



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

July 29, 2018
The Seventeenth 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 28, 2018

- 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

Monday, July 30, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Federico, Vittorio and Ida Mirabelli by Their Sister, Flora—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Gianna by Kathy Sweeney—SM

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Special Intention for Susan Marceau by Karlene Topeo—SM

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Catherine Urso, 13th Anniversary, by Her Daughter, Huguette—SH
9:00 AM Theresa Vincenzo by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM

Thursday, August 2, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Jim and Lorraine Behan by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Anita Monahan, 1st Anniversary, by the Monahan Family—SM

Friday, August 3, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Beatrix Daly by Josephine Monikowski—SH
9:00 AM Most Rev. John F. Whealon—SM

Saturday, August 4, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM SH
11:15 AM Joseph Parel (Syro-Malabar Mass)—SH

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Mark LaRosa, 1st Anniversary, by Janet and James Merimedes—SM
5:00 PM Helen Glazewski by Her Daughter—SH

Sunday, August 5, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Kathryn Meunier by the Collins Family—SB
9:30 AM Waldemar Kawka, 21st Anniversary by Marta Mostek—SH
10:30 AM Raymond Aneiro by His Family—SM
11:00 AM RosaMaria and Giuseppe Cardone by Their Son, Victor Cardone and Family—SB
11:30 AM 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.

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life." Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord's Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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STAND FIRM

In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last Wednesday, the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ended with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim, earning the right to wear the scallop shell symbol of this journey of faith. In legend, this city on the northern coast of Spain is the final resting place of the apostle, and the full name of the cathedral is "Saint James of the Field of Stars." There is a tradition that Saint James the Great preached there.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life's journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars. After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. The most memorable feature of the cathedral is called the *botofumeiro*, an incense burner on pulleys and chains that sweeps through the cathedral in immense circles, swirling clouds of sweet-smelling incense around the vast nave.

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

St. Gianna Parish Events



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

"Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way..."

What better way to grow more and more into His likeness "from splendor to splendor" than time in Adoration! (Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen) Please join us after 9AM mass Friday, Aug 3, 2018 at St. Helena. All are welcome.

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>

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.



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.

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)

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.

A BELATED “THANK YOU”

The St Brigid Ladies Guild ended their year in June with their Annual Pot Luck Supper. They will meet again in September to plan another busy year. As in years past, the Guild has made a generous monetary donation to the Church. In addition, they have paid for the refurbishment of the statue of Our Blessed Mother and half the cost for the refinishing of the Church vessels used during the year. Thank you to our wonderful group of ladies who worked tirelessly, providing help and support to the Church and for their gifts to St. Brigid.

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

TELL THE CHILDREN ABOUT JESUS

Help the children learn about Jesus by teaching in our Religious Education Program. In order to keep our class sizes down, we need the following teachers: Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 on Saturdays at St. Brigid. If you would like more information about teaching, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

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.

Dear Father Devine,
Congratulations! It gives me great pleasure to inform you that after careful review of your HOPES Grant Application, and in consultation with the HOPES Allocation Committee, comprised of several members of the Archdiocesan School Board, St. Brigid - St. Augustine A Partnership School has been selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$7,000 for the 2018- 2019 school year. This award represents 70 percent of the grant amount requested. Funding for the HOPES Grants results from the generosity of our Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Through HOPES Grants, elementary schools receive much needed funding for a wide variety of initiatives that enhance the mission of Catholic schools.

We are grateful for all your efforts on behalf of St. Brigid - St. Augustine A Partnership School. May God bless you and your parish and school community with a peaceful summer.

Michael S. Griffin, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



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The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.

— *Psalm 145:15*



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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.**

