



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

March 21, 2021
The Fifth 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 20, 2021

4:00 PM Charles Cattell 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

Monday, March 22, 2021

8:30 AM Nicolina Mancini, 1st Anniversary—SB

9:00 AM Jean and Fernand LaPlante by Carol and Marc LaPlante—SM

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

8:30 AM Joseph Neptin, Birthday Remembrance, by His Family—SB

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:30 AM Nellie Witkovic by Her Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, March 25, 2021

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, March 26, 2021

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, March 27, 2021

8:30 AM SB

4:00 PM Francesca Cerone, Birthday Remembrance, by Her Family—SB

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Nunzio Chelli, 1st Anniversary, by His Family—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Father Devine...

The events and the message of soon-to-be-here Holy Week are what human life on this earth is ultimately all about: life and love, struggle, letting go, and suffering, followed by unbelievable new life. These are the grounding rules for everyone, without exception – into Eternity. We see this demonstrated *par excellence* in Jesus Christ, better than in anyone else – (*which is why we believe the way that we do - in Christ*). It comes to a head in the Passion, Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Lord...commemorated during these days in particular. Our difficulties, challenges, changes, struggles, and sufferings are all echoes of what we remember in the Lord's Passion and Death.

May *this Great Week* in the Year of Our Lord 2021 touch your mind, heart and soul with His best Graces as we all walk together toward Him, day by day.

Selected Holy Week highlights

--Monday, 29 March @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid

Penance prayer service, with Confessions...

...after a brief prayer service on a penitential theme,

Fr. Devine and Fr. Joseph will be available for those who wish to take advantage of this (final) opportunity to confess before Easter...

--Good Friday, 2 April @ 8:00 p.m. at St. Brigid *Tenebrae*

...the word *Tenebrae* is the word in the Latin language for *darkness*...

...a biblically-based prayer service centered on the Passion and Death of the Lord Jesus...this liturgy engages God's Word, music, lighting, as well as sound - to offer a multi-sensory experience focusing on the Lord's suffering...

Fasting from set behaviors

We can fast from apathy and indifference by deliberately choosing to be involved in an issue that promotes justice for others. We can fast from a hardened heart and pray each day to forgive someone who has harmed us. We can omit self-centeredness and focus on reaching out to someone else at least once each day. We can deprive ourselves of the habit of gulping down our food and eat each meal slowly, appreciating the taste of food and offering our gratitude to God for all our gifts. We can eliminate jealousy from our hearts and look into the mirror at least once a day and find our own self lovable. We can fast from those inner torments we have that no one else suspects (our fears, arrogance, negative thoughts, near-despair, doubts, sadnesses) and welcome the peace of God into that inner space.

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

THANK YOU!

The Street Sandwich Ministry thanks the 98 folks who made approximately 1600 sandwiches for five Hartford shelters in March. Please continue your generous support. This outreach counts on YOU! Interested in making sandwiches? Call Susan at 860-561-3648

Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
— *Jeremiah 31:33*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

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

LADIES GUILD OFFICERS NEEDED

The Ladies Guild is looking for a few good women! We are looking to fill two positions on our Executive Board for the 2021-2022 year: 2nd Vice President and President. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Alison Goroshko at 860-402-3592 or email kgoroshko54@comcast.net. Please consider joining this fun and lively group!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

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Nunzio Chelli; the Chelli and Mandella Families; Deceased relatives; Deceased friends; recent deceased St. Brigid parishioners

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Deceased Members of the LaRosa, Sylvester, Tyler, Barillaro, DeLuco, Niemiec, Sierocki, Farino, Cooker and Marianello Families; and Darlene, Santere and Christine Wright; and Mark LaRosa

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THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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FEAST OF FAITH—The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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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.