



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

*February 28, 2021*  
*The Second Sunday of Lent*

***Reverend Joseph Devine, Pastor***

*Reverend Tuan Anh "Andy" Mai, Pastor, St. Andrew Dung-Lac*

*Reverend Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar*

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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, February 27, 2021*

*4:00 PM* Katherine Poulin by the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus Council—SB

*4:30 PM* Jane DiTaranto by Her Family—SM

*Sunday, February 28, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Scott Scaria by Roseann Talbot—SB

*10:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

*11:00 AM* Maria Deyorio and Agnes Coldwell by Their Family—SB

*Monday, March 1, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Anna and Lawrence Guadagnino by their Family—SB

*9:00 AM* Ted Monikowski by His Wife—SM

*Tuesday, March 2, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Charles Blake by His Daughter, Kate Blake—SB

*Wednesday, March 3, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Patrick J. Crowley, Jr., 5th Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Thursday, March 4, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Richetta Petrella, 2nd Anniversary, by Her Son—SB

*9:00 AM* Fr. James Boyle by Sr. Barbara Allaire—SM

*Friday, March 5, 2021*

*9:00 AM* SM

*Saturday, March 6, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Ernesto Cabral, 13th Anniversary, by His Wife—SB

*4:00 PM* James E. Hickey Sr., 40th Anniversary, by His Family—SB

*4:30 PM* Martha Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM

*Sunday, March 7, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Peggy Guimond by Joe Glowacki—SB

*10:30 AM* Hubert Soucy by RoseMay Richard—SM

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

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

## **Lenten Season special events...**

***Holy Hour/Vespers/Evening Prayer...Sundays 5:00 p.m. (SB)***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions...6:00 - 7:00 p.m.***  
***Mondays (SB)                      Wednesdays (SM)***

***Stations of the Cross...7:00 p.m.***  
***Mondays (SB)                      Wednesdays (SM)***  
***Fridays (SM) – after morning Mass***

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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

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## **Fasting from food or drink**

We can deliberately deprive ourselves of food or drink in some form (less quantity or quality), focusing our attention on our spiritual hunger each time we long to eat or drink. By doing so we strive to intensify our union with the world's hungry people and remember our dependency upon God for our needs.

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## **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](http://www.catholicgraduatesct.org).

# *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 March 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.

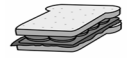
## **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

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

## **BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS GENTLY WORN MATERNITY AND BABY CLOTHING**

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world. There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you to arrange for a drop-off. Thank you!

## **STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**



The Sandwich Ministry collection is Wednesday March 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.

## **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



## PARISH WISH LIST- 2021

No one likes to spend money – without knowing where it is going. Here is an opportunity, once again this year, to make a special offering to our parish, (in memory of a loved one, if you wish) and know exactly where the money is going! Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire. Contributors will be acknowledged. Also, once again our thanks go to all who have participated the last several years in this endeavor.

Hosts for Mass	\$ 750	parish annual cost
Altar wine	\$ 300	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$ 750	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles (2 candles total)	\$ 450	parish annual cost
Missalettes	\$ 1,600	parish annual cost
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights	\$ 600	parish annual cost
Incense	\$ 250	parish annual cost
*Church flowers/plants	\$ 1,500	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday)	\$ 300	parish annual cost
Altar cloths and coverings	\$ 3,000	parish annual cost

N.B., \*Church flowers listed here do **not** include those for Christmas and Easter, which are covered by our collections for those purposes.

‘*Parish annual cost*’ = the sum total for both St. Brigid and St. Mark.

## Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

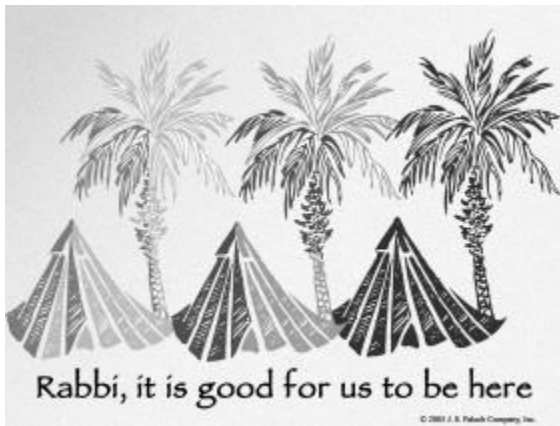
If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*

### THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

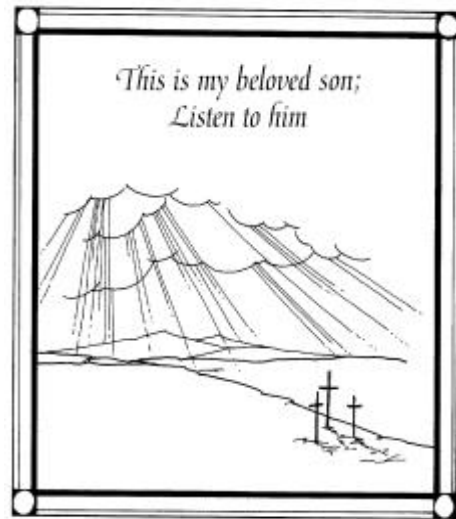
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

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## **HISTORY OF SALVATION**

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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## **FEAST OF FAITH—The Opening Prayer**

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **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.