



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

July 1, 2018
The Thirteenth 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 30, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Camilla Abbatemarco by Her Daughter, Franca—SB
4:30 PM Maureen O'Donnell by David Fellows—SM
5:00 PM Ann Bramley, 7th Anniversary, by Her Family—SH

Sunday, July 1, 2018

- 8:30 AM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
9:30 AM All Members of Fritsche and Pfister Families by Karen Fritsche—SH
10:30 AM Raymond Aneiro by His Family—SM
11:00 AM The Marcikonis Family by Frankie Marcikonis—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass

Monday, July 2, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Sam Mancuso by Mary Dilion—SH
9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory by Kathy Sweeney—SM

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Aurora "Ora" Lombardi by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Raymond F. Paul—SM

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Dr. Henry P. Kolakowski by His Wife—SH
9:00 AM John V. Madalena, 7th Anniversary, by Maria Pereira—SM

Thursday, July 5, 2018

- 8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving for Favors Received—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Rev. Martin J. Scholsky—SM

Friday, July 6, 2018

- 9:00 AM** May the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace, Amen. By the Family of Thao Nguyen—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Francis J Lescoe—SM

Saturday, July 7, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Joann Martinson, 1st Anniversary, by Her Family—SB
9:00 AM SH
4:00 PM Frances and Joseph Formeister by Their Family—SB
4:30 PM Jane and Rocco DiToronto, Anniversary, by Marie DiToronto—SM
5:00 PM Joseph Plompen, Birthday Blessings, by His Family—SH

Sunday, July 8, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Anthony Farina and Karen Farina by Their Family—SB
9:30 AM Rev. William J. Hilliard, 10th Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SH
10:30 AM Muriel Deck by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—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.

WELCOME TO FR. ANDY!

We welcome Fr. Tuan Anh Dinh Mai (Fr. Andy) to St. Gianna as the Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community and the Chaplain at Northwest Catholic High School. As many of you heard last weekend, we also welcome the Vietnamese Community to St. Gianna, where they will be worshipping and having Religious Education classes at St. Mark the Evangelist Church. Fr. Devine will explain this in more detail elsewhere in this bulletin. When you see Fr. Andy, (who is a classmate of Fr. Dawson's) please be sure to give him a warm welcome!

from Father Devine...

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech...*



As we celebrate the national holiday this week, it is timely to recall what the text of the U.S. Constitution actually says about faith. Our founding fathers seemed to have the correct instinct that a person's religious faith will necessarily spill over and show itself in public – and not be kept under lock and key – as a purely private possession. Ponder!

Happy 4th of July!



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

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Our First Friday Holy Hour will be held after the 9 AM mass on Friday, July 6. Come and place every care and need before Jesus' holy and Sacred Heart and partake of His gifts of mercy and love. All are welcome!

K OF C BABY/TODDLER ITEMS DRIVE THANK YOU

St. Gerard Center for Life wishes to thank all those who supported their mission to provide support services for the young mothers and their babies through the donation of baby items and cash.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

We pray for the eternal repose of Louisette LaGasse, Richard Papapietro and Michael Popovich and for the consolation of their families. Their funerals were celebrated at the Church of Saint Brigid and the Church of St. Helena recently.

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

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.

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.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Bulletin for Sunday July 8 has to be at the publisher on Friday June 29 because of the July 4th holiday.



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection will be July 7 & 8.

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.

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.

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.

Restructuring parishes – greater Hartford area

--Within the past year, we have seen the closing of both Sacred Heart and St. Peter parishes in Hartford, churches with mainly Hispanic congregations. These closings were due to church numbers, as well as structural problems, particularly in St. Peter's.

--As a result, the Hispanic community in those churches moved to both St. Augustine and St. Lawrence O'Toole churches, also in Hartford.

--The overflow of Hispanics into St. Lawrence O'Toole made it difficult for their Vietnamese community to stay there. As a result, representatives of the Vietnamese community then met with Fr. Devine and requested to move to St. Gianna parish....late February/early March of this year.

--The Vietnamese took several weeks to review/tour, and consider our facilities, eventually requesting the use of St. Mark and its pastoral center, seeing the Center in particular quite advantageous for instructional classes for their youngsters. They petitioned Archbishop for permission to do this.

--The Vietnamese community now comes here as a group, ready to adapt and be flexible to our schedules and programs already in place. As they did at St. Lawrence O'Toole, they will contribute in a significant way financially to St. Gianna Parish. They will have their own schedule of Masses and CCD classes, working around our already-existing patterns. Fr. Andy Mai, their priest-chaplain, will be responsible for them, and will also have additional duties as well in serving as chaplain for the Northwest Catholic High School community. Fr. Andy comes into this position with glowing recommendations from his current pastor.

--I ask you to welcome this community as you would anyone in Christ's name. May God bring to fulfillment this good work He is beginning!

Pilgrimage to Europe

You are invited to consider joining Fr. Joseph Pullikattil on this awesome opportunity for a Europe Pilgrimage scheduled on Sept 16 to 29, 2018. Among many other things in this trip, we will visit St. Peter's Basilica, the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Antony of Padua, Pisa, Zurich in Switzerland, Rhine falls, Paris, Lourdes, Fatima and Lisbon. The approximate cost for this 13 days pilgrimage is \$3000 per person including: land and all transportation, hotels, meals and entrance fees to all sites. Questions may be directed to Bro. Dominic of Marian TV at 215-971-3319.

Religious Education

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ST. MARK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are pleased to invite you to register for another year of religious education here at St. Mark. A letter of intent to participate will be sent to families registered at St. Mark during the next week.

It is crucial that all eligible children and their families attend Generations of Faith because this is the religious education program for St. Mark. Our goal is that our families have knowledge of our faith Traditions and scripture.

Reconciliation and First Communion will be celebrated in the third grade going forward. All of the Catholic churches in West Hartford are making this slight adjustment in order to better serve our little ones who may struggle with the concepts taught in preparation for these sacraments.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Thomas
Wednesday: Independence Day
Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;
St. Anthony Zaccaria
Friday: St. Maria Goretti; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;
Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc
-17; Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence
Day, any readings from the Mass "For
the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or
"For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30,
40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-
17
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;
Mk 6:1-6a

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.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AT LOURDES AT LITCHFIELD

At the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Route 118, Litchfield, CT, Fr. Richard Schebera, SMM, will be returning again to the Shrine and will offer three talks in July:

INTERPRETING THE BIBLE'S MEANING:

—Thursday, July 12th - Tips to help reading the Bible

—Thursday, July 19th - Reading the Bible: alone or with others?

—Thursday, July 26th - Determining our personal reading of the Bible

The lectures will be held in the air-conditioned Grotto Chapel from 7:00 to 8:15pm. No registration is required; a free will offering will be appreciated. All are welcome. For further information, call 860-567-1041 or e-mail:

lourdesshrinect@gmail.com. Visit us on the internet at www.shrinect.org

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2018

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God, forever will I
give you thanks.

— *Psalm 30:13*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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VOCATION REFLECTION

The world needs the healing touch of Jesus. Who will reach out in Jesus' name? Consider becoming a priest, deacon, brother, or sister. 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.

