



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

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

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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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00 PM Giuseppe Corpaci by His Wife—SB

4:30 PM Maurice Mulcahy, 13th Anniversary, by His Wife, Margaret—SM

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving—SB

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

11:00 AM Francisco Nunes by His Wife and Family—SB

Monday, December 14, 2020

8:30 AM In Honor of St. Lucy by Anna—SB

9:00 AM Sabino Padillo by His Family—SM

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

8:30 AM Charles Cattel by the Bouvier Family—SB

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory—SB

9:00 AM Sabino Padillo by His Family—SM

Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:30 AM Frances Fulton by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

9:00 AM Sabino Padillo by His Family—SM

Friday, December 18, 2020

9:00 AM Sabino Padillo by His Family—SM

Saturday, December 19, 2020

8:30 AM Charles Cattel by the St. Brigid Travel Group—SB

4:00 PM Frances, Joseph and Dr. Joseph Formeister by Their Family—SB

4:30 PM William J. Hilliard by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:30 AM Joe Verrengia by Joe Glowacki and Frank Panazza—SB

10:30 AM Vincent Quinn, 15th Anniversary, by His Family—SM

11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Father Devine...

Advent season...**Hope!**...

Hope:

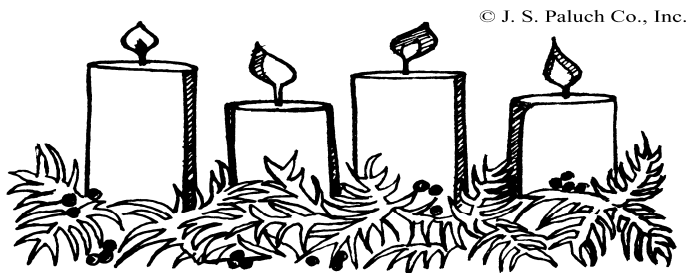
God loves us *so much more* than we love ourselves!

Suffering and ill fortune are NOT punishments for sin.

Covid and its effects has come, and will go.

Things will work out in one way or another for our own best good.

At the end, Death is a weed without roots.



ST. GIANNA CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil December 24

St. Brigid: 4:00 p.m.

St. Mark: 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day December 25

St. Brigid: 12:00 Midnight and 11:00 am

St. Mark: 10:30 am



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31 St. Brigid: 4:00 p.m.

January 1 St. Mark: 9:00 a.m.

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.

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark is December 12 and 13. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

St. MARK GIVING TREE

If you have taken a tag from our Giving Tree, remember gifts are due back to the parish center by December 13 (Sunday) at noon. St. Mark's supplies gifts for 20 families in the area! Thank you so much for your help in bringing joy to these children and parents.

St. Gianna 1st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Please join us on Saturday, December 19 for our 1st Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Brigid Church. We will light up the trees in front of the church as we sing Christmas Carols. Come and enjoy Christmas cookies and hot chocolate while listening to the readings of the Birth of Jesus and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas – you may even get a glimpse of Jolly Old St. Nicholas handing out presents. So, come one and come all – all are invited.

TOY DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is holding a Toy Drive December 12th and 13th. Please drop off **only new toys** at our usual drop off spot in front of the Church on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. **Gift cards are also welcome.** These unwrapped toys should be suitable for children ages birth to 12 years of age and will be donated to the San Juan Center who will distribute them to Hartford families in time for Christmas. Please do not leave any toys in the Church.

St. BRIGID GIVING TREE—LAST WEEKEND

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 in memory of Beth Demanski. 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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP THIS SEASON

Invite a Catholic Man to become a Knight of Columbus. Free online membership* for new online membership applications submitted the **entire month of December**

Visit kofc.org/joinus. Enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

Questions? Email membership.west@ctcouncil.org.

www.ctstatecouncil.org

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*regular dues are \$30/year

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Donor:

Ms. Yolande M. Bos

Mrs. Joan Chelli

Ms. Marie DiTaranto

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fiorino

Ms. Sara Garofalo

The Gianfriddo Family

Ms. Susan Grimes

Ms. Catherine Kozyra

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Lucco

Ms. Susan Marceau

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Mulcahy

Mrs. Clarisse Nunes

Ms. Maria Roja

Ms. Anne Romus and Mr. Stan Sullivan

Mrs. And Mrs. Zbigniew Sadowski

Ms. Paulette Veilleux

Intention:

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pageotte; Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse Pageotte; Mr. and Mrs. William LePage; and Annie, Riley and Kelli Bos

Nunzio Chelli; the Mandella and Chelli Families; and Deceased Friends

Rocco and Jane Ditaranto; Roy, Adele and Fadlallah Bistany; Monica, Francesco and Maria DiTaranto; Susan and Philip Nicholas; May, Rick and Nicole Concheri and Giuseppe Vincenzo

Elio Rossi; Viola Rossi; Rita Rossi; and Irene Rossi Frank and Gina Garofalo

Mary and Harry Botticello; Jacqueline and Sebastian Gianfriddo; Hilda Perleoni; and Raymond Perleoni Catherine and Paul Grimes

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Frazer; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kozyra; Mr. and Mrs. George Wolfe, Jr.; James Kozyra; and Craig Pepin

Rose and Peter Lucco; Mr. and Mrs. Baldeon Paul E. Marceau; Theresa Rita Marceau; Fr. George Luczyk; John Koval; Richard Salgado

Manuel Pacheco; Paul E. Martin, Sr.; Angelina Ricardo; and John Valadao

Maurice J. Mulcahy; Daniel and Mary Ellen O'Connor

Francisco Nunes

Dom and Rosalie Sinacore; Dom Sinacore, Jr.; Ludwik M. Roja; Antionette and Fred Zito; and Frances Ferruggia

The William Romus Family and the William Harding Family

Piotr Dabrowski; Leon Sadowski; Romek Sadowski; Eugenia Czapla; and Henryka Dziedzic

Roland Veilleux

Donations also gratefully received from:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cleary; Mr. Joseph DeLutrie; Mr. James G. Flickinger; Ms. Sandra Poulin; and Mrs. Filomena Teti

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE

Join the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus Council during the month of December (until December 24th) in collecting food. Bring your donation of non-perishable cans, bags or boxes to the designated area in the vestibule of St. Brigid Church. The Knights will be collecting it from the vestibule on a regular basis to ensure that it is distributed to families that need it most. Thank you for your generosity during the busy Christmas season!

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.

Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— *1 Thessalonians 5:16*



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross
Wednesday: *Las Posadas* begins

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but
angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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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, December 13, 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, December 23, 2020 through Saturday, January 2, 2021, for the Christmas Holiday vacation. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 6, 2021 and Saturday, January 9, 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Sunday Morning Religious Education at St. Mark Church Campus

Homeschooling Sunday Morning Classes at St. Mark's: Some teachers have decided to send out monthly emails about what to cover with your children. This gives you a few more options on how to cover the material presented in each lesson. 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 was distributed last weekend. We have left any extra packets at the exits of the church doors. Feel free to take one for a friend. This month is filled with fun activities to celebrate the Christmas Season.

Adult Enrichment

December Packets were given out last weekend. These packets focused on the many names of Jesus and Advent. If you would like a packet emailed to you, please let Sandy know at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION...for those unable to be at Mass, or receive the Eucharist for whatever reason....

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You by sin. Amen.