



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

*April 29, 2018*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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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, April 28, 2018*

- 4:00 PM** Jerry Nardi Sr., by His Family—SB  
**4:30 PM** Gloria McSharry by Marion Valenti—SM  
**5:00 PM** Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nhan and Family—SH

## *Sunday, April 29, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:30 AM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH  
**10:30 AM** Julia Kozikowski by Rev. William Metzler—SM  
**11:00 AM** Francisco Nunes by His Family—SB  
**11:30 AM** Syro Malabar Mass

## *Monday, April 30, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Repose of the Souls of Unosuke and Misao Okamoto by Their Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Dennis Marceau (Birthday) by Susan Marceau—SM

## *Tuesday, May 1, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** Lawrence Spellacy by the Prout Family—SM

## *Wednesday, May 2, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** For the Children of the World—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Raymond G. Proulx—SM

## *Thursday, May 3, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Andrew Carbone by the Mitzi and Hagearty Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** Concetto Urso, 17th Anniversary, by His Daughter, Huguette—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Joseph A. Graziano—SM

## *Friday, May 4, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Francis V. Karvelis—SM

## *Saturday, May 5, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** Anil and Babitha Mathew, Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary, by Their Family—SH  
  
**4:00 PM** Robert and Mildred Cleary by the Cleary Family—SB  
**4:30 PM** Lena Lucarelli by Norma Spadola—SM  
**5:00 PM** Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife Nhan and Family—SH

## *Sunday, May 6, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB  
**9:30 AM** Jan Mostek, 35th Anniversary, by Marta Mostek—SH  
**10:30 AM** Rev. George Lukaczyk, Birthday Remembrance, by Susan Marceau—SM  
**11:00 AM** For All Living and Deceased Members of the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—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

### COMMUNION BREAKFAST—LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP

Please join us for the SBLG Communion Breakfast on Sunday May 6, 2018 at Beachland Tavern following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The cost will be \$21 and can be paid at the rectory or by contacting Sharraine at 860 841-1711.

### LADIES GUILD MEETING

All women of St. Gianna Parish are invited to the Ladies Guild meeting on Monday May 7 at 7 pm in St. Brigid's McMahon hall. We will have a very special speaker—Fr. Devine—who will speak to us on the topic of "What's It All About? What Does the Priest Use on the Altar?" Don't miss this opportunity to get an insider's look at the Mass.

### MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, **May 8 and Wednesday May 9—note the date change.** 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.

### SAVE THE DATE: MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

Our Mothers' Day Plant Sale will be in full swing Saturday, May 12 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), and Sunday, May 13 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.). Hurst Farms is again bringing the beautiful plants they've provided for our previous sales. No orders will be taken prior to the sale. We plan on having a great supply of geraniums, begonias, impatiens, marigolds, hanging baskets, memorial pots, and surprises. The Hursts are bringing all plants to the Church Saturday morning, and the sale will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to see those who have enjoyed these plants in previous years, and hope those who have not had the opportunity to purchase the beautiful plants will do so this year.



### COFFEE & DONUTS—LAST WEEK

Reminder that Coffee & Donuts will be hosted until April 29th and then resume in September. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the hosting.

### AMERICARES HOMERFRONT DAY—MAY 5

Homefront Day is an event where volunteers come together to rehabilitate the home of someone who is unable to do the work themselves, in order to make their home warm, safe and dry. Once again St. Brigid parishioners will team with parishioners from St. Josephs Cathedral of Hartford on a joint project. We need both skilled and unskilled workers. If anyone is interested in participating in an event that is truly a rewarding experience, please call Brian West at 860 233-4926.



### K of C PORK ROAST SUPPER TICKET SALES

Come join the Knights for the last of their delicious home-cooked meals this season! Enjoy pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, and green beans and the fun you associate with a K of C dinner. Tickets will be on sale **this weekend**, April 28 and 29 after Mass and will also be available at the Rectory during usual business hours. The dinner is **Saturday May 5** after the 4 pm Mass.

