place on April 4 as scheduled

**CT MARCH FOR LIFE canceled due to CoVID-19
Please go to ctmarchforlife.org for further information**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and **Growing in Faith, Giving in Love**, by sharing your blessings.

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.

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 (<i>partially taken ... Thank you!</i>)	\$339 remaining	parish annual cost
Altar wine (<i>already taken – Thank you!</i>)	\$ 0 remaining	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$4,000	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles (<i>partially taken ... Thank you!</i>)	\$ 200	parish annual cost
Missalettes/hymnals	\$6,000	parish annual cost
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights	\$ 500	parish annual cost
Incense (<i>already taken – Thank you!</i>)	\$ 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.

ST. GIANNA ALTAR WINE DEDICATION

The Altar Wine for St. Gianna has been purchased in memory of Robert and Frances Ardini and Michael Bergan by the Ardini and Bergan Families

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ’s light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God’s “saintly surprise” in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives’ devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked “the shining example of San Toribio.”

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning
Human Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;
Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— *Psalms 23:1*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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A Note about the Sacrament of Confession and Funerals in this Time of Coronavirus

The Archdiocese has made clear that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will continued to be held during the time when Mass has been suspended. (see “Church Services” elsewhere in this bulletin)

Funeral Masses have been suspended at this time as well. Wake services at funeral homes are not to be recommended. Graveside services are still permitted, limited to immediate family, and close friends only, and their number must be in keeping with limits established by civil authorities. Remember, there is always the option of having a Memorial Mass celebrated at a later time after the burial.

PRAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

—William McGill

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

