



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

*August 5, 2018*  
*The Eighteenth 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](http://www.hartfordpriest.org).  
You may also visit your parish priest or call our respective church offices for more information.

# Mass Schedule

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## *Saturday, August 4, 2018*

- 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

## *Monday, August 6, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** For the Grace of Final Perseverance by Susan Marceau—SM

## *Tuesday, August 7, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** Jill Omer by Norma Spadola—SM

## *Wednesday, August 8, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Russo and Taylor Families—SM

## *Thursday, August 9, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Ada Guerrero, 6th Anniversary by the Mancini and Wolcott Families—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Msgr. Thomas L. Greylis—SM

## *Friday, August 10, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** Beatrix Daly by Ellen Wladkowski—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Julien J. Masiuk—SM

## *Saturday, August 11, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
  
**4:00 PM** Joseph Mathew by the Kurian Family—SB  
**4:30 PM** Ernest Pagoette by Lonni Bos—SM  
**5:00 PM** George Popko by His Family—SH

## *Sunday, August 12, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
**9:30 AM** Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife, Nhan and Family—SH  
**10:30 AM** John Chojnicki by Norma Spadola—SM  
**11:00 AM** Francesco Abbatemarco, Anniversary, by His Daughter, Franca—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.

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### **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'S WORK**

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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### **NO HARSHNESS**

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

—St. John Kanty

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

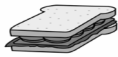
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# St. Gianna Parish Events

## MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday August 7 and Wednesday August 8. The usual other items are needed as well. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

## 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  
**Note: this is the last weekend to buy tickets after Mass. Tickets will be available at St. Brigid**

**Rectory until Thursday August 10 at noon.**

- 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 (!)

## 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.

## WANTED – OLD PHOTOS

In preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus continue their support of our troops by collecting toiletry and other items. This year our collected items will be distributed to local homeless veterans via the South Park Inn in Hartford. All items must be new. The following items will be collected at St. Brigid and St. Helena the weekends of August 11/12 and August 18/19: toothpaste, toothbrushes, white socks, Chapstick, q-tips, razors, shaving cream, Band aids, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Boxes of Kleenex (or something else soft), deodorants, Crossword puzzle and sudoku books, and feminine hygiene products. This year all cash donations will be donated to the Fisher House soon to be built at the West Haven Veterans Home. For more information about the Fisher House please go to: [www.fisherhousect.org](http://www.fisherhousect.org). Please make checks to Knights of Columbus, memo: Fisher House. No donation is too small! Please contact Chris Randall at 860-232-3315 for any further information.

## 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)

## 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. We are also looking for a Grade 4 teacher for St. Helena Mondays at 4:15 to 5:15 pm. If you would like more information about teaching, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Psalm** — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 5, 2018

Do not work for food that perishes  
but for the food that endures for eternal life.  
— *John 6:27a*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21,  
29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10  
-14  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-  
26  
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 —  
5:2; Jn 6:41-51

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;  
St. Cajetan  
Wednesday: St. Dominic  
Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
Friday: St. Lawrence  
Saturday: St. Clare

**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.

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him. ... Andrew\* is two years old now, and... we can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew."

\*Name changed for privacy.

"An Adoption Love Story," 2014-15 Respect Life Program

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

On September 8, 2018, the 4:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, with Archbishop Blair presiding, will inaugurate a year-long celebration of the arrival of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame (CND) to Waterbury in 1869. Graduates of Notre Dame Academy, Waterbury Catholic High and Holy Cross High are invited to the celebration of the Mass and to a "meet and greet" with teachers, staff and graduates downstairs in the Basilica's McCarthy Hall after the Mass. Light refreshments will be served.

## 2018 Truth and Love Conference

The 25th anniversary of Pope Saint John Paul's prophetic document, *Veritatis Splendor*, will be at the center of an upcoming formation event for clergy, religious, and professionals who minister to persons who experience same-sex attractions (SSA) and gender dysphoria. The event, which will focus on the theme "Proclaiming the splendor of truth with love", will feature presentations from acclaimed theologians. Participants will also hear witness testimonies from two Courage members featured in the documentary "Desire of the Everlasting Hills."

The conference will take place October 22-24 at St. Thomas Seminary Conference Center, in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Clergy, religious, and anyone working in pastoral ministry or the healing professions are invited to attend. The three day event offers an opportunity to learn how to care for people living with SSA and questions about sexual identity from experts in the fields of pastoral ministry, theology, philosophy, psychology, and health care.

Registration information can be found at [Truth and Love.com/2018Conference](http://TruthandLove.com/2018Conference).



## 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 have been 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.**

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**Parents must be willing to participate & support their child's success**

**Families must demonstrate a financial need**

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**Summer Office Hours**

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