



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

January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord

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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, January 11, 2020

- 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

Monday, January 13, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

- 8:30 AM **MASS TODAY WILL BE HELD AT THE ST. BRIGID-ST. AUGUSTINE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL AT 8:45 AM—SB**
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SM
10:00 AM SH

Thursday, January 16, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM 60th Anniversary, Jim and June Birmingham—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, January 17, 2020

- 9:00 AM Mary Ellen Birmingham Canley, Repose of the Soul, by Jim and June Birmingham—SM

Saturday, January 18, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
4:00 PM Veronica Droney, 33rd Anniversary, by Deb, Brian and Her Husband—SB
4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

Sunday, January 19, 2020

- 8:30 AM Armando Serrano by His Parents—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Deacon Ray Fugere by Ed and Nancy Czapla—SM
11:00 AM Joseph and Bridget Quinn by Their Family—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...

A CHRISTMAS SEASON PRAYER FOR PEACE

*I believe that life is a gift,
and that God, who lives and moves
and has being within me, has gifted me,
graced me with the joy of life.*

*I believe that I must be forgiving - -
of myself and others.
I believe that judgment
and evaluation of others diminish life,
that trust and gentleness enable it.*

*I believe that love casts out fear,
and I believe that the will of God
will not take me where the love of God
will not strengthen me.*

*Finally, I desire to choose life in Christ Jesus,
and to commit myself again to the journey
with delight, humility,
and profound gratitude for the invitation.*

*O God, help me to be the person
You have created me to be. +Amen.*

Some years back, a priest gave me this poem after I had finished my Confession to him. I hope you enjoy it as well!

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donor:

Jean Beauchamp
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The Urso and Capmanty Families

Other Donations to the Flower Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson
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Mr. and Mrs. Alois R Weber



St. Gianna Parish Events

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

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.

SBLG Supper Club

This month's Supper Club is Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. and we'll be sticking close to home at one of our favorite spots - Beachland Tavern. Join us for a fun evening. Call Maureen if you'd like to be included in the reservation. 860-521-0820.

COUNTERS NEEDED

St. Mark has a need for members of the parish to help count the weekly collection. It typically involves volunteering once a month on a Sunday morning for about two hours. You will be part of a team of three volunteers who count the donations and prepare them for deposit. The need for counters is immediate. No special skills are required. Current counters will train you. Please contact Keith Griffin at stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com.

WANT TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER?

There is an ongoing need for extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, especially at the Sunday 10:30 am mass. This is a special ministry as it involves the distribution of the body and blood of Christ. This is a beautiful opportunity for couples to serve a ministry together (but anybody is welcome). Plus, you're already at Mass. You just need to show up 15 minutes early. You'll most likely serve once a month, maybe more, depending on need.

A class will be conducted by Father Devine and will be scheduled once we have a few candidates. The major requirement is you be an adult Catholic who has received confirmation and is a regular churchgoer. Please consider this important ministry. It is a spiritual way to give back to the community.

Contact Keith Griffin at stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com.

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.

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 4:00 p.m. Mass (from 5:00-7:00 p.m.) The Knights will be in the vestibule after all the Masses this weekend and next selling tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Administrative Center from 8:00-4:00 Monday –Thursday and 9:00 -4:00 on Friday until they sell out. Tickets are \$15.00 for this event. Kids under 12 eat for free!

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February St. Gianna Parish St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is **Friday January 24**. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST TRAINING—

Saturday, 1 February, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (SB)

Saturday, 8 February, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (SM)

Please attend *either one* of these two sessions.

The purpose of these meetings is to inform all ministers about the proper way to do Communion for the Sick/homebound visits, as well as to address other contingencies and questions related to all facets of Eucharistic minister service. A freebie will be given out!

PARISH ANNUAL COLLECTION UPDATE

(as of December 31, 2019)

Amount pledged: \$57,675.57

Amount collected: \$56,275.57.00

Number of contributors: 275

Percentage Contributing: 32.35%

Total number of potential contributors: 850

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education classes are not in session this Sunday January 12. Our next class will be February 2nd at 9:00 in the Parish Center. All grades in K through 8 will be dismissed from the church at 10:15 so you are able to attend Mass as a family.

Confirmation Prep Classes will not be in session this Sunday January 12. Our next Confirmation Class will be February 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please check your email for an exciting opportunity for Confirmation Students to be on the broadcast on ORTV of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Father Joseph.

Please save the date for the **Generations of Faith** reunion scheduled for February 9th. More information will be coming soon.

Catholic Biblical School 075 “Making Sense of the Bible” classes will begin the first week of February. If you have signed up or expressed an interest in the classes, you should have received an email with all the information. If you have not, please contact Sandy Everett at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com.

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

CERTAINTY

The Son of God died; it is by all means to be believed because it is absurd. And he was buried and rose again; it is certain because it is impossible.
—Tertullian

PEACE

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.
—Thomas à Kempis

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

A voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
— *Matthew 3:17*

St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School

Pre-k thru 8th grade

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ENROLL TODAY!

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HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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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