



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

February 4, 2018
The Fifth 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, February 3, 2018

- 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

Monday, February 5, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Frank Rovella by His Wife and Family—SB
9:00 AM Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nahn and Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. William J. Hayes—SM

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Mary Lou Kinnane by Reggie Finno—SB
9:00 AM Sister Susan Carlin—SM

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Reggie Finno—SB
9:00 AM Agatha Wincze by Teresa Gluch—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Thomas A. McCarthy—SM

Thursday, February 8, 2018

- 8:30 AM** For the Repose of the Souls of John and Lillian Sussilleaux by Their Daughter —SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Ann Balog by Judith Richardson—SM

Friday, February 9, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Happy Birthday ,Grace Matthew, by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Carlos Garces-Henao—SM

Saturday, February 10, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Special Intention—SB
9:00 AM SH
12:00 PM Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nahn and Family—SH

- 4:00 PM** Norman & Gilman Shaw & Roseline & James Seegobin by Sharon & James Seegobin & Children—SB
4:30 PM Rev. Edward J. Muha—SM
5:00 PM St. Gerard by the Teti Family—SH

Sunday, February 11, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Louis Corbidge by His Wife—SB
9:30 AM Waldemar Kawka, Happy Birthday in Heaven by Marta Mostek—SH
10:30 AM Paul and Theresa Rita Marceau by Susan Marceau—SM
11:00 AM Carmine and Anna Giammarco 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

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive **this 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).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN

Members of the parish will be preparing and serving dinner to 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen **Tuesday February 13**. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help with the cost, please put it in an envelope marked "soup kitchen" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during normal business hours.

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.**

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our Catholic secondary school student, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Michael S. Griffin would like to express sincere thanks to all who participated in the 2018 High School Collection. We deeply appreciate your support of Catholic high schools as they pursue their mission of education and evangelization.

CHILDREN'S MASS & COFFEE AND DONUTS

Today, February 4, is the Children's Mass at 8:30. Following that Mass we will have Coffee and Donuts downstairs in McMahan Hall. Please join us 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. is offering three scholarships of \$2,000 each to any Catholic student who is a Hartford county resident attending an accredited secondary school and who wants to attend a four year college beginning in the fall of 2018. The basis for selection is need, scholarship, character, leadership and achievement. The application deadline is March 15, 2018. To apply, see your principal or school counselor or if your school does not have this information, please go to go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org.

Saint Bakhita

February 8 is the Feast of Saint Bakhita. Many years ago Josephine Bakhita lived as a slave. Years later, she was canonized and is known as the patron Saint of Sudan. In her honor we pray for all of those who have been victims of slavery and trafficking. As sports fans around the country gear up for Super Bowl 52, they may not know that vulnerable people will be sex trafficked at this year's Super Bowl, just as they have been year after year. In 2017, 183 sex buyers and 9 sex traffickers were arrested at the Super Bowl in Houston, Texas. Let us pray for an end to human trafficking, that the dignity of all of God's children will be protected. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry has formed an Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Task Force. Please pray for the Task Force, that they may increase others' awareness of the problem of human trafficking and become voices in the public square calling for its abolition. To host a presentation or get involved contact lynn.campbell@aohct.org

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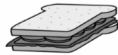


SPECIAL THANKS

A big Thanks to the Flower Committee for their help with Christmas decorations at St. Helena. Thanks to Bob Strickland and his team for their help with the Creche. We are blessed to have dedicated members to ensure that our Altar has beautiful flowers at

Christmas, Easter and weekends throughout the year.
- Sincerely, Mary Mulcahy

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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Sponsored by the St. Helena Women's Guild. The Women of St. Helena's are invited to join in an evening of camaraderie and fun at the Beachland Tavern, 1128 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm. (Separate checks will be provided.) RSVP Karen Bliss at 860-521-2902 or kmbliss2902@comcast.net by Sunday February 25th. Please provide your name and your best contact information in the event we need to cancel due to weather.



FOOD SHARING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

The St. Helena Food Sharing program will collect items and can be brought in at any time and left in Fr. Murphy Hall. It is delivered on the 2nd and 4th weekends but is gratefully accepted anytime during the month. Items needed are: Peanut butter, tuna fish, beef stew, juices, low sugar cereals, pastas, pasta sauce, soups, and macaroni & cheese. Please leave your donations in Fr. Murphy Hall. Thank you for your continued generosity to all who have kept St. Helena's Food Sharing program going for almost 40 years.



SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

SEASON OF EPIPHANY: The word Epiphany in Syriac is "Denha". It means dawn, revelation, manifestation, etc. This Sunday, February 5th is the fifth 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.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection will be February 10 and 11.



Grocery bags with lists of needed items are being distributed after next weekend's masses. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

STREET SANDWICH COLLECTION

The monthly Street Sandwich collection will meet Wednesday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. in front of the Parish Center.

If you are interested in making ten simple sandwiches once a month for the hungry in Hartford contact Sue at 860-561-3648 for details.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a St. Valentine's Day Breakfast on Sunday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ten and under. For tickets, please contact Glen Baldi at 860-798-9715 or g.baldi@comcast.net.

