



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

January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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, January 16, 2021

- 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

Monday, January 18, 2021

- 8:30 AM* SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

- 8:30 AM* SB

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

- 8:30 AM* Richard Cipolla, Birthday remembrance—SB
9:00 AM Richard Woods, Birthday remembrance, by His Siblings—SM

Thursday, January 21, 2021

- 8:30 AM* Violet Penta—SB
9:00 AM SM

Friday, January 22, 2021

- 9:00 AM* J. Willard O'Brien by Alison Buckley—SM

Saturday, January 23, 2021

- 8:30 AM* SB
4:00 PM Reginald Richard by Susan Grimes—SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, January 24, 2021

- 8:30 AM* Rose Kovak, Birthday remembrance, by Ann Romus—SB
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—
SM
11:00 AM Frank and Gina Garofalo by Their Family—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Fr. Devine...

Pope on Capitol violence: *Understand, so as not to repeat*

I was amazed, because they (Americans) are a people who are so disciplined in democracy... Violence must always be condemned, regardless of those who perpetrate it. There is no society which can boast of never having had a single day or case of violence. Understanding is fundamental...

Ok, taking the Holy Father's lead, what can we understand from this—why did this happen? What are the feelings that drove this, the ones which can bring people to violent actions?

From my experience, I would say that such driving sentiments often include:

- I am not being listened to, or taken seriously.*
- My views don't count, and do not have/will have no place.*
- It's always their way or the highway.*
- I have no hope of improving my situation.*

Whether in a nation, or in a family's household, UNITY demands:

- listening and responding to the feelings on all sides,*
- avoiding this deceitful trap....*

if you do it my way, then and only then we can work together and be united...

In any case, there is absolutely no place here for any vindictive strategy or actions, on either side – period!

As the Roman Missal teaches us in our prayer at Mass:

*...by your Spirit you move human hearts
that enemies may speak to each other again,
adversaries join hands, and peoples seek to meet together.
By the working of your power it comes about, O Lord,
that hatred is overcome by love,
revenge gives way to forgiveness,
and discord changed to mutual respect.*

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

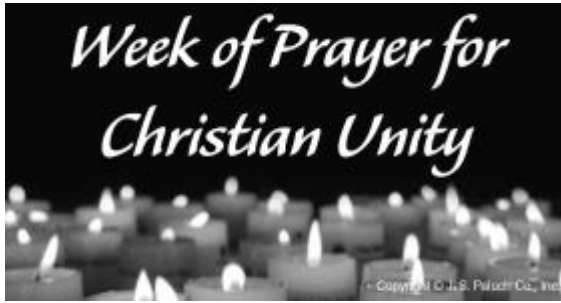
DEPARTURE OF SANDY EVERETT FROM ST. GIANNA PARISH

About one week ago, Sandy submitted a letter of resignation from her position of religious education director, effective before the end of this month. We do wish her well in future endeavors as well as thanking her for her service to our parish. In light of this, Donna Wolcott will soon be assuming this position for both churches...may good fortune be yours, Donna. Blessings upon both of you!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 23/24, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 23/24.





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).

HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai

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.

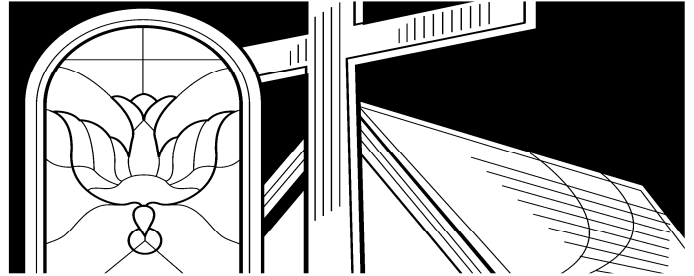
I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

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.

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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you.

— *1 Corinthians 6:19a*



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REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and
rehearsed in the streets.

—St. Ambrose

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the
smallest of debts.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4;

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9,
10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk
3:13-19, *or any of a number of
readings for the Day of Prayer*

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9;
1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity begins

Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany
(Epiphany)

Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Thursday: St. Agnes

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold God in
everything.

—St. Julian

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your
servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do
your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are
members of Christ; glorify God in your body
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where
Jesus was staying and they stayed with him
(John 1:35-42).

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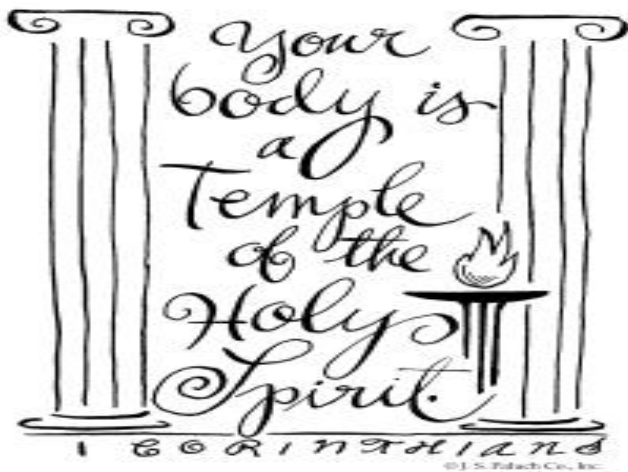
SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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FEAST OF FAITH—The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

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