



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

*May 6, 2018*  
*Sixth 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, May 5, 2018*

- 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

## *Monday, May 7, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Maria SS Picciano by Anna Vincenzo—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Roger E. Laterreur—SM

## *Tuesday, May 8, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Diane DiNapoli, 1st Anniversary, by Her Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** Rev. James J. Cronin—SM

## *Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** Sam Mancuso by Mary Dilion—SH  
**9:00 AM** Dominic DelDonno and Family—SM  
**7:00 PM** SM

## *Thursday, May 10, 2018--The Ascension—Holy Day of Obligation*

- 8:30 AM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. James Boyle—SM  
**7:00 PM** Walter and Sophie Pastuszak by Their Daughter—SB  
**7:00 PM** Elvira Ferreira by Her Family—SH

## *Friday, May 11, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** Elizabeth Miller, 2nd Anniversary, by Her Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Anthony C. Ventura—SM

## *Saturday, May 12, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Vera Harmon, Anniversary, by Bev and Ernie Scharper—SB  
**9:00 AM** Mathew Njallathil by the Mathew Family—SH  
  
**4:00 PM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
**4:30 PM** Mothers of St. Gianna Parish—SM  
**5:00 PM** Doris and Ralph Uricchio by Their Family—SH

## *Sunday, May 13, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Ada Guerrera and Angela Mancini by the Mancini and Wolcott Families—SB  
**9:30 AM** Joseph Fritsche, 25th Anniversary, by Karen Fritsche—SH  
**10:30 AM** Mothers of St. Gianna Parish—SM  
**11:00 AM** Bertha and Ernest Dutilly and Ruth Jameson by the Jameson Family—SB  
**11:30 AM** Syro-Malabar Mass

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

# *Church of St. Brigid*

## **LADIES GUILD NEWS**

### **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.

### **LADIES GUILD SUPPER CLUB**

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:15 p.m., the Ladies Guild Supper Club will meet for dinner at Andy’s Italian Kitchen, 230 Farmington Avenue, Farmington. Don’t miss one of your last chances to enjoy fresh Italian food at this family owned business before Andy’s closes at its Farmington location and moves to Simsbury! Please call by Sunday evening, May 13 to let us know you’re coming! Thanks! Edie Parizo (561-0238) or Maureen McClay (521-0820)

## **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).

### **SBLG GOES TO WASHINGTON**

SBLG Travel Group heads on a 5-day trip to Washington, DC, August 31-September 4. Per person price based on double occupancy is \$559, and includes transportation, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, lodging, day and evening tours of Washington, DC, and much more. Details can be found in the brochures located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of St. Brigid's or by calling Betty (860) 233-3422 or Sheila (860) 232-6915.

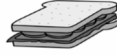
### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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# 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.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

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The St. Helena's Women's Guild will have a meeting on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Kilbride Education Wing. All are welcome to attend.

### An Evening of Spring Flowers Saint Helena's Women's Guild

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. The evening will begin with a flower arranging demonstration. The Women's Guild will supply **complimentary containers and flowers**. You are welcome to either watch the demonstration or make your own arrangement. **All are welcome.**

We will be serving delicious desserts and beverages.

Mary Mulcahy, Vice President, Membership.

Please **RSVP by May 14, 2018** to

Margaret Pulito at 860-521-1026 or by email at [mpulito@gmail.com](mailto:mpulito@gmail.com).



## 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

**First Holy Communion:** Please keep **Zaira Margaret Bejoy, Jimmy Thomas and Noel Mathew Roy** in your prayers as they receive Holy Communion on this Sunday, May 6, 2018 during the 11:30 am Mass. A reception will follow in the Church Hall after Mass.

**CCD Registration:** Our Faith Formation Registration for 2018-2019 will begin on Sunday, May 6th. The registration forms will be given to the students in the class and are also available in the church website [www.syromalabarct.org](http://www.syromalabarct.org). The completed form, along with the registration fees, should be returned by Sunday, May 20th. CCD final exams will be held on Sunday, May 20th.

