



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

March 18, 2018
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Reverend William R. Metzler, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

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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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, March 17, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Mary Olcik by Joe Glowacki—SB
4:30 PM Robert Metzler—SM
5:00 PM Rev. Eugene M. Kilbride, 2nd Anniversary by St. Helena Church—SH

Sunday, March 18, 2018

- 8:30 AM** The Mirabelli Family by Their Family—SB
9:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH
10:30 AM Jean Pericolosi—SM
11:00 AM Maria Giuseppa Scaringi and Cardillo Nunziata by Their Grand-daughter—SB
11:30 AM Syro Malabar Mass—SH

Monday, March 19, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Marguerita C. Rafala by a Friend—SB
9:00 AM Happy 16th Birthday, Jeanna, Love Grandpa and Elaine—SH
9:00 AM Paul and Rita Marceau by Susan Marceau—SM

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Walter P. Sevetz—SB
9:00 AM Carolina V. Gouvei, 15th Anniversary, by Maria Pereira—SM

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Fr. Joseph P. Whittel by Laurie-Ann Templeton—SB
9:00 AM Elizabeth McKone Seigle, 39th Anniversary, by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Kevin Ronan, 1st Anniversary, by Irene Ronan—SM

Thursday, March 22, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Michelle Halvorson by Her Aunt—SB
9:00 AM Francis Cunningham, Happy 100th Birthday in Heaven, by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Katherine Gioia by Jane Macaione—SM

Friday, March 23, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Ruth Fagnoli, 5th Anniversary, by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Thomas J. Ritucci—SM
6:00 PM Syro-Malabar Mass

Saturday, March 24, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Michael Sussilleaux by His Sister—SB
9:00 AM George Trymbulak by His Daughter—SH
4:00 PM Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
4:30 PM Verna Jean Spadola by Norma Spadola
5:00 PM John Beach, by His Family

Sunday, March 25, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Christa Weber by her Husband and Family—SB
9:30 AM Jan Popiolek, 14th Anniversary, by Maria Mostok—SH
10:30 AM Michael J. McCarty, 1st Anniversary—SM
11:00 AM Francesca Farenga by Her Family—SB
11:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—Syro-Malabar Mass

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

Church of St. Brigid

LADIES GUILD NEWS

CARING HEARTS EASTER DRIVE

Caring Hearts will hold an Easter drive for their adopted families **this weekend, March 17 and 18**. Items needed include: food, gift cards, paper goods, toiletries, Easter candy, laundry and dish detergent, liquid hand soap, small gifts, or anything else you'd care to donate. Items may be left on the collection tables in McMahan Hall. Thank you for whatever you can do to help.

SBLG Supper Club

The monthly Supper Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:15 p.m. at the Fernwood on New Britain Ave. All St. Gianna ladies are welcome to join us. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 no later than Sunday March 18 if you would like to attend.

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April Ladies Guild Newsletter is Friday March 23. Please call Regina at 203 240-9683 if you have any news to report. Thank you.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN

Members of the parish will be preparing and serving dinner to 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen **Monday, March 19**. 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



EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Please be sure to have your Flower Offering Envelopes in to the Rectory by this Monday March 19th. Marie will be preparing this insert again this season.

Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

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.

GOF 2017-2018

Season of Prayer

April GOF dates are Sunday, April 15th at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 18th 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.

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. MARK'S CHURCH REPS NEEDED

At the last Parish Council meeting Father Devine reported that phase two of the pastoral planning process will take place in April. The Archdiocese wants ten people from each church to take part in the process. If you are interested in participating as a representative for St. Mark Church please contact Glen Baldi (g.baldi@comcast.net) or Father Metzler by March 22nd.

Church of St. Helena

St. HELENA'S HAM VAN

The Social Action committee wants you to know the Easter Ham Van will be out in front of the Fr. Murphy entrance to St. Helena's before and during the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, March 24th and 9:30 Mass on Sunday, March 25th. The hams will be given to families that need them and to Catholic Worker. Come and donate! You will make someone's Easter sunny and bright! Thank you in advance! Happy Easter!



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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.

IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYONE'S SAFETY....

