



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

March 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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, March 13, 2021

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

Monday, March 15, 2021

8:30 AM The Antolini and Portanova Families by Their Family—SB

9:00 AM Special Intention—SM

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

8:30 AM Nancy Teti, Mass of Healing, by Her Parents—SB

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:30 AM Pauline Rafala Allen by Alison Buckley—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, March 18, 2021

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

9:00 AM SM

Friday, March 19, 2021

9:00 AM Verna Jean Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM

Saturday, March 20, 2021

8:30 AM SB

4:00 PM Charles Cattel by Sue Grimes—SB

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

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:30 AM James Kenefick by Joe Glowacki—SB

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Maria Guiseppa Scaringi and Cardillo Nunziata by Their Grand-daughter—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

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

Fasting from words

We can fast from words of criticism and negativity. We can omit gossip from our conversation. We can replace our harsh, nagging voices with words that deliberately offer gratitude and affirmation to another. We can choose to have words of kindness in our thoughts instead of angry, hostile ones. We can give our words a sound of hospitable cheerfulness and deprive ourselves of words of self-pity and irritability.

CONNECTICUT BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON COVID VACCINATIONS

Copies are available in the vestibules of both churches...Please take if interested.

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!

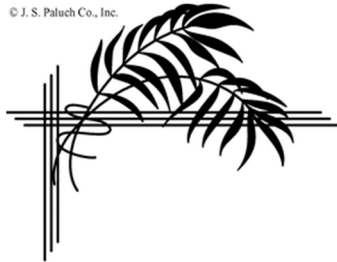
St. Gianna Parish News and Events

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.

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!!



CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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!

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 - Update

Here is the latest (as of 10 March) listing of where we stand with Wish List donations. **THANK YOU** to those who have so generously donated, up to this point. Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire. Also, once again our thanks go to all who have participated the last several years in this endeavor.

Hosts for Mass <i>(already taken...thank you!)</i>	\$ 750	parish annual cost
Altar wine <i>(already taken...thank you!)</i>	\$ 300	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$ 750	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles <i>(one candle has been paid for...thank you!)</i> <i>(second candle...partially paid for...thank you!)</i>	\$ 450 (2 candles total)	parish annual cost
Missalettes <i>(already taken, thank you!)</i>	\$ 1,600	parish annual cost
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights <i>(already taken, thank you!)</i>	\$ 600	parish annual cost
Incense <i>(already taken, thank you!)</i>	\$ 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

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.

Easter Candle donation...in memory of Bill and Ann Cullinane

Sanctuary lights donation...in memory of Frank Rovella

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— *John 3:17*



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence

GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

BLOSSOMS AND FRUIT

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

—Walter Scott

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,
17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23;
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18,
22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;
Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15;
Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

Psalms — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21)

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GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the years, our tradition has come to see this Sunday as a transition, a midpoint, an oasis in the middle of six long weeks of preparation for Easter. The key is the Latin word *Laetare*, or "Rejoice," which was for centuries the first word sung in the Mass for this Sunday. In southern Europe, the first roses of springtime are appearing now, and there used to be a custom of honoring those to be baptized at Easter with roses on this Sunday. Long ago, this was also seen as a day for celebrating the ordination of priests. Many parishes retain the custom of using rose-colored vestments on this day. Normally flowers are banned from worship in the restrained season of Lent, but here, midway, these signposts of festivity pointing to the renewal of Easter springtime sometimes make a quiet appearance. A project for today would be to plant a few paperwhite or narcissus bulbs in a water bowl filled with river rocks. Like those elect who will soon be bathed in baptismal waters, they will come to full stature in the Easter season.

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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.