



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

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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, January 2, 2021

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 AM Joyce Choinere by Annarita and Jerry Erwin—SB

10:30 AM

11:00 AM The Deceased of the Preli Family—SB

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:30 AM Angelina Cassatta by Lucy Peluso and Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:30 AM Frank Rovella by His Wife and Family—SB

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:30 AM Marie Batista by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:30 AM Carol Harding by Annie—SB

9:00 AM SM

4:00 PM SB

Friday, January 8, 2021

9:00 AM

Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:30 AM SB

4:00 PM Margaret Woods, 35th Anniversary, by Her Children—SB

4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:30 AM SB

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Francisco Gomes by Annarita and Jerry Erwin—

SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Father Devine...

Whether this has been your 12th, 30th, 52nd, or 84th Christmas...

Christmas and Easter are two sides of the same coin. Each in its own particular way points to good news – beyond our wildest dreams! We hear this news over and over again, as it takes a lifetime to sink into our minds and hearts. This is just one way of putting it...

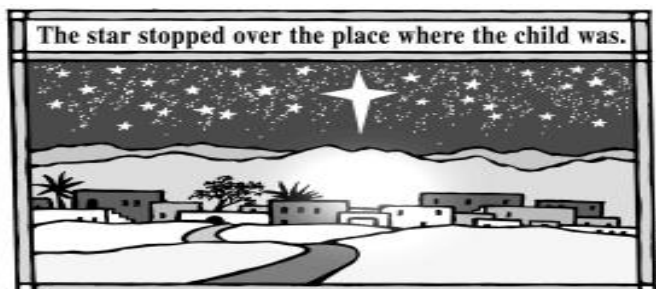
If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If he had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

He sends you a sunrise every morning, and flowers every Spring.

He can live anywhere in the universe, but he chose your heart.

Face it friend, he is crazy about you!



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In May, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, through the Vicariate Outreach Program, has sent \$322,000 to 91 food pantries, homeless shelters and soup kitchens across the Archdiocese. In November, an additional \$787,620 was disbursed and sent to 219 worthy charitable organizations for a total of \$1,089,620. This is only possible because of the generous donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. During this very difficult time of Covid, so many of our neighbors, some for the first time ever, are finding themselves in the need of assistance. Please respond as generously as your means permit so programs like this can continue to be funded. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

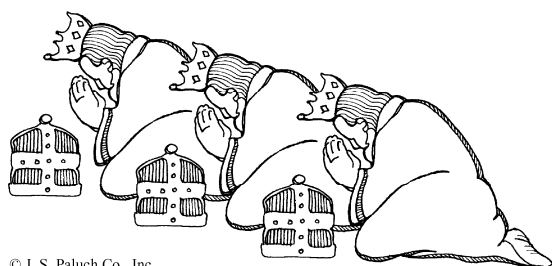
ARCHBISHOP BLAIR EXTENDS THE MASS DISPENSATION

In light of the recent increase in coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. This month's collection will be January 5 and 6. Also requested besides previously wanted items are any kind of energy bar that can be passed out to their clients. Deliver all items to 130 Overbrook Drive. If you have questions call 860-521-8342.



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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.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection at St. Mark is January 9 and 10. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS? LOVE CHURCH? WANT TO HELP?

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild Petal Pushers are responsible for purchasing and caring for St. Brigid Church's beautiful plants and flowers that you see on the Altar and around the Church. Each month a different team or person has signed up to decorate the Church by buying the flowers and or plants if needed and to water them once a week throughout their month. There is no cost to the people who do this. After buying the plants and flowers you simply give the receipts to the Church for reimbursement. You don't have to be a Ladies Guild member to join the group. We are looking for a few more teams or persons to help out. If you would like to help please call me at (860) 521-1231. Thank you. Penny Hickey & Camilla Hynes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

Religious Education Reminder

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes Wednesday, December 23, 2020 through Saturday, January 2, 2021, for the Christmas Holiday vacation. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 6, 2021 and Saturday, January 9, 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

St. BRIGID LADIES GUILD

Due to Covid19 concerns, the Ladies Guild is not having meetings or programs this year and will review the situation next Spring. It is most important for our members to stay safe. Please note, all members will remain on our active list throughout the year. And, though we will not be printing the newsletter, we will have a shorter version posted on the St. Gianna parish's website to help keep members informed.

