



Welcome to  
**Saint Gianna Parish**  
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*St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School*

March 4, 2018  
*The Third Sunday of Lent*

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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.

# Mass Schedule

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## *Saturday, March 3, 2018*

- 4:00 PM** Robert Cleary Jr. by His Family—SB  
**4:30 PM** Msgr. James A. Connelly—SM  
**5:00 PM** Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nahn and Family—SH

## *Sunday, March 4, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Richard Woods by Dominic and Gina Giacalone—SB  
**9:30 AM** Joseph Fritsche, Happy Birthday in Heaven by Karen Fritsche—SH  
**10:30 AM** Rev. James Boyle by Sister Barbara Allaire—SM  
**11:00 AM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
**11:30 AM** Syro Malabar Mass—SH

## *Monday, March 5, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Repose of the Soul of Maria Mezza by a Friend—SB  
**9:00 AM** Ernesto Cabral, 10th Anniversary, by His Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Robert W. Ladish—SM

## *Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Mass today will be held at the St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School at 8:30 am  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Francis E. Nash—SM

## *Wednesday, March 7, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Happy Saint's Name Day—SB  
**9:00 AM** Sam Mancuso, by Mary Dilion—SH  
**9:00 AM** Stanco and Yourk Families—SM

## *Thursday, March 8, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers by Frances—SB  
**9:00 AM** Elizabeth George, Happy 20th Birthday, by Her Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Muriel Deck by Jim and LouAnn Warren—SM

## *Friday, March 9, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. John Heller—SM  
**6:00 PM** Syro-Malabar Mass

## *Saturday, March 10, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
  
**4:00 PM** James Hickey Sr. 37th Anniversary by His Family—SB  
**4:30 PM** John Flannery by Mary Flannery and Family—SM  
**5:00 PM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH

## *Sunday, March 11, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Carmine and Anna Giammarco by Their Family—SB  
**9:30 AM** Agnes Mahoney, 8th Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SH  
**10:30 AM** Pageotte and LePage Families by Lonni Bos—SM  
**11:00 AM** Louis J. Corbidge by George and Lillian Knight—SB  
**11:30 AM** Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

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

# Church of St. Brigid

## LADIES GUILD NEWS

### MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday March 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.**

### 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.

*from Fr. Devine...*

Kathleen Choi has been a columnist in the Honolulu diocesan newspaper. These reflections were inspired by a piece that she wrote some years ago, which I have tweaked, and enlarged. Thank you, Kathleen!

*Just for Lent ... I'll give God my time.  
I'll visit with folks I run into, even if it makes my errands take longer.  
I'll answer those letters I've been postponing.  
My quiet time will last a full half hour.  
If I finish my standard prayers early, I'll sit and listen.  
I will unclutter (!)/simplify one or more rooms where I live.  
I'll pray for people I don't like, including those whose views are not mine...  
I'll ask for blessings, not conversions.*

*Just for Lent ...  
I'll cherish God's creation. I will do my best to recycle.  
I'll only use the car when absolutely necessary.  
I'll wash laundry in cold water and air dry my dishes.  
At least each week, I will deny for myself one thing that I like.  
I will eat and drink less.  
I will consider and decide on what percentage of my annual income I will give to charities.  
I will refuse to participate in gossip.*

***Wait!.....**  
Who am I kidding? I won't do a tenth of these things.  
I will, however, post this list.  
It will serve as my daily examination of conscience.  
It will make 40 days seem very long indeed.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### 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.

### K of C CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after all the Masses this weekend for their popular Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Tickets will also be available at the rectory during the week during business hours. This dinner usually sells out so get your tickets early. The dinner will be held March 10 after the 4 pm Mass. Treat yourself to corned beef, cabbage and more, all home cooked by the Knights!



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# Church of St. Helena

## SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

### COME ONE, COME ALL!

The St. Helena CCD middle school students are presenting their annual Pancake Breakfast. The date is March 4 after the 9:30 Mass in Fr. Murphy Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 5 to 12. Kids 5 and under are free. All proceeds go to support the poor in Haiti. Tickets will be available at the door.

### ST. GIANNA ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

Effective Monday March 12, Marie will be working with Karla full time at St. Brigid. She will be moving on Thursday and Friday March 8 and 9 (during which there may be some disruption to the phone systems as offices and computers are shuffled, so we both ask for your patience and understanding). This change comes about as we work to make St. Brigid the Administrative Center of St. Gianna in accordance with the Archdiocesan decree.

### WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The St. Helena's Women's Guild will meet on Thursday March 8 at 7 pm in the Fr. Kilbride Education Wing. All the women of St. Gianna parish are invited to attend.

### 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.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

**Psalms** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Gospel** — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

**Lent is a time of preparation for the Easter.** How shall we prepare for the most powerful mysteries of Jesus' life? There is no other way. It is through prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works; we purify our souls and come closer to God. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter. We have to hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

We pray, fast, do penance and thus prepare for the feast of resurrection. Archbishop Fulton Sheen noted that the Protestant attitude is summarized by the line "First comes the feast, then comes the hangover," while the Catholic attitude is "First comes the fast, then the feast." Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The primary aim of prayer, fasting and abstinence is to come closer to God and be united with Him. Here we have one more opportunity. Let us make use of this blessed time and prepare well for the feast of resurrection.

**FRIDAYS IN LENT:** We will have the **Holy Mass and Stations of the Cross starting at 6:00 p.m** for all seven Fridays in the Church of Saint Helena during Lent. Afterwards all are invited to join to the Church Hall to the soup supper. Special thanks to Mrs. Lovely Mathew and Mr. Sunil Abraham and family for sponsoring the soup supper on March 2nd and March 9th respectively

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

We hope you can help meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org) or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

# Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

GOF 2017-2018

## Season of Prayer

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

Everyone is welcome.

