



Welcome to
Saint Gianna Parish
St. Brigid Church St. Helena Church
St. Mark the Evangelist Church
St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School

January 28, 2018
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Celebration of the Grace of God Through The Sacraments

Baptism: Please call our respective church offices in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: By appointment, or on Saturday St. Brigid 3-3:30; St. Helena 4-4:30; St. Mark 3:15-4:00.

Communion: For parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized, contact our respective church offices.

Marriage: Please call our respective church offices one year 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 visit your parish priest or call our respective church offices for more information.

MassSchedule

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Saturday, January 27, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Anne Lombardi by the Cleary Family—SB
4:30 PM Sam Pelc by Norma Spadola—SM
5:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH

Sunday, January 28, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
9:30 AM Lou Judycki, 12th Anniversary, by His Wife—SH
10:30 AM Mattie D'Esopo (Birthday) by Susan and Dick Lindberg—SM
11:00 AM St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School in Honor of Catholic Schools Week—SB
11:30 AM Syro Malabar Mass—SH

Monday, January 29, 2018

- 8:30 AM** The Pane Family by Flora Rovella—SB
9:00 AM Mary James, 12th Anniversary, by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Msgr. Joseph E. Farrell—SM

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Giovanni B. Finno by His Son—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Thomas A. Quinn—SM

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Raffaella Finno by Her Son—SB
9:00 AM Happy Birthday Aleyamma Mathew by the Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Theodore P. Gubala—SM

Thursday, February 1, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Elizabeth Sidor by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Robert J. Carrell—SM

Friday, February 2, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Jules Georges Klock by A Friend—SB
9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Eugene F. Torpey—SM

Saturday, February 3, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Adalberto Moré by Giovanni Maria Moré—SB
9:00 AM Happy Birthday Norah, Love Nana and Papa—SH

- 4:00 PM** Mathew Kurian by the Kurian Family—SB
4:30 PM Rev. John J. Stack—SM
5:00 PM Dr. Henry P. Kolakowski by His Wife—SH

Sunday, February 4, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
9:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH
10:30 AM Andrew DeVito and Karl Hoisl by Terry St. Gelais—SM
11:00 AM Joseph and Bridget Quinn by Their Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

*SB=St. Brigid; SH=St. Helena;
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

Church of St. Brigid

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

THANK YOUs

The Social Action Committee thanks all those who helped provide dinner for approximately 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen on Monday January 22. The men were greatly appreciative of the meal they received.

The Social Action Committee also thanks all those who made or brought sandwiches or contributed money towards "Sandwich Sunday" last weekend. A special thanks to our Knights of Columbus council and our CCD classes who made hundreds of sandwiches. We provided food for many hungry people in the Greater Hartford area.

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive **next weekend** February 3 and 4. The drive begins on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and ends on Sunday from 8:15 to 11:15 am. Flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tuna, sardines, coffee, tea, canned fruits/vegetables, pasta and sauce are greatly needed. (Please do not leave any food in the church).

LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Ladies Guild is having its February meeting on Monday February 5 at 7 pm in McMahan Hall. All the women of St. Gianna Parish are invited. The theme of this month's meeting will be "Mardi Gras." Come join us and have a good time before Lent begins!

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, February 6 and Wednesday February 7. The usual other items are needed as well. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please call **Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342** or **bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.**

MASS AT St. BRIGID FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

Please note that we will have daily Mass here at St. Brigid this Friday February 2 (even though it is a Friday and daily Mass is not normally celebrated on Friday here). That date is Candlemas, the date on which candles are blessed for the entire year. It is also the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please join us at Mass on Friday.

CHILDREN'S MASS & COFFEE AND DONUTS

Next Sunday, February 4, is the Children's Mass at 8:30. Following that Mass we will have Coffee and Donuts downstairs in McMahan Hall. Please plan ahead for this special liturgy and special treat!

VALENTINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus are having a Valentine Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 11 after the 8:30 am Mass. The cost is \$7.00 and children under 12 are free. Bring your families and join the Knights—and your friends and neighbors—for their fine food.

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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Parish Annual Collection 2017—Update:

Amount pledged: \$114,721.00

Amount collected: \$109,178.50

Number of contributors: 491

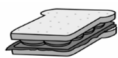
Total number of potential contributors: 1,938

Church of St. Helena

LAST CALL FOR MEN'S PARISH RETREAT!