The Guild is continuing our charitable work, especially Caring Hearts that supports families in need (crucial more than ever at this time) as well as our regular parish support. With that in mind, we are having a *Membership by Mail Fundraiser* that will help us support our important causes. If you have not already done so, please send in your donation (hopefully, at least your normal membership fee of \$8 or \$10, or more if you're able) to *St. Brigid Ladies Guild* and mail it to the rectory or drop in the basket if you attend mass in person. This will keep our Guild somewhat active in this pandemic year in giving much-needed support where it is crucial. As always, our prayers are with each and every one of you. If you have any questions, feel free to call our Membership Chair Maureen McClay (860-521-0820) or our President Alison Goroshko (860-561-9629).



CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS



Donor:

The Amato Family

Mr. Joey Amato

Ms. Anne Marie Rabbett

Mrs. Mary Ellen Verrengia and Family

Intention:

Vincenzo and Santa Lombardo

Virginia Cocolla

Mr. and Mrs. Rabbett

Joseph Verrengia

Donations also gratefully received from:

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic LaRosa

Adult Enrichment

January Packets are at the exits of the churches this weekend, January 2nd and 3rd. This month we are going to further explore the names of Christ as found in the Bible. Join us for reflections, crossword and other puzzles to enrich your faith. This month we even have an adult coloring page. Do you recognize the image? It can be found at St. Brigid Church. If you would like a packet emailed to you, please let Sandy know at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy

Grab and Go packet for January are coming soon. The theme for January will be based on the names of Jesus, specifically *The Good Shepherd*. Packets will be at the exits of the church January 2nd and 3rd.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— *Psalm 72:11*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8,
10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;
Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10,
12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14,
15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;
Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-
38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.
— William Cullen Bryant

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor,
Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and
the glory of the Lord appears over you
(Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will
adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are
coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a,
5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived,
looking for the newborn king of the Jews
(Matthew 2:1-12).

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Sunday Morning Religious Education at St. Mark Church Campus

Have you ever wondered just what we teach in Religious Education?

St. Mark's Catechists are dedicated parishioners of St. Mark church who work hard to provide assistance to parents as they pass down our faith to their children. Our Catechists provide in-person instruction before the 10:30 Mass in the St. Mark's parish center classrooms. Classes include content from the Christ Our Life Series and hands-on activities to help foster our faith and knowledge of Catholicism. Because of Covid, all Sunday Morning classes have moved to a homeschooling format where parents are teaching their children will email support from the Catechist. Once the dispensation has been removed and we believe it is safe, we will be returning to in-person instruction. One of the best outcomes of teaching classes on Sunday before Mass is that we can incorporate the Mass into many of the classes. Once each year a specific class is featured and Father blesses an item for each student.

It is NEVER too late to join us! Please contact Sandy Everett at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com if you would like information more information or to register your child or grandchild for classes.

Below you will find a guide listing the major themes and prayers for each grade level.

Grade	Overview	Prayers/Devotions
K-2	A simple overview of the mysteries of our faith through learning of the goodness of God, and the love of Jesus. Children learn to respond to God in friendship and prayer. Many Bible stories are introduced. Most prayers are introduced but not mastered. Children are expected to master the <i>Sign of the Cross</i> and the <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> prayers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign of the Cross • Glory Be to the Father • Lord's Prayer (Our Father) • Stations of the Cross--introduced • Hail Mary--introduced • Guardian Angel--introduced • Morning Prayer (adapted)
3	To prepare the children for their first celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Children are expected to have mastered the <i>Lord's Prayer</i> and the <i>Hail Mary</i> by the end of the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act of Faith, Hope, Love (adapted) • Act of Contrition • Prayer to the Holy Spirit • Morning Prayer • Meal Prayers (Grace) • Act of Consecration to Mary
4	Focus on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living. Children participate in the Stations of the Cross. Children master the <i>Act of Contrition</i> Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition • Come, Holy Spirit (adapted) • Way of the Cross • <i>Angelus</i> • Queen of Heaven • Morning Offering
5	Focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the center of Christian life. Children learn about the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come, Holy Spirit • Prayers of the Mass • Psalms
6	Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. This curriculum is designed to help the students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude. Children learn Biblical citations and a general overview of the Bible	<p style="text-align: center;">Psalms <i>Memorare</i> to the Blessed Virgin Mastery of Biblical Citations</p>
7	Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. Designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, so that they may love him more ardently and serve him more generously. The <i>Nicene Creed</i> is taught in detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer to Saint Michael • Morning Offering • Prayer of the Penitent • Act of Faith • Prayer for Christlikeness • Nicene Creed
8	Devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. This curriculum is designed to help young teens grow in their knowledge and love of the Church, its history and how this impacts their morality.	<p style="text-align: center;">Reflective prayers The Liturgy of the Hours The Examen</p>