



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

January 26, 2020  
*The Third 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 25, 2020*

*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

## *Monday, January 27, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Dominic Marcofio by Lucy Peluso and Family—SB

*9:00 AM* Dick Cullina, 13th Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

## *Tuesday, January 28, 2020*

*8:30 AM* In Memory of Newton Thompson by Grace Padilla —SB

*6:00 PM* Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Wednesday, January 29, 2020*

*8:30 AM* SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*10:00 AM* SH

## *Thursday, January 30, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Alfredo Peluso by His Wife and Family—SB

*9:00 AM* Frances Conlin, Repose of the Soul—SM

*6:00 PM* Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Friday, January 31, 2020*

*9:00 AM* Scharper 50th Anniversary—SM

## *Saturday, February 1, 2020*

*8:30 AM* In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—SB

*8:30 AM* Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

*4:00 PM* SB

*4:30 PM* Joseph Lee Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SM

## *Sunday, February 2, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Armando Serrano by His Parents—SB

*8:30 AM* Vietnamese Mass—SM

*10:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

*11:00 AM* Deceased Relatives, Benefactors and Friends—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!

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*from Father Devine...*

Many of our brothers and sisters in the faith, as well as other people of good will, have participated very recently in the annual March for Life in Washington. This Pro-Life demonstration, meant as a public rebuke on the abortion industry and laws in this country, has been in existence and grown for almost 50 years. It serves as an annual reminder about this fundamental moral question: the right to life – to be born, to live -- (coupled with 'liberty' and the 'pursuit of happiness,' of course!).

Without this right ... do any other rights matter? **No** – they fall like a house of cards with no foundation.

Pro-Life connects to how we treat people – no matter who or what they are. All human beings are entitled to dignity, respect, and the basics: life, food, clothing, shelter, work. (Social) Justice is properly best understood in this context.

## **NEXT SUNDAY—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)**

Traditionally, this is a day for blessing of candles. If you have any candles you would like blessed, please bring them next weekend.

Then, join us for holy hour and evening prayer on this special day at 5:00 p. m. (SB)

## **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 COUNCIL**

Monday, 10 February, 6:30 p.m. @ St. Mark Parish Center



# St. Gianna Parish Events

## **SANDWICH SUNDAY**

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" this 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.

## **MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD**

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, February 4 and Wednesday February 5. 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.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is holding a food drive the weekend of February 8 and 9. The drive begins on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and ends on Sunday from 8:15 to 11:15 am. Flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tuna, sardines, coffee, tea, canned fruits/vegetables, pasta and sauce are greatly needed. (Please do not leave any food in the church).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

This month's food collection at St. Mark is February 8 and 9. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

## **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.



## **SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)**

### **January 27**

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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## **SEEKING THE LIGHT**

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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### **SBLG TRAVEL GROUP**

Join us on a 4-day, 3-night trip to Maine, June 16-19. Per person costs are: \$410 double occupancy, and \$544 single occupancy. Included: Round-trip motorcoach transportation, five nights lodging, three breakfasts and three dinners, and driver gratuities. Fliers with details are available in the vestibules. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). A \$75 per person deposit is due when reservation is made. Thank you.

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Sunday of the Word of God;  
Catholic Schools Week  
Monday: St. Angela Merici  
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas  
Friday: St. John Bosco  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2020**

Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.  
— *Psalms 27:14*

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;  
Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;  
Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;  
Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;  
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;  
Mk 4:35-41  
Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

**Elementary and Middle School Religious Education** Classes are not in session this weekend January 25/26. **Our next class will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at 9:00 in the Parish Center. Children will be dismissed to their parents from the Church at 10:15 so you are able to attend Mass as a family. Please remember to bring your folders and workbooks to each class.

**Confirmation Prep Classes** are not in session this weekend. Our next Confirmation Prep Class will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the Parish Center. All students are reminded that their Saint report is due at that time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Everett via email.

**CBS 075 Making Sense of the Bible Classes** have now been formed. We will be meeting every other week on either Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 or Wednesday Mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the St. Mark's Parish Center. Our first class will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. You only need to attend one class per week. Books will be distributed at the first class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy via email. Since Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is Super Bowl Sunday, we have decided to start that class at 12:30.

**Generations of Faith Reunion** will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the St. Mark's Parish Center. The program will feature a pasta dinner and a conversation around the upcoming season of Lent. Please bring your family and friends to this free event at our church. Sign up can be done at the exits of the church as well as via email to [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com)

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

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalms** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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### THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine



### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 20-22, 2020 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

