



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

June 10, 2018
The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

MassSchedule

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Saturday, June 9, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Halina Szczepankowski by Brian and Carol Forgione—SB
4:30 PM Catherine Geuser and Raymond Butch Geuser by Debby Woodward—SM
5:00 PM Mass of Healing for Nancy Teti by Her Family—SH

Sunday, June 10, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Francesco Cerone, 28th Anniversary, by His Family—SB
9:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH
10:30 AM Anyssa Charron, 10th Anniversary, by Julie Bradley—SM
11:00 AM Francisco Nunes by His Wife and Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass

Monday, June 11, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Barbara, Frank and Anthony by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Francis Dilion, 6th Anniversary, by His Family—SH
9:00 AM James and Matthew Brady by Sally Brady—SM

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Isidro Punzalan, Birthday Remembrance, by His Daughter, Remy—SM

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Giuseppe and Francesca Abbatemarco by Their Grand-daughter—SB
9:00 AM Edna Kiley by Her Niece—SH
9:00 AM John Anthony Prout by His Family—SM

Thursday, June 14, 2018

- 8:30 AM** JoAnn Martinson, 1st Anniversary, by Her Family—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM St. Anthony by Sophia Gagnon—SM

Friday, June 15, 2018

- 9:00 AM** SH
9:00 AM Rev. Peter Manfredi—SM

Saturday, June 16, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Michele and Edmundo Ragone, Francesco Abbatemarco and Vito Biancamano by Antonietta Ragone—SB
9:00 AM Patricia Gorman Williams, 20th Anniversary, by Bill, Mary and John—SH
4:00 PM Fr. George by the Kurian Family—SB
4:30 PM Fathers of St. Gianna Parish—SM
5:00 PM Carmine, Nicola and Maria Mancini and Antonio Toscano by the Iacovella Family—SH

Sunday, June 17, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Nicola Mancini, Joseph Guerrera and Salvatore Mancini by the Mancini and Wolcott Families—SB
9:30 AM All the Deceased Family and Friends of the Calabrese, Koropatkin, Martone & Mancini Families by Maria Martone and Family—SH
10:30 AM Fathers of St. Gianna Parish—SM
11:00 AM Frank Rovella by His Wife and Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass

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

To St. Gianna Parishioners, Readers and Guests:

You might notice that the Bulletin has a somewhat different look.

As St. Gianna Parish approaches its first anniversary, we wanted to let you know that we heard those parishioners who felt that one of the ways that “St. Gianna” still wasn’t unified was through the use of separate pages in the bulletin for separate churches.

Summer seemed the best time to make this change because there are fewer events among our 3 churches, so the likelihood of someone missing an event that they were looking for would be minimized. We are hopeful that this new style will work well, even in busier times of the year.

We have retained the cover format as is for now. We think it is important that people know how to contact our individual churches should they need to. If that becomes less of an issue, we can change that up as well.

Watch for other important changes in the coming weeks like the St. Gianna web site, and the St. Gianna online giving merger. As always we will keep you informed right here.



ST. GIANNA RAFFLE...in collaboration with St. Roch Parish of Greenwich, CT

- Prizes: \$30,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 Amex gift cards (prizes 1 thru 4)
- \$25.00 per ticket...make checks payable to St. Gianna Parish
- tickets...available at church entrances, or if not— at St. Brigid Rectory
- Winners will be listed here in the bulletin, after the drawing on August 11
- St. Gianna gets to keep 50% of the money from tickets sold here (!)

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 10, 2018

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
—Psalm 130:1

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Barnabas
Wednesday: St. Anthony of Padua
Thursday: Flag Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

VOCATION REFLECTION

Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me. Is this the ranting of a crazy man or the prophetic voice of God? Is a voice calling you to do the will of God as a priest or religious? Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-761-7456, email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

St. Gianna Parish Events

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

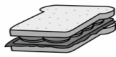
This month's food collection will be June 9 & 10 at St. Mark the Evangelist.



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.

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.



St. HELENA WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The St. Helena's Women's Guild Board Meeting will take place on Thursday June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Fr. Murphy Hall. All are welcome to attend.

SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION

The St. Helena Social Action Committee will be holding our annual food drive soon. On June 16th and 17th bags will be distributed after each Mass. There will be a suggestion list of nonperishable foods on each bag. We will be collecting the bags on June 23rd and 24th before each Mass. All donations will go to the Catholic Worker and the Catholic Worker Summer Camp. Thank you in advance!