**Priestly Ordinations:** **Dn. Kevin Mundackal** and **Dn. Rajeev Valiaveettil** will be ordained as priests of the Syro Malabar Church in their respective parishes. Dn. Kevin's ordination is on May 6th at St. Thomas SM Church, Somerset, NJ and Dn. Rajeev will be ordained on June 2nd at St. Joseph SM Church, Tampa, Florida. This is a historic moment for the Church in North America. Let us thank God for the great gift of priesthood of two of our young men, both born and raised here in the USA.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord  
(unless transferred to Sunday) or  
St. Damien de Veuster

Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

## VOCATION REFLECTION

*As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Live on in my love.* Bask in the love of God; ask how to respond. To respond by serving God as a priest or religious, 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).

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Next month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During the years of preparation for their vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, **you** help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

# 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.

### REMINDER

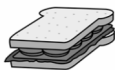
When preparing your collection envelopes, please  
remember that all checks should be made out to St.  
Gianna Parish.

Thank you for your continued support.

### STREET SANDWICH COLLECTION

The monthly Street Sandwich collection will  
meet this Wednesday, **May 9 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.



### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection will be May 12  
& 13.

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



Our condolences are extended  
to the  
families and friends of:  
**Arthur Spada**  
*who entered into eternal rest.*

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus  
are sponsoring a Veteran's Breakfast  
**Sunday, May 20th, from 9:00 a.m.  
to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**



Veterans dine for free, tickets are \$3 for everyone  
else. For tickets, please contact Glen Baldi at 860-  
798-9715 or [g.baldi@comcast.net](mailto:g.baldi@comcast.net).

### 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.

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we  
are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus  
commands us to "love one another as I love  
you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this  
command. Of course, we are to love those in our  
family, those we work with, those we like. But the  
scriptures make clear that we are also to love those  
we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even  
those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the  
Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love  
extends, and how far our love should extend in  
response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows  
partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love  
exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that  
God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.  
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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.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

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Date To Be Announced

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Forms Are In The Back Of The Church

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Are You Interested In Being a School Board Member?

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To Sell Scrip Gift Cards After Mass

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(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

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Where We Are Committed To Academic Success!

For more information call:

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*from Father Devine...*

### **EASTER IS...**

- more lasting than winning the Lottery, if you let it be so
- being able to start over - again, and again, and again...
- being able to let anything happen, and not be worried about it
- love that does not quit
- hope that will not end, no matter what
- a sense that God's love will win out in the end, rather than one's sins
- proof, when nobody believes you
- insurance - against all odds, that nobody can cancel
- a clean slate and a fresh beginning
- "in your face" to sin, death, and the devil
- having something under lock and key...a safe bet
- renewing one's love for the Lord
  - renewing one's love for His people - the Church
- knowing and feeling that God still cares, and always will
- having everything/everyone be yours, if you let yourself be God's
- hanging in there, when you don't feel like it
- a reminder of how much God has everything in control, without smothering us
- a sense of humor, and laughter
- carefree
- daring to be different
- being an optimist/on the bright side, rather than a pessimist (you know, if anything can go wrong, it will)
- more than bunnies, springtime, hams, Easter pies...

EASTER IS JESUS CHRIST - ALL OVER THE PLACE - IN OUR COUNTRY  
IN OUR WORLD

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--a time for promises...old ones made to God and His Church a long time ago...  
the promises of Baptism...

### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Just a reminder of the upcoming holy day of obligation on May 10. Masses will be as follows:

**St Mark the Evangelist** 7:00 pm (vigil) & 9:00 am

May 10: **St. Brigid** 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

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

**St. Brigid/St. Augustine School** 10:00 am

### **PARISH COUNCIL-**

**Monday, 21 May, 6:30-8:00 p.m., St. Brigid Church, McMahon Hall**