



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

February 7, 2021  
*The Fifth 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](http://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, February 6, 2021*

*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

*Monday, February 8, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Alfredo Peluso by His Wife and Family—SB

*9:00 AM* Joseph Blais by Paulette Veilleux—SM

*Tuesday, February 9, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

*Wednesday, February 10, 2021*

*8:30 AM* St. Gerard by the Teti Family—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Jerry Woods by His Children—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Friday, February 12, 2021*

*9:00 AM* SM

*Saturday, February 13, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Rolande Roy—SB

*4:00 PM* Dr. Joseph Formeister by His Family—SB

*4:30 PM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

*Sunday, February 14, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Nunzio Chelli, Birthday Remembrance, by His Family—SB

*10:30 AM* SM

*11:00 AM* Emil and Blanche Foley by Their Family—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

*from Father Devine*

## PREPARATION FOR LENT

The season of Lent will be starting shortly...heads up!  
As you know, this particular season is a special time for all of us followers of Christ, as we prepare once again to renew our baptismal vows at Easter.

What is your plan for the Lenten weeks?  
How will Lent best work for you this year?  
I encourage you to start prayerfully thinking now!

*Fasting...prayer...  
works of charity and service – financially or otherwise  
...sacrifice...acts of penance, reparation, and self denial...  
Reconciliation/Confession...  
Morning or afternoon of Recollection... Retreat day or weekend away...  
spiritual reading...silence...  
private visits to the Blessed Sacrament...  
Bible reading, study and reflection*

### **Parish observances:**

*Sunday and daily Masses...weekly Sunday Vesper prayer/holy hour...(SB)  
Extra time for Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession on Monday (SB)  
and Wednesday evenings (SM)...plus the normal Saturday afternoon times  
weekly Stations of the Cross at both SB and SM*

The tools are all there! May you choose wisely and well!

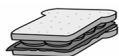
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*...We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.*

...closing words of the first inaugural address of Abraham Lincoln

# *St. Gianna Parish News and Events*

## **STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**



The Sandwich Ministry collection is Wednesday February 10th 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 February 13 and 14. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

## **ON LOVE**

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

—Benjamin Franklin

## **And So We Grow.....**

Thank you to all who contributed to the January Street Sandwich Ministry. We shared approx. 1500 sandwiches with McKinney Shelter, St. Elizabeth's House, and Hands on Hartford. Blessed by the Lord with overwhelming parishioner interest and support we will take on two additional shelters. Beginning Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> we will also bring sandwiches to The House of Bread and The Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition (this is a mobile unit serving the homeless under the Hartford bridges). Don't worry, we won't run out of places to serve. There are more than 10 homeless shelters in Hartford. Of course, we will need many hands, and sandwiches, to keep this expanding initiative going. To participate, consider making 10 simple sandwiches once a month, year- round. For more info call Susan 860-561-3648.

## **Adoration and Evening Prayer—Tonight**

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

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



## **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!

## **ARCHBISHOP BLAIR HAS EXTENDED THE MASS DISPENSATION**

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.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Religious Education Reminders

### **9<sup>th</sup> & 10 Grade Confirmation Class Reminder—St. Brigid**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, February 14, 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, February 10 and February 13. Classes will resume the following week.

### **Bad Weather Cancellation Reminder**

Any cancellation of Religious Education Classes due to bad weather will be made known by TV CHANNELS 3, 8 and 30. Wednesday snow closings will follow West Hartford closings and early school closings.

### **9<sup>th</sup> & 10 Grade Confirmation Class Reminder—St. Mark the Evangelist**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be held virtually, via Zoom Meetings, on Sunday, February 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### **St. BRIGID LADIES GUILD AND ITS “CARING HEARTS” WORK**

Due to Covid19 concerns, the Ladies Guild is not meeting this year. It is most important for our members to stay safe. Please note, all members will remain on our active list throughout the year. The Guild is, however, 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. You may recently have received a postcard about the work that Caring Hearts does. With that in mind, we continue our *Membership by Mail Fundraiser* that helps us support these 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).

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars  
and calls them by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*

### BEGINNING AGAIN

If I were to begin life again, I would  
want it as it was. I would only open my eyes  
a little more.

— Jules Renard



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10,  
12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9;  
Mk 7:1-13

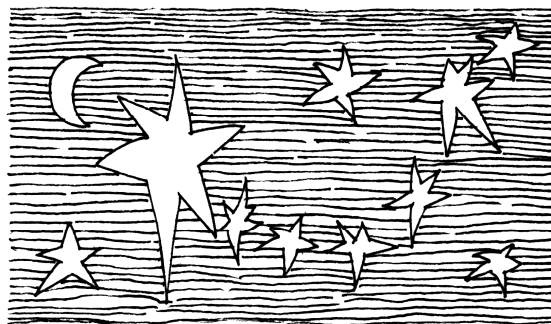
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,  
27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5;  
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;  
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13;  
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Scout Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine  
Bakhita; International Day of  
Prayer and Awareness  
Against Human Trafficking

Wednesday: St. Scholastica

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day  
of the Sick

Friday: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday;  
Lunar New Year 4719

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to  
be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness  
(Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the bro-  
kenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not  
preach the gospel. I have become all things  
to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians  
9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick  
with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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## **THE GOOD NEWS**

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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## **FEAST OF FAITH—The Gloria (1)**

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope—and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly.

The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor, and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.

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## **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