When going to Communion on the side of the church by the choir, please leave and return to your seats the way you came—in other words, down the same aisle and not by going around or through the choir area. There are microphones, cords on the floor and other hazards that might cause an accidental fall—and no one wants that to happen at any time, but particularly during this most reverent time of the Mass.

ST. GIANNA ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

Marie is now working with Karla full time at St. Brigid. Please direct all your calls to 860 236-5965—or stop by the Rectory at 1088 New Britain Avenue. We will be delighted to see you! This change comes about as we continue to work to make St. Brigid the Administrative Center of St. Gianna in accordance with the Archdiocesan decree.

SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

How's your Lent going? As we continue on our Lenten journey, we keep asking the simple question! How am I doing? Are you getting there? There are just under two weeks until we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. I know many of us are doing various things during Lenten season. Perhaps we are attending daily Mass, praying more, giving up something, engaging in some good work, etc. All of these things are respectable, but the practice of love and compassion with anyone in need is allowing God to work through us for the good of others.

FRIDAYS IN LENT: We will have the **Holy Mass** in Malayalam at 6:00 p.m and **Stations of the Cross** in English starting at 6:40 p.m for all seven Friday's 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 Mr. Mathews Kallukalam and family for sponsoring the soup supper on March 16th and March 23rd respectively. **The next English Sunday Mass is on Sunday, March 18th.**

Annual Lenten Retreat: The annual retreat for 2018 will be held on Friday, March 23rd 5:30 p.m to 9:30 p.m, Saturday, March 24th 9:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m and Sunday, March 25th (11:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. The retreat will be led by Fr. Joy Chempakassery O.S.B. He is a Benedictine priest from Kerala. Let us keep each other in prayer as we are preparing for annual retreat.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised **\$32,231.00** for the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and ***Our Faith, Our Future***, by sharing your blessings.

from Fr. Devine...

St. Gianna Parish ... Restructuring Phase II
Christmas 2018: retirement of Fr. Metzler, no replacement

Friends, the following outlined material I shared with Parish Council on the 6th of March. The following notes do not at all mean that our world is coming to an end, so to speak, but rather facing some unavoidable change sooner rather than later, triggered by the imminent loss of a parish priest. Consider, and stay tuned!

--some "problem" areas:

--*two* parish priests (Fr. Devine and Fr. Joseph) with *three* Sunday Vigil Masses

--*two* parish priests with *three* sets of daily Masses

--*two* parish priests with *three* rectories

--Mass attendance, given the current Sunday schedule...

approximately 25% efficiency utilization of building capacities

--consolidation of Mass schedules, obviously

--consolidation...financially, economically

--viz. parish employees/volunteers ... an archdiocesan concern

--viz. parish properties and buildings, religious articles and equipment

--The process:

1. a.) 10 April meeting of archdiocesan pastoral planning officials with 10 people from each of our three churches

b.) follow-up meeting ... date to be determined
(*late April or early May*)

2. results given to Fr. Devine, and recommendations are made
(*May*)

3. archdiocesan pastoral planning committee meets and makes their recommendations (*late May*)

4. Archbishop and his cabinet consider the material and make final decisions (*June*)

5. Results communicated back to us (*mid-June*)

Religious Education

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St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

SAVE THE DATE! The Confirmation Students of St. Brigid and St. Helena will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at St. Helena Church. The Easter Bunny promises to leave many eggs for the children to find, so please mark the date on your calendars now. This event is open to all, so please stop by for a fun-filled afternoon.

ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LENT SCRIPTURE CLASSES

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 second of two classes is scheduled for Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 in the parish center. Presented by Charles Conaghan. Pre-registration is not required

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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Tuition Assistance
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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
Tickets Are \$50/VIP Table of 10 \$400

We Need You! Are You Interested In Being a School Board Member?

You Can Also Volunteer To Sell Scrip Gift Cards 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

School Office Hours

7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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Thank You

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, 20 March, 10:30 a.m.
St. Mark Pastoral Center***

***Stations of the Cross...Friday, 23 March, 7:00 p.m.
St. Thomas the Apostle Church***

***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Sunday 25 March:
(regular Sunday morning Mass schedule)
11:00 Solemn Mass, with Procession of Palms (SB)***

PARISH WISH LIST- 2018

Here is the latest (as of 12 March) 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>	\$ 1,400 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