



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

June 17, 2018
The Eleventh 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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, June 16, 2018

- 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

Monday, June 18, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Albine Zell and Naoki Klock—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Pereira Family by Maria Pereira—SM

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Blanche Foley by Her Daughters—SB
9:00 AM Peace in the World by Maria Pereira—SM

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Lucy and Brub McClay by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Gianna Parish by Kathy Sweeney—SM

Thursday, June 21, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Demetria Romero by Her Daughter—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM James Blanco by Ted and Katherine Martinez—SM

Friday, June 22, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Theresa Rita Marceau, 1st Anniversary, by Susan Marceau—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Francis J. Doherty—SM

Saturday, June 23, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Mary Kurian by the Kurian Family—SB
9:00 AM Anna Dang Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SH

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Catherine F. Grzesiuk, 4th Anniversary, by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM
5:00 PM Helen Glazewski by Her Daughter—SH

Sunday, June 24, 2018

- 8:30 AM** In Honor of All Living and Deceased Knights of Columbus and Their Respect for Life—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 Raymond Aneiro by His Family—SM
11:00 AM Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD - SYNOD 2020

A Synod is a formal gathering of the Church, (or a segment of it) for the purpose of consultation, consideration and taking action on pertinent issues facing the Church at a particular time and place.

A synod gathering for our archdiocese has been planned for Pentecost 2020.

In preparation, these three questions are presented for your consideration:

What is the Archdiocese doing well?
What is the Archdiocese not doing well?
What should we do?

Your written feedback on any one or more of these questions is invited.
Please submit to Fr. Devine.

Wednesday, 8 August, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark Pastoral Center

Parish-wide meeting/deadline to receive your prepared written answers, and also to be advised on additional information about the synod.

Restructuring Phase II - next steps - parish update

- May: parishioners' recommendations received = 38
(approximately 2% of parish active population)
- June: meetings of archdiocesan pastoral planning committee members
with Fr. Devine
- end of June/early July:
submission of finalized proposals to Archbishop Blair and his Cabinet
- August (tentative):
finalized decisions and communication from Archbishop Blair
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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 (!)

St. Gianna Parish Events

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.

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!

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.



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.

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.

THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

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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, Nine Sundays of Novena in honor of Saint Alphonsa in

preparation for the feast began on Sunday, June 10th.

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.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

We pray for the eternal repose of **Kathryn "Kay" Meunier** and for and the consolation of her family. Her funeral was celebrated at the Church of Saint Brigid recently.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

LAY CARMELITES: Meet monthly on 4th Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Church, Wethersfield, 5:30-9 p.m. Cultivate the interior life with like-minded adults. Information: Susan Okamoto, 860-231-8893.

Annual Courage International Conference July 12 - July 15

Through the Courage apostolate, sponsored by the Catholic Church, people who experience same-sex attraction receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support, and fellowship. EnCourage members are parents, spouses, siblings and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact.

The Annual Courage Conference is happy to return to Villanova University this July, as we celebrate our 30th annual conference, our 38th year of ministry, and our founding director's 100th birthday! Come and hear the testimony of those who returned to the Church and found peace, joy and community, while growing in virtue as brothers and sisters in Christ. Families will find understanding and guidance. Call 203- 803-1564 ; details at <https://couragerc.org/event/courageconference2018/>

Once a year we are asked to publish the following information by the Archdiocese. The information may be found year-round on our web site.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475

kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities. 1-800-842-7303

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we enter into summer mode and begin preparations for the next season of Religious Education, we send our encouragement to those young people who prayed and learned with us for so many years in preparation for their Confirmation; more importantly, in preparation to go out into the world as disciples of Christ. Pentecost Sunday was an amazing day to be Confirmed. Congratulations to our recently confirmed students:

Tom Bondoc
Matthew DeLutrie
Jennifer Gagnon
Lorenzo Garcia
Samantha Lee
Patrick McGann
Kyle Moore
Tanya Nguyen
Thu Pham
Matthew Querfeld
Dylan Richards
Angel Rivera-Sanchez
Abigail Rocktaschel
Mark Ruddat
Christian Twano
Gabriel Twano
Mason Woods
Mollie Yezza
Dominic Zaleski

We are so excited about the upcoming season.

Registration forms for Religious Education will be sent out soon. We know it will be a fabulous year for catechesis at St. Gianna!

VOCATION REFLECTION

The Lord has planted the seeds of service in the hearts of young people. We will reap the harvest when we cultivate it through prayer, invitation, and encouragement. If the seed to be of service to the Lord has been planted in your heart, 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Father's Day
Tuesday: St. Romuald
Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;
Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;
Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;
Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;
Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—*Psalm 92:14*

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us for a special Holy Hour Friday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford. We will also be praying in a special way for Deacons Joshua Wilbur and David Madejski who will be ordained to the priesthood for our Archdiocese.

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(Containers are located in the lobby, please let us know if you need one)

School Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs. and Fri. 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Wed., 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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