



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

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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, December 26, 2020

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

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:30 AM Reginald Richard by Helen and Earle Blanchard—SB

10:30 AM Gerard Charron by His Daughter—SM

11:00 AM Angela Mancini, 34th Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB

Monday, December 28, 2020

8:30 AM Louise Burke by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:30 AM Giovanni and Marie Calandriello by Their Niece, Antonietta—SB

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8:30 AM Trixie Ferguson by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

4:00 PM SB

Friday, January 1, 2021—Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, January 2, 2021

8:30 AM Frank and Jenny Dallesander —SB

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

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 AM SB

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM The Deceased of the Preli Family—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY **December 31 St. Brigid: 4:00 p.m.**

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



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.

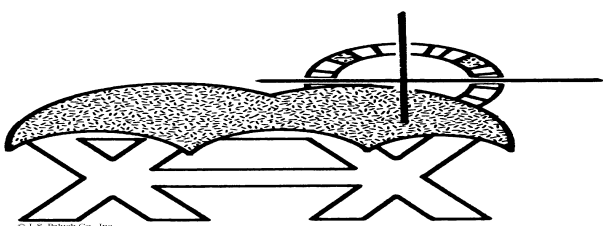
ARCHBISHOP BLAIR EXTENDS THE MASS DISPENSATION

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

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. This month's collection will be January 5 and 6. Also requested besides previously wanted items are any kind of energy bar that can be passed out to their clients. Deliver all items to 130 Overbrook Drive. If you have questions call 860-521-8342.



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.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection at St. Mark is January 9 and 10. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

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

Follow us at [Facebook.com/ConnKofC](https://www.facebook.com/ConnKofC)

*regular dues are \$30/year



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

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!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Donor:

Ms. Jacqueline Beaupre-Rozza
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Mr. Peter Petrella

Mrs. Rosemay Richard
Ms. Theresa Shea

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Mrs. Donna Wolcott

Intention:

Francis, Helen & Catherine Beaupre
Jose Mendes and Ana Mendes
The Czapla Family and the Smoragiewicz Family
Connie and Norma
Agnes & Bryan Witlicki, Sylvia and Bill Gnazzo, the Strobelt family, Irene Allyn, John S. Witlicki, and the Jennie Witlicki Family and the Mary Kaprusak Family
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Landers
James and Ann Sylvester; Jean and Ferdinand LaPlante; Deceased Members of the Abbruzzese Family; Minnie and Joseph Abbruzzese
Beatrice McGill; Pat McGill; Brian Alexander; Jack Augustine; and Beverly McGill
Nicola Mancini; Joseph and Ada Guerrero; Salvatore and Angela Mancini; Alfredo and Nicolina Mancini; Victor and Donato Mancini; Thomas Mancini and Frank Jones; Poohbear, Jasmine, Egypt, and Buffy Francisco Nunes
Anthony Anelli; Jacinto Garcia Palma; and Felix Garcia Lechuga
Antonio Peluso
Linda Louro Petrella; Richetta Petrella; and Ettore Petrella
Reginald Richard and James Richard
Joyce Shea and Linda May Shea; Marion Matarazzo; Philip Linderman; Elaine and James Clarkin; Teresa and Francis Patrissi; Lina and Tino Miano; Nicola and Nicolina Mancini; Bob Matatazzo and Pat Dore; Connie Samuelian; and Marie Francies
Martha, Ettore and Verna Jean Spadola; Deceased Members of the Rollo Family; and Elisa Pasqualoni
Nicola Mancini; Joseph and Ada Guerrero; Salvatore and Angela Mancini; Alfredo and Nicolina Mancini; Victor and Donato Mancini; Thomas Mancini and Frank Jones; Joseph Ficaro and Silvio Coiro; Joyce Shea and Philip Linderman; Poohbear, Jasmine, Egypt, and Buffy

Donations also gratefully received from:

Ms. Julie Bradley; Mr. and Mrs. James Cyr; Mrs. Suzanne DeLutrie; Mr. and Mrs. Brian West; and Mrs. Una Woods

Adult Enrichment

January Packets will be ready January 2nd and 3rd. If you would like a packet emailed to you, please let Sandy know at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy

Grab and Go packet for January are coming soon. The theme for January will be based on the names of Jesus, specifically *The Good Shephard*. Packets will be at the exits of the church January 2nd and 3rd.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2020

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— *Luke 2:30-31*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10;
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph

Monday: The Holy Innocents

Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas
Becket

Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord;
St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the
Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of
God; World Day of Prayer for
Peace; New Year's Day; First
Friday

Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen; First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their
parents will be greatly blessed and will atone
for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* *Genesis 15:1*
-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the
Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or*
Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do every-
thing in the name of the Lord Jesus
(Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* *Hebrews*
11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40
[22, 39-40]).

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Sunday Morning Religious Education at St. Mark Church Campus

Have you ever wondered just what we teach in Religious Education?

St. Mark's Catechists are dedicated parishioners of St. Mark church who work hard to provide assistance to parents as they pass down our faith to their children. Our Catechists provide in-person instruction before the 10:30 Mass in the St. Mark's parish center classrooms. Classes include content from the Christ Our Life Series and hands-on activities to help foster our faith and knowledge of Catholicism. Because of Covid, all Sunday Morning classes have moved to a homeschooling format where parents are teaching their children will email support from the Catechist. Once the dispensation has been removed and we believe it is safe, we will be returning to in-person instruction. One of the best outcomes of teaching classes on Sunday before Mass is that we can incorporate the Mass into many of the classes. Once each year a specific class is featured and Father blesses an item for each student.

It is NEVER too late to join us! Please contact Sandy Everett at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com if you would like information more information or to register your child or grandchild for classes.

Below you will find a guide listing the major themes and prayers for each grade level.

Grade	Overview	Prayers/Devotions
K-2	A simple overview of the mysteries of our faith through learning of the goodness of God, and the love of Jesus. Children learn to respond to God in friendship and prayer. Many Bible stories are introduced. Most prayers are introduced but not mastered. Children are expected to master the <i>Sign of the Cross</i> and the <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> prayers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign of the Cross • Glory Be to the Father • Lord's Prayer (Our Father) • Stations of the Cross--introduced • Hail Mary--introduced • Guardian Angel--introduced • Morning Prayer (adapted)
3	To prepare the children for their first celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Children are expected to have mastered the <i>Lord's Prayer</i> and the <i>Hail Mary</i> by the end of the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act of Faith, Hope, Love (adapted) • Act of Contrition • Prayer to the Holy Spirit • Morning Prayer • Meal Prayers (Grace) • Act of Consecration to Mary
4	Focus on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living. Children participate in the Stations of the Cross. Children master the <i>Act of Contrition</i> Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition • Come, Holy Spirit (adapted) • Way of the Cross • <i>Angelus</i> • Queen of Heaven • Morning Offering
5	Focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the center of Christian life. Children learn about the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come, Holy Spirit • Prayers of the Mass • Psalms
6	Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. This curriculum is designed to help the students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude. Children learn Biblical citations and a general overview of the Bible	<p style="text-align: center;">Psalms <i>Memorare</i> to the Blessed Virgin Mastery of Biblical Citations</p>
7	Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. Designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, so that they may love him more ardently and serve him more generously. The <i>Nicene Creed</i> is taught in detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer to Saint Michael • Morning Offering • Prayer of the Penitent • Act of Faith • Prayer for Christlikeness • Nicene Creed
8	Devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. This curriculum is designed to help young teens grow in their knowledge and love of the Church, its history and how this impacts their morality.	<p style="text-align: center;">Reflective prayers The Liturgy of the Hours The Examen</p>

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