



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

July 22, 2018
The Sixteenth 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 21, 2018

- 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—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, July 23, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Alberto and AnnaMaria DiCicco by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Michael Popovich, Month's Mind, by His Family—SH
9:00 AM Theresa Vincenzo by David Fellows—SM

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Special Intentions of Susan Marceau—SM

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Frances Kane Francies by Her Daughter, Marie—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Gianna by Kathy Sweeney—SM

Thursday, July 26, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Frank Dalley, 19th Anniversary, by His Family—SB
9:00 AM Angelina Mathew, Happy 6th Birthday, by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Marceau Family, Living and Deceased, by Susan Marceau—SM

Friday, July 27, 2018

- 9:00 AM** John J. McTigue, 1st Anniversary, by His Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Alban F. Keeley—SM

Saturday, July 28, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Zulmira Capaz, 88th Birthday Blessings in Repose, by Her Daughters and Family—SH

- 4:00 PM** Angelina and Francesco Biancamano and Family by Franca—SB
4:30 PM Bertrand Simard by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM
5:00 PM Doris McTeague, 30th Anniversary, by Bob and Part Hilliard—SH

Sunday, July 29, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Clara Testa by Her Sister, Gina Garofalo, and Family—SB
9:30 AM Aleksander Kawka, 40th Anniversary, by Marta Mostek—SH
10:30 AM Rev. Stanley J. Nazzaro—SM
11:00 AM Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
11:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

*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.

SOLITUDE

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself.

—St. Teresa

REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Gianna Parish Events

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.



In Sympathy

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

We pray for the eternal repose of Helen Calabrese, Beatrix P. Daly, Frances Ducharme, John Midney, Lindy Remigino, Bertrand Simard, Concetta Tortonato, Jacob T. Vaina and Theresa J. Vincenzo and for the consolation of their families. Their funerals were celebrated at the Church of Saint Brigid, Church of St. Helena and the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist recently.
Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

HOUSE OF BREAD UPDATE

For the month of July I collected and delivered to the House of Bread 13 meatloaves, 4 bottles of ketchup, various paper products and toiletries. I want to thank everyone for their continued generosity. The August collection dates will be Tuesday August 7 and Wednesday August 8.

~Gina Giacalone and Helpers



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 (!)

WANTED – OLD PHOTOS

In preparation for the 100th Anniversary of St. Brigid Church in 2019, we are looking for any photos of events that occurred at St. Brigid to be posted in the back vestibule of the church. We are especially looking for any photos that may have been taken at the old church. All photos received will be copied and returned to those who have submitted them. Please drop off any photos to St. Brigid Rectory. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

SBLG GOES TO WASHINGTON

If you are traveling with us to Washington, DC, final payment is due this week. Checks should be made payable to "St. Brigid Ladies Guild" and sent or delivered to Betty or Sheila. Thank you all who are supporting this trip. We'll have final information for all once our account is settled with Diamond Tours.

SYRO-MALABAR NEWS

Summer retreat for youth and chil-

dren: 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>

OUR PESKY “BEES” ARE BACK

The Cicada Killer Wasps, aka Hermit Bees in years past in our Bulletin, are back at St. Helena. These solitary ground nesting insects are more afraid of you (despite the fact that they can be intimidating to those of us wearing sandals!) Their sole purpose is to build their nesting tunnel, lay an egg, kill a cicada and leave it for their young, and then they'll fly away. So while it may be hard to enjoy the largest of these flying insects, they are harmless to us unless seriously provoked. Please walk by and try—if possible—to enjoy one of nature's marvels.

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.

ShoreGrass Band Gazebo Concert, Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic fixings to this all-ages concert at the Elmwood Senior Center's Gazebo (near the lower parking lot of the Elmwood Senior Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT).

The ShoreGrass Band is a bluegrass band from the Connecticut shoreline comprised of Frank & Barbara Shaw (banjo & guitar), Paul Pozzi on mandolin and various musicians on bass, fiddle and Dobro. Their music is a lively mix of traditional bluegrass, old-time, early country, gospel and folk songs as well as original pieces reflecting their roots in contemporary music with a local flavor.

Rain location is in Ernest O. St. Jacques Auditorium at 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110. **This event is sponsored by Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen and is free to attend.**

For more information please contact The Elmwood Senior Center at 860-561-8180 or Pamela Hilborn at shbpamela@gmail.com or 860-561-3800

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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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.

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

How wonderful it must have been for the disciples to see and hear Jesus at prayer! And when He was asked, Jesus taught them how to pray like He did, so that they would know the Father. Our children are like the disciples, they too need to learn to pray. But how will they learn if someone doesn't teach them? Christ needs us to follow His example and teach the children how to pray so that they will come to know the Father. Our Religious Education Program needs 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 or would like more information, please contact Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607. Help teach the children how to pray so that they will know our Father.

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)

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Generations of Faith or GOF

Generations of Faith is a program that helps us to pray, learn, and celebrate together as a faith community. As the name implies, people of all ages gather once a month for a meal and an opportunity to consider the teachings of Jesus in a deeper context.

This coming season we will be using the Gospel of John to examine encounters that various people had with Jesus and how those meetings changed their lives. We won't leave it there, however! After studying each of the eight encounters we will explore the meaning that those meetings have for us. Let's make a connection with the encounters that we have with Jesus.

I love the tradition that has arisen around the Apostle, John. He was the only apostle that was not martyred. People would flock to the Island of Patmos to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist with him. John gave the same message every week. *"Little children, God loves you. Love him and one another."* That's all John would say. When asked why he continued to repeat himself, he would say, *"Because that's what the Master kept saying."* We hope you will join us in the fall to explore the Gospel of John.

Adult Confirmation Classes Starting

If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Confirmation please call LouAnn @ 860-236-3545 to find out about classes. They are beginning soon.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA

The RCIA team will be starting the Period of Inquiry in early Fall. If you or someone you know would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church (celebrate Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation or Eucharist and Confirmation) please call the St. Mark Religious Education Office.

Forms of Intent to Participate

Parents of St. Mark children have been mailed Intent to Participate forms. Please return them as soon as possible. All children in grades Kindergarten through Tenth grade should participate with their families in GOF. Sacrament registration forms can be found on the website.

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.**

VOCATION REFLECTION

Rest to listen; Listen to respond. Hear God's answer to your question "What do you ask of me?"

If the answer is that He is asking you to consider serving Him 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.

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Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.
— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

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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**

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Criteria:

- Students must be entering 4th or 5th Grade**
- Strong academic record**
- Must maintain a "B" or higher in all classes**
- Reside in either: New Britain, Newington, or Hartford**
- Parents must be willing to participate & support their child's success**
- Families must demonstrate a financial need**

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