K OF C BABY/TODDLER ITEMS DRIVE

Members of the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will be collecting infant/toddler items for St. Gerard's

Center for Life at each Mass the weekends of June 9 & 10 through June 23 & 24. Please drop off only new items in the playpen located in the Church vestibule. Cash donations will be used to purchase needed items. Wish list items: baby diapers, toddler diapers (especially sizes 2-6), baby wipes, baby clothes (sizes newborn to 3 years), toddler clothes (up to 3 years) and baby food (variety). Thank you for supporting the mothers and their newborns at St. Gerard's Center for Life. Contact Jim Bachteler at 860 521-9512 for more details.

SBLG Supper Club

Supper Club this month is on *Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.* at Portofino's Restaurant in Kensington. Portofino's specializes in Italian cuisine and is a favorite restaurant for many of us, so if you haven't tried it yet, join us. Call Maureen [860-521-0820] to be added to the reservation or if you need a ride.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE PARISH PICNIC SATURDAY 16 JUNE

Saturday June 16th, St. Mark Parish Center, after the Vigil Mass, in the Parish Center. All St. Gianna Parishioners are invited. This picnic is a "thank you" to the parishioners of St. Gianna for supporting all our dinner events.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

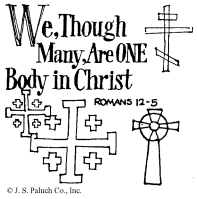
We are blessed to have many talented people who lend their dedication and skills as **Lectors, Choir members, Ushers, Assisting at Funeral Mass and Altar Servers**. If you are interested in any of these St. Helena ministries, you are more than welcome to join them in their training sessions. Please contact Fr. Joseph at 860-521-1921 for more details.

POP TABS COLLECTION

To everyone who collects pop tabs (from soda, soup, beer, pet food cans)—please continue collecting! Every 20lbs of tabs collected houses a family for a night at the brand new Ronald McDonald House in New Haven! It's now located immediately across the street from Yale Children's Hospital. Please bring them to the St. Mark's parish center, the usher's closet, or call Heather for pick up of a large volume (860 232-8481)

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.



SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

Church Feast on Sunday, August 12th: The main feast of our Church is scheduled on Sunday, August 12, 2018. As you know, solemn Mass and Nine Sundays of Novena in

honor of Saint Alphonsa in preparation for the feast will begin on this Sunday, June 10th.

Please join us this Sunday, June 10th at 11:30 a.m in the Church of Saint Helena as Bishop Jacob Angadiath, Bishop of the Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago will be the principal celebrant at the Mass.

CCD Registration: Our Faith Formation Program for the year 2017-2018 have ended on Sunday, May 20th. The registration forms for the year 2018-2019 were given to the students in the class and are also available in the church website www.syromalabarct.org. The completed form, along with the registration fees, should be returned as early as possible.

Crossfire: West Hartford Catholic Young Adults

Crossfire is a group for young adults (ages 20s and 30s) to live their faith through Bible study, community service and fellowship. We meet for Bible study on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the rectory of St. Thomas The Apostle. We have regularly scheduled social gatherings and community service projects throughout each month. Whether you're new to the area or just looking to deepen your faith, all are welcome and we're looking to grow. Please contact Anna Eisen at sta.crossfire@gmail.com for more information, or find us on Meetup app listed as "West Hartford Catholic Young Adults."

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

A free CD from the Mary Foundation; America's #1 Rosary CD is easy to pray with every day and a perfect tool for learning the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pleasant voices, perfect pacing, and no distracting music. Bonus Features: Common Catholic Prayers, the History of the Rosary, and "The Truth About Mary" talk with Marcus Grodi and Patrick Madrid. An ideal gift for family, friends, or parish. <https://www.catholicity.com/cds/rosary.html> Note: Free by Mail: To prevent fraud we require a small donation of \$1 per item for online orders. U.S. residents may avoid this donation by ordering by mail.

Summer Programs for Youth at Holy Family Retreat Center Vacation Bible Camp June 25-29; Music Camp July 23-27

West Hartford, Conn. – Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford will offer two exciting weeklong programs for children this summer – one a return of last year's very successful Vacation Bible Camp and the other, a new music camp.

Vacation Bible Camp, themed "Thailand Trek," runs June 25-29, 8:30 to noon. Throughout the week, campers will explore commonalities with children from Thailand as they sing songs, play high-energy games, do crafts, and learn one memorable Bible point each day.

Bible camp is open to children entering grades K-6. The cost is \$50 per child and includes snacks, beverages, and a music CD. Middle and high school students are encouraged to sign up as volunteer helpers. The program is led by Liza Peters, Director of Youth Ministry at Holy Family.