Proceeds will support various church initiatives. Support our church by supporting the Knights' breakfast!

Bring your special Valentine for a delicious breakfast and a complimentary red rose!



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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has said that: "It is the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people." As the healthcare mandate is retooled, let us pray that the religious freedom of the Church is safeguarded.

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.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

The 9th annual CT Walks For Haiti will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, with a send-off from St. Peter Claver Parish Center. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. with music, Haitian-made crafts, great food, children's games and a silent auction, so there is plenty for non-walkers to enjoy. The 2.5 mile walk through West Hartford Center and Blue Back Square will start at noon. Proceeds will fund projects of six 501(c)3 charities that are currently helping their Haitian communities provide critical nutritional and medical services. Check out our website: www.ctwalksforhaiti.org to learn about these dedicated charities. We hope that you will join us on the walk! Your past support has been greatly appreciated. If you can't walk but would like to donate, we have a CrowdRise fund raiser on our website. Contact Karen Fritsche (karenlfritsche@gmail.com) or 860-521-4150, if you wish further information. Ct Walks for Haiti is an all-volunteer, tax exempt organization under IRS Section 501(c)3. All donations are tax deductible.

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 RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

Would you like to understand the theology and history behind this most maligned sacrament. Join us on Sunday, February 11th at 9:00 in the parish center for a power point presentation about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parents of second graders will be taking part in this event as preparation for the celebration of Reconciliation on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30pm.

FAMILY RCIA

Several families are preparing to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. If you would like to have more information about this program please call LouAnn @ 860-236-3545.

RCIA for Adults

The Rite of Sending will take place on Sunday, February 18th as two candidates and one catechumen prepare to participate in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral later that afternoon.

LENT SCRIPTURE CLASSES

St. Mark will be hosting several scripture classes during Lent. Father Metzler will be leading a discussion after morning mass and Charles Conaghan will be hosting an evening class entitled: From the Cross to Salvation. **Please watch** the bulletin for the schedule.

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

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Thursday, February 1st, 8th, 15th
9 AM to 4 PM & By Appt.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL!

We Offer

- Strong Academic Programs
 - Tuition Assistance
 - Free and/or Reduced Breakfast & Lunch
 - Free Bus Transportation
- Please RSVP (860) 561-2130, ext. 106

SAVE THE DATES!

Potluck Global Cuisine & Multi-Cultural Night

Fri., April 6th at 6:30 PM

\$10 Adults \$3 Children 12 and Under

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

Advance Tkt.: Price \$35

After February 23rd Tkts Are \$50

VIP Table of 10 \$300

We Need You!

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

**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)

School Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs. and Fri. 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Wed., 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

REMEMBER....

**St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School is
A Nurturing Environment
Where We Are Committed To
Academic Success!**

For more information call:

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from Father Devine

PREPARATION FOR LENT

The season of Lent will be starting shortly...heads up!
As you know, this particular season is a special time for all of us followers of Christ. What is your plan for the Lenten weeks? How will Lent be different for you this year?
I encourage you to start prayerfully thinking now!

*Fasting...prayer...works of charity – financially or otherwise
...sacrifice...acts of penance and self denial...
Reconciliation/Confession...Morning or afternoon of Recollection...
Retreat day or weekend away...spiritual reading...silence...
private visits to the Blessed Sacrament...daily Mass...
Bible reading, study and reflection*

The tools are all there! May you choose wisely and well!

GOF

Generations of Faith will be celebrated this Sunday, February 4th from 11:45 to 2:00. This will allow all participants to be back home for Super Bowl Sunday events. We will also hold GOF on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00. The topic for February is the "Domestic Church". How do we bring a sense of Catholic spirituality into our homes and families? How do we pray with our families?

Our guest speaker is Jamie Kalamarides. John J. "Jamie" Kalamarides is a husband, father of five children ranging from 25-11, and an executive with Prudential Financial. He serves as the treasurer of Prosperity Now, a nonpartisan, Washington, DC-based not-for-profit committed to increasing the middle class through research, policy, and practice. Jamie speaks and tweets (@Kalamarides) frequently on topics of work and wealth. Jamie is a director of the Hartford Bishop's Foundation and serves on the Hartford Archdiocese Pastoral Council. Jamie and his family are members of St. Mary's Church in Simsbury, CT. Jamie is a graduate of Colgate University and Dartmouth College.

Please email sheila.stmark@yahoo.com to reserve your spot. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge but a good will donation will be accepted.



**Ash
Wednesday**

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Sneak Peek....

Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, we will follow the "holy day" schedule here at St. Gianna. It is listed below for your planning.

St. Brigid: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

St. Helena: 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

St. Mark the Evangelist 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Prayer Service with ashes at the St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School will be at 10:00 am



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Parish Annual Collection 2017—Update:

Amount pledged: \$115,391.00
Amount collected: \$109,778.50
Number of contributors: 493
Total number of potential contributors: 1,938

VOCATION REFLECTION

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the mission of Jesus, after which he withdraws to the desert to pray. Spend time in prayer to learn if God is calling you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news as a priest or religious. If so, 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.