



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

July 15, 2018
The Fifteenth 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, July 14, 2018

- 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

Monday, July 16, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Ezio Antolini by His Wife—SB
9:00 AM Guise Chien Van Le, Happy Birthday Blessings, by His Wife Nhan and Family—SH
9:00 AM The Marceau Family, Living and Deceased, by Sue Marceau—SM

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Giuseppe Curti, Happy Birthday Blessings, by His Wife & Family—SB
9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory by Kathy Sweeney—SM

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Mabel Roy, 56th Anniversary, by Her Niece—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Victor Oudet by Roy's Family—SM

Thursday, July 19, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Adolph Lis, 9th Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB
9:00 AM Pius Bon Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. John Quinn—SM

Friday, July 20, 2018

- 9:00 AM** P. M. Joseph by the Family—SH
9:00 AM Leo Crombie by Carol Crombie—SM

Saturday, July 21, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Edward DiNapoli, 8th Anniversary, by His Family—SB
9:00 AM Thomas Cerniglia, 8th Anniversary, by His Wife—SH
4:00 PM Ann Mathew by the Kurian Family—SB
4:30 PM Ettore Spadola, 5th Anniversary, by Norma Spadola—SM
5:00 PM Michael and Maria Marino by Their Family—SH

Sunday, July 22, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Lucia and Pasquale Peluso by Mike and Rosa Peluso—SB
9:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH
10:30 AM Rocco DiToronto, 9th Anniversary, by Marie DiToronto—SM
11:00 AM John Kennedy by His Family—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.

GOD IN ALL

In everything, be it a thing sensed, or a thing known, God is hidden within.

—St. Bonaventure

CALLED BY GOD

Today's scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the LORD to the prophet Amos, the "shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out "two by two" (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God "destined us for adoption" (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say yes to the call we hear once again through God's living word.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the time of the Reformation, although England broke away from papal authority under Henry VIII, a silent majority clung to the Catholic faith. Henry's eldest daughter, Mary, restored the "old religion" in a fierce persecution of Protestants (she is called "Bloody Mary" for good reason.) His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, rejected papal ties. Under her reign, beginning with legislation in 1593, Catholics were persecuted again, and only the very wealthy could afford the fines for not attending Anglican services on Sunday. They were called "recusants," from a Latin word meaning "refuse," since they refused to attend the liturgy of the Church of England. Many families maintained Catholic tradition in secret, and today their descendants claim "Recusancy" as a mark of family pride. For generations they sent their young people abroad to be educated in convents and monasteries. It is not surprising that the first monastery in colonial America springs from Holland with the daughters of patrician English recusant families. Port Tobacco, Maryland, proved fruitful soil for the Carmelite tradition.

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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.

BOOK AWARD WINNER

St. Gianna would like to congratulate the winner of the 2018 Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award, Chris Nguyen. May God bless all our applicants on their commitment to furthering their educations. Their devotion to their studies is inspiring to us all.

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.



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 (!)

SBLG SUPPER CLUB

The July Supper Club will be Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.. We'll be going to the Rockledge Grille - at the newly renovated Rockledge. We're excited to see their new accommodations and try the new menu - all with the same beautiful view. So join us for a fun evening at one of our favorite neighborhood restaurants. Call Pat [860-521-7369] or Maureen [860-521-0820] to be added to the reservation.

By water and the Holy Spirit, we have brought the newly baptized into the life of our Parish community.

We welcome
Sofia McCormick

SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

Summer retreat for youth and children:

Anointing Fire Catholic Youth ministry is conducting a retreat for our youth and children on August 8, 9 and 10 (Wed-Fri) in the Church of Saint Helena if we have enough people to attend. The retreat will be for two age groups: (a) ages 5-12 and (b) ages 13- 30. Please make your registrations by calling 1-860-325-2383. For more details visit <https://www.anointingfire.org>

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.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Special Mass

The Lay Carmelites of the Hartford area, who meet monthly at Sacred Heart Church, invite everyone to a special 9 AM Mass Monday, July 16, in celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Join us afterwards for breakfast, too. We especially invite those who think they may have a calling to become a Lay Carmelite: this will be a perfect opportunity to find out more about this particular path to holiness within the Catholic Church.

Call Susan Okamoto at (860) 231-8893 if you have questions.

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)

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: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/July 15, 2018

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
— *Psalm 85:12*

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 — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

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VOCATION REFLECTION

Pray today for those whom God calls and sends as ministers of Good News. The Lord has sown the seeds of vocations to priesthood and religious life in our parishes. Pray that the seeds will produce vocations. If interested in discerning a religious vocation, 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: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wednesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Friday: St. Apollinaris
Saturday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi;
Blessed Virgin Mary



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

How well do you know Jesus? Do you want to get to know him better? Everyone is welcome to join us at Generations of Faith where we will talk about eight miraculous encounters with Jesus as found in the Gospel of John. Explore how we can get to know Jesus today by studying these amazing stories from Jesus' life. Come and have a meal with your family and meet some new friends as we pray and learn together one Sunday or Wednesday a month. More information to follow!

"ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL"

Children who enjoy sing are invited to join Katie Frewen on Sunday morning during the 10:30 Mass children's liturgy. Katie is a West Hartford music teacher and parishioner who is preparing the children on Sunday, July 1, 15, and 22 to sing a song during this week's Sunday Mass. It will be wonderful to have the little ones sing for us as we celebrate together.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

An *Intent to Participate* form is being sent to all our families at St. Mark. If you do not receive a form by July 6th give us a call @ 860-236-3545. Please return it as soon as possible. We are preparing for another wonderful catechetical year.

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Martha and Mary took the time from their busy lives to welcome Jesus and open their hearts to Him by caring for His needs and listening to Him. We too need to make the time to listen and serve the Lord when He calls us. One special way to serve is by teaching the children of our parish in our Religious Education Program. The children will learn the greatness of the Lord with help from you. We need teachers for 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. If you are interested in joining our group of dedicated teachers or would like more information about teaching CCD, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

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.**

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid

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EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time Positions:

Algebra Teacher

Aftercare Director (2 pm to 6 pm)

Aftercare Teacher's Assistant (2 pm to 6 pm)

Volunteer Librarian & Asst. Librarian Needed

Are You Interested In Being a School Board Member?

Re-register Your Stop & Shop Courtesy Card

And St. Brigid-St. Augustine Gets Paid

Register it to our SCHOOL ID# 08098

We are still collecting Kellogg's "Box Tops for Education"
(Containers are located in the lobby, please let us know if you need one)

Summer School Office Hours

Mon. thru Fri. 9 AM to 1 PM

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