



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

January 5, 2020
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 4, 2020

- 4:00 PM SB
4:30 PM Rocco DiTaranto, Happy Birthday, by His Family—SM

Sunday, January 5, 2020

- 8:30 AM Armando Serrano by His Parents—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Aleyamma Sebastian by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—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, January 6, 2020

- 8:30 AM Deceased of the Preli Family—SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SM

Thursday, January 9, 2020

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

Friday, January 10, 2020

- 9:00 AM SM

Saturday, January 11, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Mario Agreda, Maxima Agreda and Oscar Agreda by Their Family—SM

Sunday, January 12, 2020

- 8:30 AM Armando Serrano by His Parents—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Deacon Ray Fugere by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM
11:00 AM Nicola Mancini, Birthday Wishes, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—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.**

from Father Devine...

New Year's resolutions often come and go. We often start out with the best of intentions, and then.....

On the other hand, there are some things which tend *not* to come and go: God's love and grace, human perseverance, and hope. These walk with us through thick and thin, whether we are aware of them or not! The prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola rings true...

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.*

*Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.*

EPIPHANY VESPER LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, January 5 (SB) 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Come join us to sing farewell to the Christmas days!
Christmas goodies and treats in the hall following....



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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Did you know that the Feast of the Epiphany is the traditional time to chalk a blessing over your door? After Mass, find a piece of chalk and inscribe 20+C+M+B+20 over the entry door to your home. The two "20s" represent our calendar year, 2020. The C, M and B have a double meaning. Most important, they stand for "*Christus mansionem benedicat,*" or may Christ bless this house. Some think they also stand for the "names" of the magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Try it this year—or plan ahead for next year!



St. Gianna Parish Events

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS

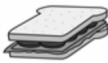
Parish calendars for the new year are now available in the vestibules of both St. Brigid and St. Mark. We thank Mr. David Skinner of Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home for his financial patronage of this endeavor.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday January 8. 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.

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.

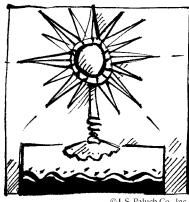


JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Friday January 17th at St. Mark the Evangelist Church

Is there any better way to spend a some time than to spend it with our Lord? Visit after our 9:00 a.m.

Mass on Friday January 17th. In this quiet season of winter, spend time with our Lord.



Our Deepest Longing—Men's Retreat

We spend our time and energy on the necessities of everyday life, which hold so many things that are beyond our control. But what is it that we are longing for in the deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at Holy Family, we will explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God - a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening January 31 and concludes Sunday February 2 with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge. *Offering: \$325* Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – 303 Tunxis Rd – West Hartford, CT. More info and to register: holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark is January 11 and 12. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

COAT DRIVE

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee will be holding a coat drive the weekend of January 11 and 12. It will benefit the less fortunate of Hartford. Please remember the less fortunate by dropping off usable clean coats in plastic bags at our spot in front of the Church on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm or on Sunday from 8:15 am to 11:15 am. Please do not leave any clothes in the church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROAST BEEF DINNER TICKET SALES

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus are having their annual Roast Beef dinner on Saturday January 25th after the 5:00-7:00 p.m. Mass. The Knights will be in the vestibule after all the Masses the weekends of January 11/12 and 18/19 selling tickets. This is one of the dinners that often sells out so you may want to pick up those tickets ahead of time to assure yourself of some of the Knights' finest food-- and support their good works as well. Tickets will also be available at the Administrative Center from 8:00-4:00, Monday –Friday until they sell out. The Knights do not anticipate that there will be any tickets available at the door for this event.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

January 4

Though her liturgical designation is “Religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!”

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY

Why impious Herod, vainly fear
That Christ the Savior cometh here?
He takes no earthly realms away
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.

—*Crudelis Herodes Deum*, Tr. by J. M. Neale

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 mystery has been made
known that 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, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew
2:1-12).

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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; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Elementary and Middle School Classes are in session this Sunday January 5th. Classes begin at 9:00am and the children will be dismissed to their parents at 10:15 from the Church. Please join us as we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season!

Confirmation Prep Updates: Classes are once again in session this Sunday January 5th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Volunteers will be needed to help with the first GOF Reunion scheduled for February 9th. Please email Mrs. Everett for more information.

Read, Reap and Rise in Six Short Weeks!

Do you want to read and understand the Bible but you don't know where to begin? Scripture is amazing, inspiring and life-giving, but it can also be intimidating! Join us for a six-week study of the Bible that will give you basic knowledge and confidence as you learn how to find things in the Bible, how to read Scripture more thoughtfully, and how to pray with Scripture. We will pray together, discuss biblical texts and learn interactively. Created by the Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School, this course is taught by its four-year graduates. Please join Sandy Everett for a brief informational meeting after the 10:30 Mass on January 5th in the St. Mark's Church. If you are unable to make this gathering, simply email Sandy at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com for further details.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

NO ONE'S ENEMY

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

—St. Eusebius of Vercelli

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

"Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.



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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

Click on CAREERS>VOLUNTEERING

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