



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

November 22, 2020

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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, November 21, 2020

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

4:30 PM The Deceased of the Weber Family by Their Family—SM

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:30 AM Nicola Mancini, 4th Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary Our Lady of Peace Praesidium—SM

11:00 AM National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM)—SB

Monday, November 23, 2020

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances—SB

9:00 AM Anne and Willard Giansanti by Their Family—SM

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

8:30 AM For the People of St. Andrew Dung-Lac Parish—SB

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances—SB

9:00 AM Rev. Alan White by the Thayer Family—SM

Thursday, November 26, 2020

9:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

Friday, November 27, 2020

9:00 AM Helen Runde, 43rd Anniversary, by Her Family—SM

Saturday, November 28, 2020

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances—SB

4:00 PM Richard Templeton, 11th Anniversary, by His Family—SB

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

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:30 AM Richard Cipolla—SB

10:30 AM Ralph Lang, 3rd Anniversary and Happy Birthday, by His Wife and Family—SM

11:00 AM Francesca and Giuseppe Abbatemarco by Their Grand-daughter—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Fr. Devine...

Ok – Thanksgiving in this year marked by Covid and some other significant, unprecedented difficulties...Perhaps this traditional, well-known prayer can once again be helpful...

*I asked for strength to achieve
I got weakness to learn humility*

*I asked for health to do great things
I got infirmity that I might do His will*

*I asked for riches to be happy
I got poverty to be rich in Heaven*

*I asked for power to win prestige
I got weakness so that Christ's power could be seen in me*

*I asked for many things to enjoy life
I got life to enjoy many things*

*I got nothing I asked for as I asked for it
Yet everything He knew was best for me*

*Despite myself, my unspoken prayers were heard.
I am most richly blessed.*

AMEN

JOIN US FOR HOLY HOUR and EVENING PRAYER TONIGHT

Sunday 22 November, 5:00 p.m. (SB)

Join us for holy hour and evening prayer to celebrate Christ the King! (SB).
All are welcome.



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.

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TURKEY DRIVE —THIS WEEKEND

Our St. Brigid Knights of Columbus council is sponsoring a turkey and cash drive November 21 & 22. With your generosity, we are attempting to assist the Catholic Worker House in collecting turkeys. Please bring your turkey or cash donations to our drop off spot in front of the church on Saturday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm or on Sunday from 8:15 am to 11:15 am. You can contact Chris Randall at 860-232-3315 with any questions.



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

St. BRIGID GIVING TREE

St. Gianna's Parish Council is sponsoring a Giving Tree at St. Brigid Church to brighten the spirits of the residents of the St. Mary's Home. The Tree will be in the church vestibule the weekends of November 27/28 and December 5/6. The tree will be adorned with tags, each of which contains a requested item from St. Mary's 'wish list' of needs/wants for the residents. Please take a tag and return your wrapped gift, with tag attached, to the church vestibule no later than Sunday, December 13. The Social Action Committee will deliver the gifts to St. Mary's home. Please keep this most worthy cause in mind as you prepare for Christmas, and the Social Action committee thanks you very much in advance.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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Thanksgiving Food Collection—This Weekend

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection will be taking place November 21 and 22. Collections will be at the Parish Center Doors on Saturday November 21 from 4:00 until 6:00 and on Sunday from 10:00 until Noon.

Volunteers will unload your groceries directly from your car! As an added bonus, you will receive your Advent Wreath Making Kit at the same time as

you drop off your goodies for our neighbors in need. We will also need volunteers to come on Saturday November 21st (4:00-6:00) and Sunday November 22nd from 10:00 until about 2:00 to help organize the donations. Please email Sandy if you can help.

sandy.st.mark@gmail.com

Advent Wreath Making Kits

Due to the pandemic, we are unable to meet together to make our Advent Wreathes so we have assembled kits and instructions for you to make this project with your family. Kit pick up will be the same times as the food drive drop off.



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Saturday November 21st from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00am until Noon at the parish center doors. Extra kits will also be left in the back of the church. Look for the bright purple bags courtesy of the St. Mark's Knights of Columbus!



St. Mark Giving Tree

Gift tags for the St. Mark Giving Tree will be available at the weekend Masses before Thanksgiving. You can pick up a tag from the tree in the church or we will deliver a tag to you when you drop off goodies for the Thanksgiving baskets!

Street Sandwich Thank You!

Many thanks to all who participated in the November Street Sandwich Collection. We donated approx. 1370 sandwiches to three very grateful Hartford shelters. 73 parishioners from St. Peter Claver and St. Gianna parishes participated in this outreach to the needy. The sandwiches are used for late night suppers, day worker lunches, breakfasts, and to feed the homeless living under the bridges in Hartford.

If you are interested in making 10 simple sandwiches once a month, call Susan at 860-561-3648.



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THANKSGIVING

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

—Saint John of Ávila

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To the extent that you are not adversely affected financially by the pandemic, please respond to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal as best you can. Any gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated and can make a significant difference. If you have not made your gift to the 2020 Appeal, please give prayerful consideration to including the Archbishop's Annual Appeal this year in your year-end giving, as all gifts can be paid through December 31, 2020.

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."
— *Matthew 25:35*

START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep

(Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

9th & 10 Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, November 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Brigid Church in McMahon Hall.

Religious Education Reminder

There will be **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes Wednesday, November 25 and Saturday, November 28 in honor of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume the following week.

Sunday Morning Religious Education **at St. Mark Church Campus**

Homeschooling extended: Archbishop Blair has extended the dispensation for Mass attendance until mid February. **Our preschool through eighth grade classes will continue with the homeschooling format until the dispensation has been lifted.** Each week we have classes you will receive a reminder about what chapters to complete at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your Catechist or Sandy Everett at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com. Of course, you can still register and join us as we learn about our faith.

Children's Liturgy Grab and Go packet for December will focus on Christmas. The packets will be at the exits of the church December 5 and 6.

Adult Enrichment

December Packets will focus on the names of Jesus. The packets will be at the exits of the church December 5 and 6. If you would like a packet emailed to you, please let Sandy know at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday 26 November, 9:00 am (SB only)

Bulletin deadline for December 19/20, Friday 11 December

Bulletin Deadline for December 26/27, Thursday 17 December

Bulletin Deadline for January 2/3, Wednesday 23 December