



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

January 19, 2020
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 18, 2020

- 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

Monday, January 20, 2020

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Anita Monahan, Remembrance of Her Birthday, by the Monahan Family—SM

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

- 8:30 AM Francesco and Maria DiTaranto by their Family—SB
9:00 AM James Chacko Mukalel, 10th Anniversary, by the Family—SM
10:00 AM SH

Thursday, January 23, 2020

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

Friday, January 24, 2020

- 9:00 AM SM

Saturday, January 25, 2020

- 8:30 AM Rocco and Jane DiTaranto by Their Sister—SB
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

4:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving by Annarita and Jerry Erwin —*SB*
4:30 PM Henry Borawski by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM

Sunday, January 26, 2020

- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM In Memory of Domenico Chiurillo by His Family—SM
11:00 AM The St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School in Honor of Catholic Schools Week—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**. The Bulletin for **February 9** will be submitted **January 29** because of Karla's vacation. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

from Father Devine...

Prejudice is one of those words that we tend to connect with others, and not with ourselves. We might also think of stubbornness, blindness, hate, and the like.

Prejudice frequently is alive and well whenever we do not know something or someone. It can be a very subtle and tricky force which flourishes in an atmosphere of ignorance.

In this annual Week of Prayer for Unity among Christians, we do well to pray:

*...May the walls, which prejudice raises between us,
crumble beneath the shadow of your outstretched arm...*



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!

St. Gianna Parish Events

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.

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.

SANDWICH SUNDAY

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" next Sunday, January 26! 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.

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.

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 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!

PRAYER SERVICE:BLESSING OF THE THROATS

In honor of St. Blaise, we will have a prayer service with blessing of the throats Monday 3 February at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid. All are welcome to attend.

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Friday February 7th at St. Mark the Evangelist Church

Is there a better way to spend some time than to spend it with our Lord? Visit after our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday February 7th. In this quiet season of winter, spend time with our Lord.

SAINT AGNES (died 304)

January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: “This is a virgin’s birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr’s heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!” Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: “to make holy,” to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers’ hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church’s only Eucharistic Prayer.

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

CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020 at St. John’s Church in Middletown, CT
8:45 am – 3:30 pm.

\$40 registration includes coffee ‘and’ in the morning PLUS lunch.

For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call:

Victoria A. at 860-993-5469

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Email: info@beginningexperience-ct.org

For more information, go to: www.beginningexperience.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Julian Calendar Theophany
(Epiphany)
Monday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian;
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Agnes
Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
Thursday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Friday: St. Francis de Sales
Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
ends; Chinese New Year 4718

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,
23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b,
2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number
of readings for the Day of Prayer*
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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.

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I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth.

— *Isaiah 49:6b*

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the
improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for
criticism of others.

—Anonymous

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

HOSPITALITY

Christians should offer their brethren simple
and unpretentious hospitality.

—St. Basil

FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered
and extended even before the offender has
apologized and sought it.

—Søren Kierkegaard

St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School

Pre-k thru 8th grade

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Growing Together In Faith!



JOIN US FOR MULTICULTURAL NIGHT!

Enjoy Great Food & Entertainment

Friday, January 24th at 5:30 PM

Tickets: \$20 for a family of 4 or \$10 for Single Tickets

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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

Learn new skills; develop new interests; make new friends; enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done; a meal allowance the day you volunteer free parking; free flu shots each fall