



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

February 14, 2021

The Sixth 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, February 13, 2021

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

Monday, February 15, 2021

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

8:30 AM Pauline Dalley, Month's Mind—SB

Wednesday, February 17, 2021—Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM Zbigniew Mlodecki & Walter and Sophie Pastuszek by Frances
Mlodecki—SB

9:00 AM SM

5:30 PM SM

7:00 PM SB

Thursday, February 18, 2021

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

9:00 AM SM

Friday, February 19, 2021

9:00 AM James Kelly, Birthday Remembrance by Paulette Veilleux—SM

Saturday, February 20, 2021

8:30 AM Theresa and Bart Roncaioli—SB

4:00 PM Katherine Poulin by Annarita and Jerry Erwin—SB

4:30 PM Mary Preneta by Pat and Bob Hilliard—SM

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Francesco Cerone, Birthday Remembrance, by
His Family—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

LENTEN SEASON 2021

The annual Lenten season is the fitting time for sacrifice/charity, fasting, and more frequent prayer. This special season has a double focus, namely to prepare both catechumens (adults preparing for baptism) and the faithful (persons already baptized) to celebrate the paschal mystery. The faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises at Easter...

- Ash Wednesday: St. Brigid: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses
 St. Mark the Evangelist: 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses
 (*ashes are distributed during the Mass*)
- Weekdays: normal weekday Mass schedule
- Weekends: normal Sunday Mass schedule...
 Holy Hour/Solemn Vespers...all Sundays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (SB)
- Tuesdays: seasonal Facebook posts from Fr. Devine
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (SB)
Confessions: Wednesdays, 6:00 -7:00 p.m. (SM)
 Monday, 6 April @ 6:30 p.m., Penance service/Confessions (SB)
 Saturdays, 3:00 – 3:30 (SB) 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. (SM)
- No Confessions Saturday, 3 April, Holy Saturday*
- Stations of the Cross: Mondays, 7:00 p. m. (SB)
 Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. (SM)
 Fridays, *after 9:00 a.m. Mass* (SM)
- Fasting and Abstinence: (*see detailed notice below...*)

Lenten **fast** and **abstinence** regulations :

fasting = 1 substantial meal, plus 2 other *light* meatless meals allowed
mandatory on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
encouraged on other days of Lent
persons 18 - 60 years old

abstinence = no meat, or even soup/gravy made from meat
mandatory on Ash Wednesday, Lenten Fridays, & Good Friday
persons 14 years & older

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

Adoration and Evening Prayer—Tonight

Sunday, 14 February, 5:00 p.m. (SB)

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

On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago, all thought were anxiously directed to an impending civil-war. All dreaded it – all sought to avert it...

Neither party expected for the war, the magnitude, or the duration, which it has already attained. Both (parties) read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces: but let us judge not that we be not judged...

With malice toward none: with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in: to bind up the nation's wound, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

...opening and closing words of the second inaugural address of Abraham Lincoln

"Soup"er Bowl Food Collection Thank You

The recent "Soup"er Bowl Plus Food Collection was a huge success!! Donations weighing in at one and 1/2 tons were donated to The Catholic Worker, Hands ON Hartford, and the W.H. Food Pantry. This was our largest food drive to date. Many thanks to the SPC Outreach Committee, especially the 11 brave souls that weathered the 12 degree temp. to collect & deliver, the Street Sandwich Ministry, and of course, ALL those who made donations. God Bless you for "Feeding the Hungry."

CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. is offering three scholarships of \$2,000 (each for one year) each to any Catholic student who is a Hartford county resident attending an accredited secondary school and who wants to attend a four year college beginning in the fall of 2021. The basis for selection is need, scholarship, character, leadership and achievement. The application deadline is March 15, 2021. To apply, see your principal or school counselor or if your school does not have this information, please go to go to www.catholicgraduatesct.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Reminders

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder—St. Brigid

Our 9th & 10th 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.

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.

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).

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. 10th 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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

Whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— *1 Corinthians 10:31*

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

—George Washington



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Friday: Abstinence

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalms — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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FEAST OF FAITH—The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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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.