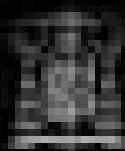


Kickoff Weekend

*Reaching Out,  
Healing Together*



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# MassSchedule

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*Saturday, March 6, 2021*

*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

*Monday, March 8, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Ida DellaRipa by Her Sister—SB

*9:00 AM* Joseph Andreoli, 25th Anniversary, by His Daughter—SM

*Tuesday, March 9, 2021*

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

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Anthony and Nancy Teti by the Teti Family—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Thursday, March 11, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Michael Perkins, 8th Anniversary, by His Family—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Friday, March 12, 2021*

*9:00 AM* SM

*Saturday, March 13, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

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

*4:30 PM* The Pageotte and LePage Families by Lonni—SM

*Sunday, March 14, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Special Intention—SB

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

*11:00 AM* Maria Agreda by Her Family—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 one's own time**

Time is, perhaps, a more precious commodity for some of us than food. By reading less of the daily newspaper (even by just not reading the ads) we can have more time for those things we have intended to do (call someone, write that letter, pay a visit). By not allowing ourselves to be *totally* immersed in our work (working overtime and weekends), we can give more of our presence to our loved ones. By limiting our shopping to groceries during Lent, we can finally have that needed time for prayer each day, or for some quality reading. (We will also have some extra money to support organizations for charity and justice.) By viewing less TV, or none at all, we can participate in Church programs or give service to others that we might not have time for otherwise

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### ***A huge loss for St. Gianna parish...***

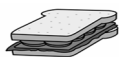
Recently, our cantor David Boudreaux revealed his intention to us to relocate his family to the New Orleans area by this summer for both personal and professional reasons. Apart from the instinctual “Ouch!” – more importantly we give our prayerful best to David and Kelly as they make this move. God be with you – fair and following seas! *Thank you so much* for the countless times you have enriched our liturgies over the years, in faithful service to our parish!

# St. Gianna Parish News and Events

## 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.

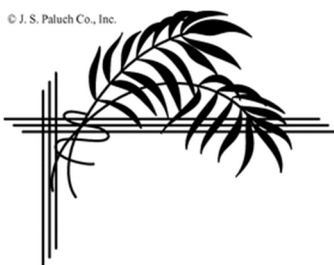
## STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY



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.



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## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

The bulletin for Palm Sunday is due to the publisher on **Thursday March 18th**. The bulletin for Easter is due to the publisher on **Thursday March 25**. Please plan any notices accordingly. Thanks so much!!



## Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients"*.

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then orally consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

### We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

*Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).*

### **TAKE ACTION:**

Go to the website below, **read more on the issue** and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

[www.ctstopsuicide.org](http://www.ctstopsuicide.org)

## 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 <i>(already taken—thank you!)</i>	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$ 750	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles	\$ 450 (2 candles total) <i>(one candle has been paid for...thank you!)</i>	parish annual cost
Missalettes	\$ 1,600	parish annual cost
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights	\$ 600	parish annual cost
Incense	\$ 250 <i>(already taken—thank you!)</i>	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.

Altar wine donation...in memory of the Deprey, Pelletier, Bazzoni, Hornkohl, and Bidmead Families

Easter Candle donation... in memory of Andy Mank, Dick Kyle and Geri Olander.

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

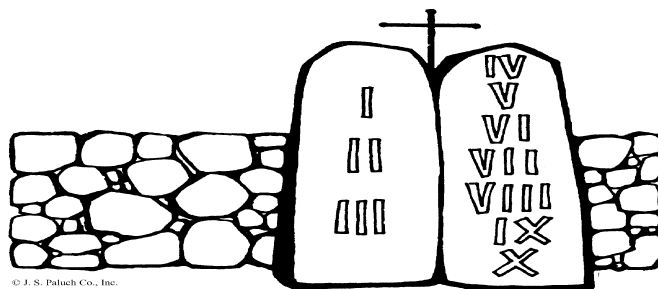
— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

### HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

DESTROY  
THIS TEMPLE  
AND  
IN THREE DAYS  
I WILL  
RAISE  
IT UP



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;  
First Scrutiny

Monday: St. John of God

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

### REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

—Samuel Johnson

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab,  
6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13,  
15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;  
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14,  
17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab;  
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23;  
Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalms** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25)

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## **TOTAL ALLEGIANCE**

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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## **FEAST OF FAITH**

### **Postures of the Mass**

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus’ feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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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.