



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

July 8, 2018
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reverend Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

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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, July 7, 2018

- 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

Monday, July 9, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Giovanni and Teresa DiCicco by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Jaiden Abcahum by His Family—SH
9:00 AM James Blanco by Ted and Katherine Martinez—SM

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Special Intention by Maria Pereira—SM

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM John McTigue, Birthday Blessings—SH
9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Gianna By Kathy Sweeney—SM

Thursday, July 12, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Mario and Paola Curti by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Elizabeth M. Hilliard, 14th Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SH
9:00 AM Harriet and John DelDonno by Their Family—SM

Friday, July 13, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Helen Glazewski by Her Daughter—SH
9:00 AM Rev. John E. Rikteraitis—SM

Saturday, July 14, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Antonio Espinoza by His Family—SB
9:00 AM Pius Bon Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SH
4:00 PM The DeLorso Family by Brian and Carol Forgione—SB
4:30 PM James Blanco by Ted and Katherine Martinez—SM
5:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH

Sunday, July 15, 2018

- 8:30 AM** James and Ann Sylvester by Carol LaPlante and Nancy Kehoe—SB
9:30 AM Nancy Fritsche, Birthday Blessings, by Karen Fritsche—SH
10:30 AM Bernadette Kilkenny by June and Jim Birmingham—SM
11:00 AM Robert Veilleux by His Wife—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.

St. Gianna Parish – Restructuring Phase II – update

Discussions at the archdiocesan level began in June, and are continuing in July and August concerning the future paths of both the Vietnamese and Syro-Malabar communities in St. Gianna Parish. I once again ask for, and appreciate your ongoing prayerful support as we seek God's Way for us. I reasonably anticipate clarification of these situations in September-October.

from Father Devine...

“4TH OF JULY – SUMMER'S OVER”

My father used to say that – (reminding us of time's onward march). That “march” just seems to go faster and faster – as we stand by helplessly...or are we? If you would like to slow down the *rush* of time, I would ask you to consider how much you appreciate/savor each day...and even each hour. Each hour, before each task you do – take a few brief seconds in silence, *appreciating the moment*. It can be as simple as that. I have found this to be a great way to *milk each day for what it's worth*, and also to slow down just a bit the runaway freight train of time.

Rev. Tuan Anh Dinh Mai, from Parochial Vicar, Saint Damien of Molokai Parish, Windsor, to Parochial Vicar, Saint Gianna Parish, West Hartford and Chaplain of the Vietnamese Catholic Community, effective July 9, 2018. In addition, to Chaplain, Northwest Catholic High School, effective August 1, 2018.

The above official reference to Fr. Andy's connection with our parish can be clarified as follows. Fr. Andy's work will be pastoral care for the Vietnamese community, as well as for the Northwest Catholic community – period. Other than perhaps an occasional parish Mass, he will have no commitment to St. Gianna in any particular way.

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.

LINENS

If you are interested in assisting with the laundering of small linens for Mass please contact Father Metzler at 860 233-1269 or see him after Mass at St. Mark the Evangelist. Thank you.

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. 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 (!)



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.

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."

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8, 2018

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Summer Music Camp at Holy Family Retreat Center, July 23-27

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalms — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

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VOCATION REFLECTION

Look with new eyes at the people in your neighborhood. Whose son or daughter has the capacity to serve God's people as a priest, brother, or sister. Pray and invite them to consider a religious vocation and have them 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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Wednesday: St. Benedict
Friday: St. Henry
Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha



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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.

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Jesus sent many followers to share His Peace and to spread His message of love. As Christians we too are called and sent to spread the message of God's love that comes through Jesus. What better way could there be, than joining the group of dedicated men and women teaching the children of our parish in our Religious Education Program. In order to keep our class sizes down, we need 1 teacher for each of the following grades: Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 on Saturdays at St. Brigid. We are also looking for a Grade 1 and a Grade 4 teacher for St. Helena Mondays at 4:15 to 5:15 pm Experience is not necessary, and training is available. If you are interested in teaching the children about Jesus, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Gracious Father, I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church."

"Trust in God's Mercy"
USCCB Prayer Card (Post-Abortion Healing)*

St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registration packets were mailed to all families whose children were enrolled in our Religious Education Program. Classes begin in Grade 1 and go through grade 11, when the students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please take a few minutes to look over the letter, fill out the registration form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. Registration forms for fall Religious Education Classes should be returned to the Religious Education Office **by August 1**. For St. Brigid, classes for grades 1 through 3 will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Grades 4 through 8 will be held on either Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., so be sure to indicate which day you prefer.

For St. Helena, classes for grades 1 through 5 will be held on Monday evenings from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at St. Helena. Grades 6 through 8 will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Helena.

Confirmation classes for grades 9 and 10 will be held once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have not received your registration letter please call Donna Wolcott at 860-543-2607, as soon as possible.

If your child will be participating in sports at his or her school and there may be a conflict, please register for class now, indicate this on the form and call me when classes begin in September to arrange for the work to be done at home until the sport has ended. Only one sport per year please. This does not apply for grades, 3, 9, 10 and 11. We appreciate your help with this process for registration.

Families that are new to our Religious Education Program can register for classes by calling Donna Wolcott at 860-543-2607. A registration packet will be sent to you, so that you can mail in your registration. **Please don't wait until the fall to register.**

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.

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Summer School Office Hours

Mon. thru Fri. 9 AM to 1 PM

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