### REV. JOSEPH G. MURPHY BOOK AWARD

Are you a St. Gianna parish member (of any age) who plans to continue your education at the undergraduate or graduate level this fall? Consider applying for the annual Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award honoring St. Helena's founding pastor. This one time award is offered to persons who are active members of St. Gianna parish at the time of receipt of application. Applications are available on the tables in the vestibules of each church. The deadline for submission is May 15th. Three awards will be given, one each to a member of St. Brigid, St. Helena and St. Mark the Evangelist. For more information contact St. Brigid Rectory at 860 236-5965.

## Church of St. Helena



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:00 am Mass. In thanksgiving for Mary, our Mother, and through Jesus our Christ, let us offer God our Father this time of praise and adoration of His Son... blessings abound! All are welcome.



Gianna Beretta Molla was born in Magenta, Italy as the tenth of thirteen children in her family, only nine of whom reached adulthood. When she was three, her family moved to Bergamo, and she grew up in the Lombardy region of Italy. In 1942, Gianna began her study of medicine in Milan. She received a medical diploma in 1949, and opened an office in Mesero,

where she specialized in pediatrics.

In December 1954, Gianna met Pietro Molla, an engineer who worked in her office. They were officially engaged the following April, and they married in September 1955. They welcomed the births of their children Pierluigi, in 1956, Mariolina, in 1957, and Laura in 1959.

In 1961, Gianna was pregnant again. During the second month, Gianna developed a fibroma on her uterus. After examination, the doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, a complete hysterectomy, or removal of only the fibroma. Gianna opted for the removal of the fibroma, wanting to preserve her child's life.

Gianna clearly expressed her wishes to her family saying, "This time it will be a difficult delivery, and they may have to save one or the other – I want them to save my baby." On April 21, 1962, Holy Saturday of that year, Gianna went to the hospital, where her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was successfully delivered by Caesarean section. However, Gianna continued to have severe pain, and died of septic peritonitis 7 days after the birth.

Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and canonized on May 16, 2004. In his homily at her canonization Mass, Pope John Paul II called Gianna "a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love." Saint Gianna, Pray for us!



## SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

### Season of Resurrection:

The Season of Resurrection consists of seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. It is a time of joy recalling the new life obtained through the

resurrection of the Savior. In fact, the prayers and hymns of this period reflect this joy. Some of the important themes of this liturgical season are the resurrection of Christ, his victory over sin, death and Satan, the cross which was a sign of folly becoming the sign of redemption and glory, the resurrection of Christ as a pledge of our resurrection, His resurrection as a basis Christian faith etc. The early Church was administering the sacrament of baptism in connection with Easter. It is worth imitating this ancient tradition of administering baptism in connection with Easter.

**CCD Bible Quiz:** The students of the faith formation classes will have their Bible Quiz competition scheduled on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 10.00 pm in the education wing of the Church Hall.

**First Holy Communion:** Please Keep **Zaira Maragaret Bejoy, Jimmy Thomas and Noel Mathew Roy** in your prayers as they receive Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6, 2018 during the 11:30 am Mass.

### AN EVENING OF SPRING FLOWERS

You are cordially invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and a **Make & Take Flower Arrangement** on **Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm** in Father Murphy Hall. Come and enjoy each other's company. We will be serving delicious desserts and beverages. The evening will begin with a flower arranging workshop.

**We encourage anyone who wishes to participate to bring a vase.**

Saint Helena's Women's Guild will supply complimentary flowers. You are welcome to either watch the demonstration by Mary Mulcahy, Vice President, Membership or to make your own arrangement.

Please **RSVP by May 14, 2018** to Margaret Pulito at 860-521-1026 or by email at [mpulito@gmail.com](mailto:mpulito@gmail.com). **Come and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.**

# Church of St. Mark the Evangelist

GOF 2017-2018

## Season of Prayer

Join us for the final GOF of the season.

It's our annual  
GOF indoor picnic and...  
JEOPARDY!