Many of you have been thinking about making the retreat - but haven't done anything about it. Now is the time to make it happen. Join us for a weekend of rest, prayer, relaxation, and engaging conferences at St. Gianna Parish's Annual Men's Retreat to be held at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford from Feb. 2, 2018 at 6 p.m. and ending on Sunday about noon. For information call Steve Masiuk at 860 236-1475 (St. Brigid), Vic Naleski at 860 521-9419 (St. Helena) or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY



The Sandwich ministry collection is the second Wednesday of every month in the parking lots of St. Helena at 4:30 pm and St. Mark's 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.

VOCATION REFLECTION

People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. Jesus' teaching was extraordinary in that he taught with authority. The church needs bold teachers and preachers today. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life to teach as Jesus taught. Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel 860-761-7457, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

SEASON OF EPIPHANY: The word Epiphany in Syriac is "Denha". It means dawn, revelation, manifestation, etc. This Sunday, January 28th is the fourth Sunday of Epiphany. This season commemorates Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan and his manifestation to the world. Epiphany, according to the Latin rite calendar, is the visitation of the Magi, three Wise men from the East who visited Jesus after His birth. The saints who witnessed the revealed mystery of Christ through their lives are remembered by the Syro Malabar Church on the Fridays of this season. This period also reminds us of our baptism and the responsibilities we have undertaken with it. Hence, let us strive hard to know Him more intensely and to live like the children of God during this season.

SYRO MALABAR ENGLISH MASS: The liturgy of Syro Malabar Church originated in the Middle East and travelled to India first by St. Thomas the Apostle in 52 AD and he preached the Gospel and since then onwards they preserved this language the Aramaic-Syriac in which this liturgy is originally celebrated until 1962 when it translated to the local language MALAYALAM. The word Syro Malabar is coined from the words Syriac (referring to the East Syrian liturgy) and Malabar (the historical name of the southern state of Kerala). **The next English Mass is on Sunday, February 18th.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday: St. John Bosco
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We will be collecting white socks for residents of Hartford's shelters. The socks are badly needed during the winter months as most shelter residents are without adequate boots and often must wear two pairs at a time for warmth as they go about their daily activities.



The collection will take place on January 27 and 28, 2018. Red bins will be placed in the Church vestibule for the collection.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 9th-11th at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. This year's theme is "Make me an instrument of your peace".

What is peace? What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Come learn how to bring God's love and peace to others.

To register call 860-677-8519

Record of Donations for 2017

If you would like written confirmation of 2017 donations please call and leave a message at the office (860-233-1269) and we will mail them to you when they are ready.

PLAN AHEAD

Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. If you are making plans to celebrate the holiday you may want to select an alternate date!

Sister Act - "A Heavenly Musical"

The 1992 hit film is coming to the Broad Brook Opera House at 107 Main Street in Broad Brook, CT. Presented by the Broad Brook Opera House players, this fundraising event to benefit The Little Sisters of the Poor - St. Joseph's Residence, will be presented on Thursday, February 8th at 9pm. Tickets are only \$30. If you can't attend, consider purchasing a ticket for a resident at St. Joseph's. For tickets or more info, call Christina at 860-741-0791 or email enasstdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org

DAILY MASS ON SNOW DAYS



In the interest of safety if West Hartford Schools are closed for inclement weather there will be no morning liturgy.

If there is a delay we will have Mass but please carefully assess the driving/walking conditions before coming out.



Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of:

Hilda Tuttle

who entered into eternal rest.

GOF 2017-2018

Season of Prayer

February GOF dates are Sunday, 4th at 11:45 a.m. and Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.

For more information please contact the St. Mark Religious Education office at sheila.stmark@yahoo.com or call 860-236-3545.

11th Annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford will hold its 11th annual marriage enrichment evening on Sat., Feb. 3, 2018, from 5:00 -9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church and Parish Center, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. This year's program will begin with Mass, and include dinner, prayer, and reflection. The theme is "**The Lord AND the Rings: Epic Moments in Sacramental Marriage.**" The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner. To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net. Please RSVP by Jan. 30, 2018.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

Religious Education

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ST. BRIGID AND ST. HELENA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

9th Grade Confirmation Class – Rescheduled
 Our 9th Grade Confirmation Class for February will be **rescheduled** to Sunday, February 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. instead of Sunday, February 4.

BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION REMINDER
 CANCELLATION OF CCD CLASSES DUE TO BAD WEATHER WILL BE MADE KNOWN BY TV CHANNELS 3, 8 and 30. Tuesday and Wednesday snow closings will follow West Hartford closings and early school closings.

ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

All First Communion parents will attend a Reconciliation workshop on Sunday, February 11th at 9:00 at the parish center. The history and theology behind the sacrament will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reconciliation will be celebrated for our First Communion class on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm in church followed by a reception for children and families at the parish center.

