



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

January 24, 2021
The Third 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.

MassSchedule

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Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 PM Reginald Richard by Susan Grimes

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:30 AM Rose Kovak, Birthday remembrance, by Ann Romus—SB

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

11:00 AM Frank and Gina Garofalo by Their Family—SB

Monday, January 25, 2021

8:30 AM Angelina Cassetta and Nunzio Parente by Lucy Peluso—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:30 AM SB

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Dick Cullina by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:30 AM Pauline Dalley, Birthday Remembrance, by Her Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, January 29, 2021

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, January 30, 2021

8:30 AM SB

4:00 PM SB

4:30 PM Lawrence and Mary Simonson by Their Sister—SM

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:30 AM Marie, Edna and Francesca by Joyce and Adrina—SB

10:30 AM SM

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

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

From Fr. Devine....

Here is a prayer from the Archdiocese of Boston that asks God to shower his graces upon all those within the United States, **especially those leaders that are elected**, penetrating their hearts and leading them to fulfill his most holy will.

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!"

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, and offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, especially today, as the Coronavirus has affected so many of our neighbors. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.com/appeal>. No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

DEPARTURE OF SANDY EVERETT FROM ST. GIANNA PARISH

About one week ago, Sandy submitted a letter of resignation from her position of religious education director, effective before the end of this month. We do wish her well in future endeavors as well as thanking her for her service to our parish. In light of this, Donna Wolcott will soon be assuming this position for both churches...may good fortune be yours, Donna. Blessings upon both of you!

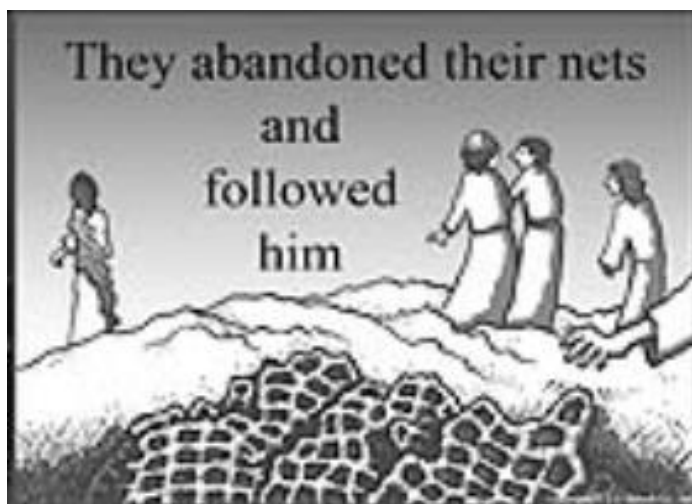
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 23/24, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 23/24.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY IS COMING!

The holidays are over and the cold winter is upon us. There continue to be many unemployed and food insecure people in our area. Before we sit back to enjoy the Super Bowl Game let's join together to put SOUP, as well as much-needed food items, on our neighbors' tables. The St. Peter Claver Outreach committee will hold a SOUP CAN PLUS Drive –thru Collection in the church parking lot from 10:30-11:30a.m. on Sunday January 31st. Healthy Food items include: Hearty Soups/ Stew-Peanut Butter/Jelly-Tuna Fish-Canned meat-Rice-Canned fruits/veggies-pasta/sauce-Baby Food. Please wear a mask. The groceries will be taken out of your trunk.

Donations will go to the W. H. Food Pantry, Hands on Hartford and the Catholic Worker.



**Wednesday, January 27 - Evening for Parish Catechists: Virtual Lent...Again?
with Lisa Orchen from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.**

Planning for 2021 - we anticipate that COVID's long shadow will challenge us to plan for Lent differently again this year. Together we will explore ideas for helping our parish and school families celebrate Lent in a COVID world. Visit holyfamilyretreat.org/day-evening-retreats for more info and to register. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - W. Hartford, CT.

860.760.9705

St. BRIGID LADIES GUILD

Due to Covid19 concerns, the Ladies Guild is not having meetings or programs this year and will review the situation next Spring. It is most important for our members to stay safe.

Please note, all members will remain on our active list throughout the year. And, though we will not be printing the newsletter, we will have a shorter version posted on the St. Gianna parish's website to help keep members informed.

The Guild is 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. With that in mind, we are having a *Membership by Mail Fundraiser* that will help us support our 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).

PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION...for those unable to be at Mass, or receive the Eucharist for whatever reason....

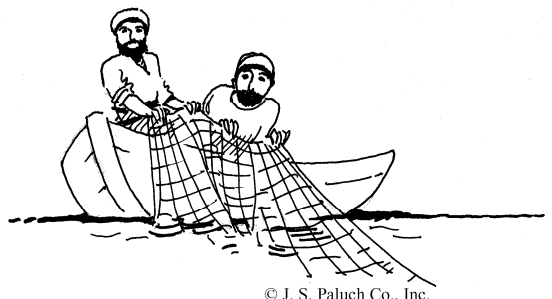
My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the
Apostle
Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici;
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of
trees) begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.
—St. Francis de Sales

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps
117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,
7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4;
Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6;
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24,
39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from
their evil ways in response to Jonah's
message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord
(Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present
form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-
31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and
believe in the gospel." The new disciples
abandon their nets and follow him (Mark
1:14-20).

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A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.

—St. Angela Merici

FEAST OF FAITH—The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God’s mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus’ feet with the words, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord’s presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or “I confess” to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison*—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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