



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

*February 11, 2018*  
*The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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See inside the Bulletin for details

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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](http://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 10, 2018*

- 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**  
**11:30 AM** Syro Malabar Mass—SH

## *Monday, February 12, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Carmela and Edmundo Ragone by Antonietta Ragone—SB  
**9:00 AM** Happy 21st Birthday, Ricky, Love Grandpa and Elaine—SH  
**9:00 AM** Mr. And Mrs. Isodoro Purzalon by Their Sister —SM

## *Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Lucia and Pasquale Peluso by Domenica Iafrancesco and Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Marshall A. Filip—SM

## *Wednesday, February 14, 2018--Ash Wednesday*

- 8:30 AM** Walter and Sophie Pastuszak by Their Daughter —SB  
**9:00 AM** Repose of the Soul of James Frost by His Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Walter Rausch by Jim and LouAnn Warren—SM  
**7:00 PM**  
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## *Thursday, February 15, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Nicholas Nardi and Family by the Nardi Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** Dr. Henry P. Kolakowski by His Wife—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Thomas C. O'Neill—SM

## *Friday, February 16, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** Rico Volpe, 9th Anniversary and Happy Birthday in Heaven by His Wife Annette and Sons Rico and David—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Genaro J. Testa—SM

## *Saturday, February 17, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** Pauline O'Connor Bieluch by the Kolakowski Family—SH  
**4:00 PM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
**4:30 PM** Rev. Bernard J. Flynn—SM  
**5:00 PM** Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nahn and Family—SH

## *Sunday, February 18, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Francesco Cerone by His Family—SB  
**9:30 AM** Theresa and Pat Roncaioli by Barbara Judycki—SH  
**10:30 AM** Rev. Alfred R. Merusi—SM  
**11:00 AM** Patrick Crowley by the Jameson 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 YOU!**

The Social Action Committee thanks all those who donated food or made monetary donations during the Food Drive we had last weekend. Many hungry people in the greater Hartford area will now have food to eat.

## **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**

### **SBLG Supper Club**

The February Supper Club is Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.. We'll be going to Olive Garden at Corbin's Corner and are looking forward to a festive, fun-filled, delicious time. Be sure to join us. Call Maureen [860-521-0820] to be added to the reservation.

### **SBLG TRAVEL GROUP**

Join us on a 3-day trip to Atlantic City, Monday, April 30 to Wednesday, May 2. Per person costs are: \$249 double occupancy, \$328 single. Included: Round-trip motorcoach transportation, two nights lodging in AC, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner, day-long tour of Cape May, and a casino bonus. Fliers available on the vestibule bulletin board. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). Reservations and payment in full due immediately. Thank you.

### **OLC WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The annual Women's Retreat at Our Lady of Calvary in Farmington will be held from March 9 to 11. The theme is "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace." It promises to be a spirit-filled weekend. For more information, contact Laurie-Ann at 860-953-4063. You may also contact OLC at 860-677-8519 or [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net). More information is available in the February St. Brigid Ladies' Guild Bulletin.

## **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.

## **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will be having a can food drive for the 40 days of Lent. One can for every day of Lent is suggested (if you are able—all donations are welcome!) Suggested items: tuna fish, soup, peanut butter, pasta. Collected items will be distributed to food banks, and shelters.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

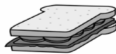
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## **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 [www.Catholicgraduatesct.org](http://www.Catholicgraduatesct.org).

## Church of St. Helena

### 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](mailto: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.

### SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

**SEASON OF LENT:** In the Syro Malabar Church lent begins on Monday and ends on Easter. Traditionally, Lent in Eastern Churches begins on the seventh Monday before Easter. It is a matter of tradition and good faith that most Christians in Kerala eat only vegetarian meals for 50 full days. We call this period 50 day's fasting. Probably, because St. Thomas Christians fasted and abstained from Pethurtha Sunday to Easter Sunday. The Syriac term 'pethurtha' means returning, ceasing etc. Lent is a season set apart mainly for repentance and reconciliation.

During this season we meditate upon man's sin, and its consequences, the need for repentance and conversion, the infinite love and mercy of God towards repentant sinners and the passion, death and burial of Jesus Christ. Lenten season calls our attention in a special way to the need for reconciliation with God and fellow beings. Therefore, in this period, the Church persuades the faithful to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

**Ash Monday:** Lent begins at midnight on Sunday. Our Syro Malabar church will observe Ash Monday on Monday, February 12th. Ash Monday Mass along with the distribution of ashes will be held at 6:00 p.m in the Church of Saint Helena.

**FRIDAYS IN LENT:** Every Friday in Lent, our Syro-Malabar people will host two events at Saint Helena. (a). Holy Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. (b). Light Supper at the Church Hall. All are welcome to join.

## Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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!

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

What an extraordinary gift—the gift of divine forgiveness! This year, prepare for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Monday will be “confession day” in every *parish* throughout the Archdiocese, but visit [ConfessionMondays.com](http://ConfessionMondays.com) to look up parish locations and times.

### 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 is at 10:30 a.m. The 2.5 mile walk through West Hartford Center and Blue Back Square will start at noon. Contact Karen Fritsche ([karenlfritsche@gmail.com](mailto:karenlfritsche@gmail.com)) or 860-521-4150, or Karen Noël-Freda (860-561-2054) or [johnfreda@earthlink.net](mailto:johnfreda@earthlink.net) for further information.