RCIA

The Rite of Sending for our RCIA catechumen and candidates will be celebrated on Sunday, February 18th at the 10:30 mass. The Rite of Election will take place that afternoon at the Cathedral at 3:00 pm.



NWC INFORMATION SESSION

Northwest Catholic will offer an Information Session for prospective families, who were unable to attend the October Open House, on February 1st at 7:00 pm at Northwest Catholic. To register for the Information Session, go to NorthwestCatholic.org/InfoSessions.

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"It takes teamwork to build a strong Catholic school..."

**Parishioners, Alumni, & Friends
 Join Us For Refreshments...
 For Our Catholic Schools' Week
OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 28th
 12 PM to 2 PM

Our School Offers

A Nurturing Environment Where We Are Committed to Academic Success!

Strong Academic Programs
 Tuition Assistance

Free and/or Reduced Breakfast & Lunch

Free Bus Transportation

CONTINUE TO SPREAD THE WORD!

SAVE THE DATES!!!

2nd Annual Comedy Night: Fri., Feb. 9th at 6:30

PM - Tkts: \$20

Come & Laugh w/ Hilarious Comedians
 & Our Very Own Bob Cattel

Jerry Caruso

David DeLorenzo

(Hurry tickets are selling fast!)

Potluck Global Cuisine & Multi-Cultural Night

Fri., April 6th at 6:30 PM \$10

The "2018 GALA" Sat., May 5th at 6:30 PM

Advance Tkt.: Price \$35

After February 2nd \$50

VIP Table of 10 \$300

We Need You!

Are You Interested In Volunteering At St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School Or Selling Scrip Gift Cards Or At Our Fundraisers At Mass On Saturdays & Sundays, Please Call Us?

Make Sure You Re-register Your Stop & Shop Courtesy Card And St. Brigid-St. Augustine Gets Paid Register it to our SCHOOL ID# 08098

We are still collecting Kellogg's "Box Tops for Education"

(Containers are located in the lobby, please let us know if you need one)

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COUNCIL MEEETING—Upcoming

Finance Council-Monday, 29 January @ 6:30 p.m.

All St. Gianna parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting. Location=St. Helena Church, Fr. Murphy Hall, Fr. Kilbride Education Wing. As you enter from the parking lot, the Education Wing door is the door on the extreme right—the one closest to the “highway side” of the parking lot.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Sunday, February 4th at 11:45 am* & Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 pm.

Please note the time change for February's Sunday session: GOF will be held at 11:45 a.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th.*

A hearty breakfast will be served and our topic will be the Domestic Church. How do you bring prayer into busy family lives? How do you fight the peer pressure that influences our children and weakens their perception of the value of prayer? Once again, the February GOF is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4th at 11:45 a.m.**, or Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Sacred Scripture

“Ruth and the Mothers of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel”

March 3, 2018, 12:30-4:30 p.m., St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. All are welcome!

Free of charge. Register by February 23rd online at <http://catholicedaohct.org/beyond-the-basics/cbs-events>.

Presented by Dr. Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, of Providence College, RI.

The Gospel of Matthew opens with a long genealogy of Jesus that we hear (or stumble over!) once a year at the Christmas Vigil Mass. This genealogy is both a remarkable theological work and deeply Jewish, serving as the link between the Hebrew Scriptures and the legitimation of Jesus the Messiah. There is perhaps no better time to enter into this genealogy than during the Lenten season, as we reflect upon the cycle of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. This talk will explore the background to Matthew's Gospel; examine Matthew's genealogy, in particular the theological value of four women included in the line of Jesus; and engage deeply with the story of one of these women as told in the book of Ruth. The goal of this talk is to join heart and mind, connecting more intimately with Jesus through the mysteries of Scripture and the power of his ancestral line according to Matthew.

AT HOLY FAMILY RETREAT HOUSE...

Blessing Workshop, with author Gunilla Norris, Saturday, Feb 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Blessing is contagious. The more we feel blessed the more of a blessing we become. To live in awareness of blessing, to cultivate it and to share it is a spiritual practice that can sustain us and fill us with strength and joy. In this workshop, we will create practices that nurture our ability to sustain a life lived in blessing, including the making of blessing postcards to share. \$65, includes lunch. Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford 860-760-9705.

LOURDES AT LITCHFIELD

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield will be open on weekends only from 11:30am to 4:00pm, weather permitting. A 30% discount will be given on selected Christmas items during this time. Regular hours will resume in March. For further information, call 860-567-1041 or email: lourdesshrinect@gmail.com.