



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

August 12, 2018
The Nineteenth 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, August 11, 2018

- 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
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM
3:00 PM Feast of Sts. Thomas and Alphonsa—Syro-Malabar—SH

Monday, August 13, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Lynn Griffin, 22nd Anniversary, by Her Family—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Sister Susan Carlin—SM

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Patricia Gendreau by Her Family—SB
9:00 AM Special Intention for Susan Marceau by Karlene Topeo—SM
7:00 PM SM

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Walter and Sophie Pastuszak—SB
9:00 AM Mary Flynn Flemke, 1st Anniversary, by Her Siblings—SH
9:00 AM Special Intentions by the Marceau Family—SM
7:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
7:00 PM SH
7:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Thursday, August 16, 2018

- 8:30 AM** St. Rocco by Anna Vincenzo—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Special Intentions for Susan Marceau by the Marceau Family—SM

Friday, August 17, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Robert Bouvier by His Wife—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Daniel F. Donaghue—SM

Saturday, August 18, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM SH
4:00 PM Giuseppe Vincenzo by His Wife and Family—SB
4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Angel Astro Family by the O'Donovan Family—SM
5:00 PM Robert and Kenneth McGinnis by the Popko Family—SH

Sunday, August 19, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Intentions of Jerry and AnnaRita Erwin—SB
9:30 AM Joseph Plompen by His Family—SH
10:30 AM Thank You St. Anthony by Sophia Gagnon—SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—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*

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Just a reminder of the upcoming holy day of obligation on August 15. Masses will be as follows:

St Mark the Evangelist 7:00 pm (vigil) & 9:00 am; 7:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

August 15: **St. Brigid** 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

St. Helena 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

FINANCE COUNCIL meeting - Monday, 13 August, 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid church hall.

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL POSITION

Part-time (20 hours/week) for St. Gianna Parish; the candidate for this job should be handy, and also willing to learn. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Fr. Devine or Karla Dalley at St. Brigid Rectory for further details. Position available 1 September.

17TH CENTURY NUN'S PRAYER

L O R D,

Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint--some of them are so hard to live with, but--a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. AMEN

St. Gianna Parish Events

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 . 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.

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.

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.

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)



ANNUAL CHURCH FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA AND ST. THOMAS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

The Indian Syro-Malabar Catholic community at St. Helena Church celebrates

its annual feast of Saint Alphonsa and Saint Thomas on Sunday, August 12, 2018. The celebration begins with a solemn concelebrated Mass at 3:00 PM in the Church of Saint Helena. **Rev. Rojin Karickal, St. Jerome Church, Norwalk** will be the main celebrant and homilist at Mass. The Mass is followed by a street procession, veneration of relics, cultural activities and a festive dinner in the Church hall. **St. Alphonsa is the first person of Indian origin to be canonized and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Church.** She was born in the state of Kerala, India on August 19, 1910. At the age of 35, St. Alphonsa died on July 28, 1946. Immediately after her death numerous miracles were attributed to her intercession. Pope John Paul beatified her on February 8, 1986 and on October 12, 2008 Pope Benedict declared this humble religious a saint! This is the 10th year of her canonization.

Please join us in this special parish celebration in praying through St. Alphonsa and St. Thomas's powerful intercession.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— *John 6:51*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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."

IF YOU SIGNED THE PETITION TO KEEP ST. HELENA OPEN—

For your information, the archdiocese has responded—Deacon Ernie Scrivani writing on behalf of Archbishop Blair. The entire letter is worth reading in order to best understand this message. If interested, see Michael Flynn or Fr. Devine for further information.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK GENERATIONS OF FAITH: BELIEVE IT! LIVE IT! SHARE IT!

This season, we will focus on encounters with Jesus as told in the Gospel of John. The first half of the Gospel focuses on various signs that Jesus provides to people when they encounter Him. These signs or miracles convince many to follow Him. Following Jesus changes lives. It is no different today! Have we lost our way? Let us encounter Jesus together. It could be the turning point you needed! The first gathering will be an Open House to introduce people to GOF who have not experienced it. The Open House is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd at 4:00 in the Pastoral Center at St. Mark. Come get a cup of coffee and hear more about Generations of Faith.

TEACHER GATHERING

Teachers for the Sacraments, RCIA, Children's Liturgy and GOF will gather for prayer and materials on Wednesday, September 12th. *Eight Miraculous Encounters with Jesus* will be explored. It is going to be an amazing year!

PARENT MEETING

All parents of children in grades K-10 who intend to participate in St. Mark's Religious Education programs should attend a meeting on Sunday, September 16th at 4:00 in the St. Mark Pastoral Center. This includes:

- All parents of children/teens who come to **Generations Of Faith (GOF)** for religious education classes
- Parents of students who will attend **sacrament classes for Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation**
- Parents of children who are catching up with studies in the **children's catechumenate** program

We look forward to the opportunity to share with parents our plans for the upcoming year. Let us take you on a short journey through the Gospel of John and give you the information you need to plan the year.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are starting a class for adults who have not been prepared for Confirmation. Call us at 860-236-3545 to enroll. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral for adults in November.

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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