**PARISH WISH LIST- 2018 ... a new wrinkle for our parish... check it out!**

No one likes to spend money – without knowing where it is going. Here is an opportunity to make a special offering to our parish, (in memory of a loved one, if you wish) and know *exactly* where the money is going! Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire. Contributors will be acknowledged.

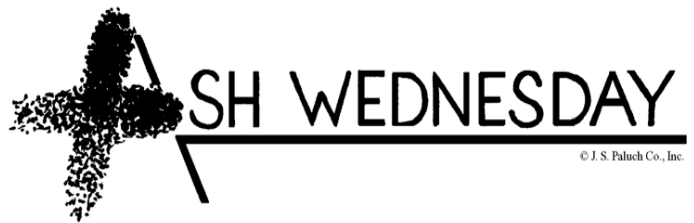
Hosts for Mass	\$1,800	parish annual cost
Altar wine	\$1,500	parish annual cost
Altar candles	\$ 2,000	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles	\$ 175 / candle (3 candles total)	parish annual cost
Missalettes	\$5,000	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday)	\$ 500	parish annual cost

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

**COURAGE & ENCOURAGE**

Courage International is a Catholic network of confidential support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and seek to live chaste lives in Christ. Courage also sponsors separate confidential support groups called EnCourage for those who seek to gain greater understanding and acceptance of their loved-one's same sex attraction, while honoring the virtue of chastity. Courage ministers under the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life. For further information, contact Fr. Robert Landback at 203-265-0961, x2 or [aohctcourage@gmail.com](mailto:aohctcourage@gmail.com). Many resources are available on the website: [www.couragerc.org](http://www.couragerc.org), including upcoming meeting times and places.



**NO DISPENSATION ON VALENTINE'S DAY**

This year Ash Wednesday falls on St. Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Unlike a Friday in Lent, when a dispensation is sometimes given from fast and abstinence on St. Patrick's Day, Ash Wednesday is a more solemn and universal day of prayer and penance for Catholics and many other Christians as well. So there is no dispensation from fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, February 14, in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Catholics may wish to anticipate St. Valentine's Day the day or evening before, on February 13.

**PHONE FAST FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

Shut off your phone and let God call your heart.  
#PFF. [ArchdioceseofHartford.org](http://ArchdioceseofHartford.org).

**LAY CARMELITES of GREATER HARTFORD**

Do you want to deepen your prayer life? Do you want to enrich your spiritual journey by joining a lay community that strives to cultivate intimacy with God as we serve others? Is God calling you to become a Lay Carmelite? We meet in Wethersfield the 4th Wednesday evening of the month. Call Susie Okamoto at 860 231-8893 for more details.



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**ST. BRIGID AND ST. HELENA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class – Rescheduled**  
Our 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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**

**The "Why" of Liturgy**

Join Father Metzler for a discussion of the "Why" of Liturgy on Tuesdays February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Mark Parish Center. To register call 860-236-3545 or email sheila.stmark@yahoo.com

**How Are We Saved by Jesus: The Death of Jesus and Our Redemption**

Join us for a scriptural discussion about Jesus' redemptive death leading to salvation of humankind. The classes are scheduled for Thursdays, March 15 and March 22 at 7:00 in the parish center. Presented by Charles Conaghan. Pre-registration is not required.

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**OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, February 22nd**

**9 AM to 4 PM & By Appt.**

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**We Offer**  
**Strong Academic Programs**  
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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 Tks Are \$50***

***VIP Table of 10 \$300***

**We Need You!**

**Are You Interested In Volunteering**  
**Or Selling Scrip Gift Cards Or At Our Fundraisers**  
**After 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....**

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**Thank You!**



## LENTEN SEASON 2018

*The annual Lenten season is the fitting time for sacrifice/charity, fasting, and more frequent prayer. This special season has a double focus, namely to prepare both catechumens (adults preparing for baptism) and the faithful (persons already baptized) to celebrate the paschal mystery. The faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises at Easter...*

Ash Wednesday:            St. Brigid:            8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses  
   St. Helena:            9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses  
   St. Mark the Evangelist: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses  
   St. Brigid/St. Augustine school:            10:00 a.m. prayer service  
   (*ashes are distributed during the Mass or prayer service*)

Weekdays:                    normal weekday Mass schedule

Weekends:                    normal Sunday Mass schedule...  
   Holy Hour/Solemn Vespers...all Sundays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Brigid

Stations of the Cross:            Fridays 7:00 p.m. ...  
   16 February - St. Mark the Evangelist  
   23 February - St. Peter Claver            2 March - St. Timothy  
   9 March - St. Thomas the Apostle            16 March - St. Helena  
   23 March - St. Thomas the Apostle  
  
   30 March, Good Friday @ 12:00 noon            St. Brigid

Reconciliation/Confessions:            Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
   19 February thru 26 March/all churches  
   Mondays after 8:30 a.m. Mass ... St. Brigid  
   Saturdays... normal customary hours in all three churches  
   Monday, 26 March @ 6:30 p.m., Penance service and Confessions at St. Brigid  
   No Confessions Saturday, 31 March, Holy Saturday

Educational series:            The "Why of Liturgy"  
   Tuesdays, 20, 27 February, 6, 13 March  
   @ 10:30 a.m. with Fr. Metzler; St. Mark Parish Center

   Adult Scripture, on the death of Jesus  
   Thursdays 15, 22 March  
   @ 7:00 p.m. with Charles Conaghan; St. Mark Parish Center

Fasting and Abstinence: (*see detailed notice elsewhere in this bulletin...*)