



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

*January 10, 2021*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

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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](http://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 9, 2021*

- 4:00 PM* Margaret Woods, 35th Anniversary, by Her Children—SB  
*4:30 PM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

## *Sunday, January 10, 2021*

- 8:30 AM* SB  
*10:30 AM* SM  
*11:00 AM* Francisco Gomes by Annarita and Jerry Erwin—SB

## *Monday, January 11, 2021*

- 8:30 AM* Nicola Mancini, Birthday Wishes by Angela Mancini—SB  
*9:00 AM* Rocco DiTaranto by His Sister—SM

## *Tuesday, January 12, 2021*

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

## *Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

- 8:30 AM* Connie Samuelian by Helene Hebert—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Thursday, January 14, 2021*

- 8:30 AM* Bill Romus by Anne Romus—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Friday, January 15, 2021*

- 9:00 AM* SM

## *Saturday, January 16, 2021*

- 8:30 AM* Francesco DiTaranto by Anna Vincenzo—SB  
*4:00 PM* Veronica Droney, 34th Anniversary, by Deb, Brian and Her Husband Francis—SB  
*4:30 PM* Peter Crombie—SM

## *Sunday, January 17, 2021*

- 8:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
*10:30 AM* SM  
*11:00 AM* Edward Batayte by His Wife—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

*from Father Devine...*

## **CHANGE**

We live in a world of CHANGE, and CHANGE demands a response...think of this - - bushes have to be pruned every year, they aren't just fully formed once and for all; cars and property have to be continually maintained and kept in good condition...not just cleaned once for all. Time passes, and our bodies grow older - they change - we move along. Things we never dreamed would change, sometimes do – at least temporarily, sometimes permanently.

CHANGE...What response are you making to it?

--in body

- regular and prudent doctor visits with medical consultation, if possible
- learn about whatever changes may happen to us as we get older...import of sound retirement planning, consulting with professionals, if necessary

--in soul

- while God does not change...people (i.e., the Church) do...we have seen a Church forced to face and admit that fact...the Church has done so with her magnificent blueprint for late 20th century life (and beyond) known as Vatican Council II - and yet how many of us are *unfamiliar* with that blueprint, and also The other plans that have followed, and built upon it!!!

\*\*Make no mistake about it - - We are a Church of the Council. In such a Church, we...

- continue to learn - no matter how old we are,
- stand ready to treasure our unchanging faith in new and developing ways
- do not automatically hold on to what we once knew, just because we once knew it, or that's the way we always did things,
- are sensitive not only to people's needs, but also to what the Church teaches, and would have us practice,
- renew our baptism promises every year, and live them every day.

*(The Church) also maintains that beneath all that changes there is much that is unchanging, much that has its ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

...from the Vatican II document, The Church in the Modern World, paragraph 10

## **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, and offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, especially today, as the Coronavirus has affected so many of our neighbors. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.

# *St. Gianna Parish News and Events*

## **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.

## **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.

## **AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY**

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## **THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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## **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

### 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, January 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Brigid Church in McMahan Hall.

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes Saturday, January 16, 2021, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday.

### St. BRIGID LADIES GUILD

Due to Covid19 concerns, the Ladies Guild is not having meetings or programs this year and will review the situation next Spring. It is most important for our members to stay safe. Please note, all members will remain on our active list throughout the year. And, though we will not be printing the newsletter, we will have a shorter version posted on the St. Gianna parish's website to help keep members informed.

The Guild is continuing our charitable work, especially Caring Hearts that supports families in need (crucial more than ever at this time) as well as our regular parish support. With that in mind, we are having a *Membership by Mail Fundraiser* that will help us support our important causes. If you have not already done so, please send in your donation (hopefully, at least your normal membership fee of \$8 or \$10, or more if you're able) to *St. Brigid Ladies Guild* and mail it to the rectory or drop in the basket if you attend mass in person. This will keep our Guild somewhat active in this pandemic year in giving much-needed support where it is crucial. As always, our prayers are with each and every one of you. If you have any questions, feel free to call our Membership Chair Maureen McClay (860-521-0820) or our President Alison Goroshko (860-561-9629).



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS



***Donor:***

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guillet

***Intention:***

Edward and Margaret Guillet; Henry and Bibiane Beausoleil; Karl Mueller and Isabelle Pion; Paul Quintin; and Mary, Evelyn and John Parris

Ms. Helene L. Hebert

Connie Samuelian

Donations also gratefully received from:  
Greg Jacques and Meghan Grabowski

## Adult Enrichment

January Packets are at the exits of the churches. This month we are going to further explore the names of Christ as found in the Bible. Join us for reflections, crossword and other puzzles to enrich your faith. This month we even have an adult coloring page. Do you recognize the image? It can be found at St. Brigid Church. If you would like a packet emailed to you, please let Sandy know at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto: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 Shepherd*. Packets will be at the exits of the church January 2nd and 3rd.

## The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!  
— *Isaiah 55:1*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;  
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11;  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc,  
6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4,  
7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;  
Jn 1:35-42

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins  
Wednesday: St. Hilary  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

**Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *1 John 5:1-9*.

**Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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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 with 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](mailto: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"> <li>• Sign of the Cross</li> <li>• Glory Be to the Father</li> <li>• Lord's Prayer (Our Father)</li> <li>• Stations of the Cross--introduced</li> <li>• Hail Mary--introduced</li> <li>• Guardian Angel--introduced</li> <li>• Morning Prayer (adapted)</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Act of Faith, Hope, Love (adapted)</li> <li>• Act of Contrition</li> <li>• Prayer to the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Morning Prayer</li> <li>• Meal Prayers (Grace)</li> <li>• Act of Consecration to Mary</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition</li> <li>• Come, Holy Spirit (adapted)</li> <li>• Way of the Cross</li> <li>• <i>Angelus</i></li> <li>• Queen of Heaven</li> <li>• Morning Offering</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Come, Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Prayers of the Mass</li> <li>• Psalms</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Prayer to Saint Michael</li> <li>• Morning Offering</li> <li>• Prayer of the Penitent</li> <li>• Act of Faith</li> <li>• Prayer for Christlikeness</li> <li>• Nicene Creed</li> </ul>
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>