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

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Please join us on Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m., or  
Wednesday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. for Generations  
of Faith. You are not going to want to miss this  
presentation! Sister Barbara Bozak, scripture  
scholar, will be showing us how to use scripture to  
actually hear what God wants us to know, now,  
today in our busy lives. Sister is an amazing  
person. She is coming to us in between her trips to  
India and Brazil where she is working on  
development with the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister  
Barbara is also a representative to the UN and  
frequents NY several times a month. Don't miss this  
wonderful opportunity to learn more about scripture  
from an amazing lady!

### 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.

### 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 ([karenfritsche@gmail.com](mailto:karenfritsche@gmail.com))  
or 860-521-4150, or Karen Noël-Freda (860-561-  
2054) or [johnfreda@earthlink.net](mailto:johnfreda@earthlink.net) for further  
information.

### 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.

### 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 to look up parish locations  
and times.

### REMINDER

When preparing your collection envelopes, please  
remember that all checks should be made out to St.  
Gianna Parish.  
Thank you for your continued support.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE



The St Mark Knights of Columbus  
Council is having their annual St Patrick's Day  
dinner dance on Saturday March 24th. Please join  
us after the 4:30 mass at 5:30 for a great night of  
music from Bach in Time, a performance from Irish  
step dancers, and a full corned beef and cabbage  
dinner. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 dollars at  
the door, and \$7 for kids 10 and under. For tickets  
call Jim Birmingham at (860)233-3058.

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our teenagers will be hosting the annual Easter Egg  
Hunt on Saturday, March 31st at 10:30 a.m. Please  
join us rain or shine! The Easter bunny is always so  
generous with candy eggs and we always have lots  
of fun. Usually children who are ten and younger  
participate. Please be sure to bring an Easter basket  
or bag for all the goodies.

### PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“O God our Creator... give us courage in making our  
voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and  
the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”  
[www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer](http://www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer)

# Religious Education

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## St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDER

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class will be held this Sunday, March 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

## ST. HELENA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS St. Helena Religious Education Pancake Breakfast

**PLEASE JOIN US!** On Sunday, March 4, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education students, along with the 9th and 11th grade Syro-Malabar Religious Education students, will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in Father Murphy Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, no worries, as tickets will be sold at the door. The cost for this wonderful meal is \$7.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children 5 to 12 and Free for Children under 5. All proceeds from the breakfast will be sent to Haiti, so please help support this wonderful event. All are invited and we hope to see you there.

## ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

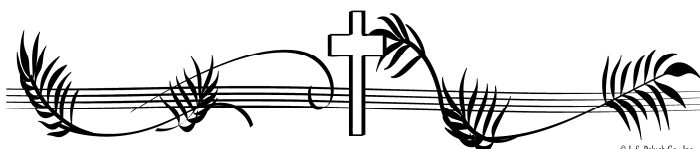
### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Everyone is welcome to join us as we enjoy a morning retreat to explore the Eucharist theme in several bible stories. All of our First Communion children and their parents will gather on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for their retreat in preparation to celebrate the Eucharist. The children will join us at the table of the Lord on Sunday, April 8th during the 10:30 Mass.

### 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



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### OPEN HOUSE DATES

Thursdays,

March 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!

Kick-off St. Patrick's Weekend Festivities

At SBSAS' Comedy Show

Friday, March 16th at 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$20

**Includes: Light Dinner, Cash Bar & Raffles**

**Laugh with our very own: Bob Cattel**

**Nationally Recognized Headliner:**

**David DeLorenzo**

*Tickets are selling fast, so hurry & get your  
tickets*

**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**

**Tickets Are \$50/VIP Table of 10 \$400**

### School Office Hours

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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## Lenten Season special events...



***Holy Hour and Vespers/Evening Prayer...Sundays @ 5:00 p.m.  
at St. Brigid Church***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation...Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
...in all three churches...***

***Adult education series on the Why of Liturgy ...  
Tuesday, 6 March, 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mark Pastoral Center***

***Stations of the Cross...Friday, 9 March, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church***

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

Here is the latest (as of 27 February) listing of where we stand with Wish List donations.

**THANK YOU** to those who have so generously donated, up to this point. Items may be purchased-  
**and costs shared by more than one person** - if you so desire.

Hosts for Mass <i>(partially taken ... Thank you!)</i>	\$1,300 remaining	(out of original 1,800)
Altar wine	\$1,500	parish annual cost
Altar candles <i>(partially taken... Thank you!)</i>	\$ 1,500 remaining	(out of original 2,000)
Easter/Paschal Candles <i>(all candles already taken... Thank you!)</i>	\$ 175 / candle (3 candles total)	parish annual cost
Missalettes <i>(partially taken...Thank you!)</i>	\$4,500 remaining	(out of original \$5,000)
Palms (Palm Sunday) <i>(already taken, ... Thank you!)</i>	\$ 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

## **PHONE FAST FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

The Archdiocese of Hartford is embarking on its second annual phone fast Lenten campaign. Last year, we referred to it as *I Phone Fast!* This year, we have modified the name to: *Phone Fast Fridays* (#PFF). The mantra of the campaign tells us that: *"Silencing our busy phones, will give God a chance to call our hearts."* Last year, we asked the faithful to abstain from using their cell phones on Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday only. The campaign was met with such enthusiasm that we decided to expand it to include every Friday during Lent.