



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

January 31, 2021

The Fourth 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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00 PM

4:30 PM Lawrence and Mary Simonson by Their Sister—SM

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:30 AM Marie, Edna and Francesca by Joyce and Adrina—SB

10:30 AM SM

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

Monday, February 1, 2021

8:30 AM Viola Cassetta by Lucy Peluso—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

8:30 AM Deceased Relatives, Friends and Benefactors—SB

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

7:00 PM Prayer Service: Blessing of Throats—SB

Thursday, February 4, 2021

8:30 AM Alfred Santoro by His Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, February 5, 2021

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, February 6, 2021

8:30 AM SB

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

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, February 7, 2021

8:30 AM Gary Gagne, 25th Anniversary by His Family—SB

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Billy Batayte by His Mother—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

...All too, will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression. Let us, then, fellow-citizens, unite with one heart and one mind. Let us restore to social intercourse that harmony and affection without which liberty and even life itself are but dreary things...

...from the inaugural address of Thomas Jefferson

THE USCCB/BISHOPS' DOCUMENT ON VACCINATIONS

Copies of this document are available at the entrances of both St. Brigid and St. Mark. If interested, please take one!

Adoration and Evening Prayer

Sunday, 7 February, 5:00 p.m. (SB)

Please join us for our monthly holy hour and evening prayer.



Prayer Service: Blessing of Throats

Wednesday, 3 February, 7:00 p.m. (SB)

All are welcome.

ARCHBISHOP BLAIR HAS EXTENDED THE MASS DISPENSATION AGAIN

In light of the 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 Sunday, May 23, 2021, which is Pentecost.

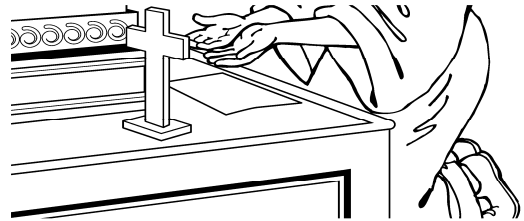
St. Gianna Parish News and Events

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. This month's collection will be February 2 and 3. 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.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection at St. Mark is February 13 and 14. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.



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Thank you, St. Brigid Petal Pushers

Thank you to the St. Brigid Ladies Guild Petal Pushers for caring for the Church's beautiful plants and flowers that you see on the Altar and around the Church. The Church has never looked more beautiful! A special thank you to Adrina Bazzoni for caring for all of the Christmas poinsettias! That was a huge task. Again, thank you and God Bless all of you.
Penny Hickey & Camilla Hynes

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS COLLECTION

THANK YOU! The Catholic secondary school students in the Archdiocese of Hartford send their deepest gratitude to all who participated in the 2021 Catholic High School Collection. Your support will enhance the educational excellence of their schools and help them prepare for leadership roles and active lives of faith. We deeply appreciate your support of Catholic high schools as they pursue their mission of education and evangelization.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY—THIS SUNDAY

The holidays are over and the cold winter is upon us. There continue to be many unemployed and food insecure people in our area. Before we sit back to enjoy the Super Bowl Game let's join together to put SOUP, as well as much-needed food items, on our neighbors' tables. The St. Peter Claver Outreach committee will hold a SOUP CAN PLUS Drive –thru Collection in the church parking lot from 10:30-11:30a.m. on Sunday January 31st. Healthy Food items include: Hearty Soups/ Stew-Peanut Butter/Jelly-Tuna Fish-Canned meat-Rice-Canned fruits/veggies-pasta/sauce-Baby Food. Please wear a mask. The groceries will be taken out of your trunk. Donations will go to the W. H. Food Pantry, Hands on Hartford and the Catholic Worker.

St. Brigid Petal Pushers Brighten up the Church with flowers

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild Petal Pushers are responsible for purchasing and caring for the 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

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).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for *Oleum Infirmarum*), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptismery in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Any vegetable oil may be used now, since olive oil is difficult to obtain in some places. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock."

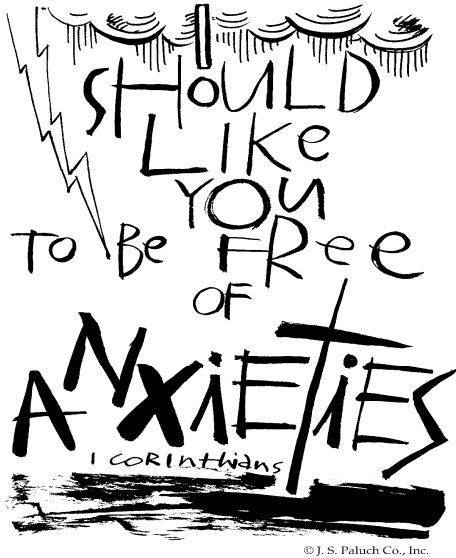
In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2021

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10;
Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2,
13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4,
9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6;
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

MORE

Care more than others think necessary.
Trust more than others think wise.
Serve more than others think practical.
—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; Groundhog
Day

Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar;
Blessing of Throats;

Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions;
First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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FEAST OF FAITH—I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—"I confess"—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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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.