Fr. David Cinquegrani and the Holy Family Youth Ministry Team will offer a **Summer Music Camp for Children, July 23-27, 8:30 to noon.** Students entering grades 4-8 are invited to participate in this joyful and educational week of singing, playing instruments, and listening. A short concert on the final day will bring the week to an inspiring end. The cost is \$100 per child (discounts for multiple children) and includes snacks and beverages.

Fr. David is the retreat director at Holy Family and has been a music educator and choir director for more than 35 years. He currently teaches elementary music at St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Hartford.

Holy Family Retreat Center is located at 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford. For more information or to register, call Liza Peters at 860-760-9712 or visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/summercamps.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The success of the 2018 Appeal hinges on a successful Appeal Gift Commitment Weekend. If you have taken an Appeal Gift Commitment Envelope home please complete the envelope TODAY and mail it to the Appeal PO Box. We need every parish household to participate in this year's Appeal if we are once again to serve the various needs of God's people across the Archdiocese.

Thank you!

Religious Education

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ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GENERATIONS OF FAITH TAKE AWAY

This past season we examined "Prayer". The take away from the season is that God answers prayer. There are many ways to pray and we studied some of them. Often we petition God and it doesn't seem to make a difference to the situation. We may want to use Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model. Jesus petitioned God but ended his prayer with "thy will be done". That is prayer. It's telling God our needs because we build relationship with God as we talk to and listen to him. God knows our needs but we need him! The end result of prayer is that we go through what we have to with God's support, grace, courage and encouragement. God is there with us helping us to face the world and it's joys and sorrows.

If you would like to do a quick evaluation for the *Season of Prayer* and email me @ drelawstmarks@yahoo.com, we would love to hear from you.

1. What is one thing that you learned that you will bring into your life?
2. What questions do you have that could be addressed at the future gatherings?
3. What would help further enrich your spiritual life?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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Share w/ Friends & Family!
Apply for One Of SBSAS' 10
"\$5000"

Renewable Academic Scholarships
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Strong academic record
Must maintain a "B" or higher in all classes
Reside in: New Britain, Newington, or Hartford
Parents must be willing to participate & support their child's success
Families must demonstrate a financial need

FINAL CALL!!!!
2018 SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT
Chairpersons:
Fr. Joseph Divine & Principal John Mirabito
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH
Time: 12:30 PM Registration & Tee-off : 2 PM
Golf Tickets Per Person: \$125
Includes 12 Holes (Something Different)
Lunch at Goodwin Park Golf Course & Dinner At
St. Brigid Church West Hartford
(Dinner Only \$30)
It's going to be fun, so reserve your spot today!
(Registration forms are available at the back of the church)

OPEN HOUSE
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Annually SBSAS participates in the Travelers' Birdies for Charity Pledge Fundraiser
SBS Receives 15 % on Every Collected Pledge
Make a Pledge Donation Today
Forms Are In The Back Of The Church
Or You Can Use The Link Below To Make An Online Pledge
<https://events.trustevent.com/templates/index.cfm?fuseaction=templates.register&eid=2960&step=2&comingfrom=1a>

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from Father Devine...

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you made me welcome,
lacking clothes and you clothed me,
Sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me...*

Christ is present everywhere and in everyone – our faith teaches, and thus we believe. This truth does mean that there are times when it is not easy to see Him, particularly in challenging situations and in difficult people. There are “difficult” people present in just about every Mass – in every parish...and there are different ways they can disturb us with their presence. It may be a person who has had too much to drink on a particular day... or a person having a very bad day and unable to control their tears... or someone who is always late for Mass - never on time... or someone who bellows hymns out of key, Mass responses out of sync with the rest... or a person wandering aimlessly down a church aisle during Mass... or an epileptic individual unable to control their bodily gyrations. In these, and in all such examples, Christ is nevertheless present... in His “distressing” disguise.

I know this, and you know this. Being aware of this together, let’s do our best, as a parish community and as individuals, to be **Christ** to them!



SBSAS’ 2018 Spring Golf Tournament
Goodwin Park Golf Course,
1130 Maple Ave, Hartford, CT 06114
This Wednesday, June 13, 2018
1:00 p.m.- Registration/Lunch
Tee-Off 2:00 p.m.
TICKETS \$125*

*Includes 12 Holes, lunch at Goodwin Park & buffet dinner at St. Brigid Church
Call Ms. Thompson for details at (860) 561-2130, ext. 106



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PROMISES

Today’s liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God’s will makes us “family” with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well.