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

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

### VOCATION REFLECTION

*If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will and it will be done for you.*

Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation to priesthood or religious life, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7457, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Monday: St. Pius V  
Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Wednesday: St. Athanasius  
Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;  
National Day of Prayer  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

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### 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.

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP AT HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

June 25-29, 2018

8:30 am to 12 pm

Please join us on our Thailand Trek! This 5-day camp is open to children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade. Throughout the week, campers will share the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of one unique culture with kids in your community, while helping them discover God's eternal love for the world! The kids will explore their commonalities with children from Thailand and discover God's good gifts and eternal love for the world. The cost to attend for the week is \$50 per child and includes snacks, beverages, and a music CD from Thailand Trek. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to sign up as volunteer helpers and group leaders.

Please contact Liza Peters at 860-760-9712 or [lpeters@holyfamilyretreat.org](mailto:lpeters@holyfamilyretreat.org) if you are interested in signing up to volunteer or if you have any other questions regarding this camp. To register online, please go to: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/vbc](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/vbc)

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Bob Kwiatkowski, Deacon Bob Palotti, Gigi Frailey, Laurie Janecko from Oct. 1 – Oct. 11, 2018 following in the footsteps of Jesus on a pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND. See the newly discovered ancient city of Magadala with its first century synagogue where Jesus taught. The approximate cost of the trip \$4,100 per person includes: land and air transportation, hotels, meals, and entrance fees to all sites. Select International Tours website ([selectinternationaltours.com](http://selectinternationaltours.com)) has detailed information about the trip. Questions may also be directed to Gigi Frailey at St Peter Claver Parish Office (860-561-4235).



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### ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Our traditional celebration of the year with an indoor picnic and Jeopardy will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 4:00pm. Please note there is no Wednesday GOF in May.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is a process by which people who want to become full members of the Catholic Church (celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation or have been baptized but want to complete their initiation into the church through Confirmation and Eucharist) can, through a period of inquiry and catechesis prepare to celebrate the sacraments during the Easter Vigil.

We have several people who will be beginning this wonderful journey with a trained team of RCIA leaders. If you would like to find out about this process please call LouAnn @ 860-236-3545.

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE

Do you have children who did not celebrate their sacraments and now are older and would like to be baptized and/ or celebrate the other sacraments of initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Please call LouAnn to find out about the Children's Catechumenate program. We have several young people who are presently preparing to be baptized at St. Mark.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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**Are You Interested In Being a School Board Member?**  
**You Can Also Volunteer**  
**To Sell Scrip Gift Cards After Mass**

**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**  
 Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**REMEMBER....**  
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**Thank You!**

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*from Fr. Devine...*

This weekend we are celebrating for the first time our new parish patroness - Saint Gianna. Our saint is just one bond among our three churches. There are numerous others that for the most part, we never are conscious of, or consider: baptism and the other sacraments, Catholic rearing and experiences, God's love and graces, U.S. citizenship/desire for this, language, God's love and graces, desires for peace, virtue, and good will.

How frequently do we focus on our differences?  
How frequently do we focus on our connections?

Save the Date!  
***Rooted in Faith***  
***Bringing Social Justice Home***  
Saturday, June 9, 2018

Sponsored by the Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford.  
**Join us for *prayer, music, exhibits* and workshops (in English & Spanish)! Featuring current social justice issues and initiatives. Make plans *NOW***

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At the request of the members of St. Gianna Parish meeting with the Pastoral Planning Committee, here are the respective members of St. Gianna's Parish Council, Finance Council and St. Gianna's Interim Trustees.

### **St. Gianna Parish Council**

Glen Baldi, Mary Baldi, Mary Berstene, Betty Ferreira  
Michael Flynn, Peter Gothers, Mickey Hunt, Barbara Judycki  
Nancy Kunak, Rick Metcalfe, Margaret Pulito, Norma Spadola  
LouAnn Warren, Ex Officio, Donna Wolcott, Ex Officio

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