



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

*August 19, 2018*  
*The Twentieth 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.

# MassSchedule

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## *Saturday, August 18, 2018*

- 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** In Thanksgiving for the Many Blessings We Have Received, AnnaRita & Jerry 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

## *Monday, August 20, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Vera and Gianni DiCicco by Their Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Lynn Smits—SM

## *Tuesday, August 21, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** —SB  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Ladislaus J. Kaminski—SM

## *Wednesday, August 22, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Alfredo Peluso by His Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. John M. DeZinno—SM

## *Thursday, August 23, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Cristino Iafrancesco by His Wife—SB  
**9:00 AM** Justine Abraham by Her Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Sally Fugere, 2nd Anniversary, by Ray Fugere—SM

## *Friday, August 24, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** Sunil and Manju Abraham by Their Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. John F. Curran—SM

## *Saturday, August 25, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Panfilo Carducci, Month's Mind, by His Wife and Children—SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**4:00 PM** Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB  
**4:30 PM** Rev. Richard C. Phillips—SM  
**5:00 PM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH

## *Sunday, August 26, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Rosa...—SB  
**9:30 AM** Mary Tierney by Karen Fritsche—SH  
**10:30 AM** Patrick Shannon, 3rd Anniversary, by the Shannon Family and Son, John—SM  
**11:00 AM** Cristino Ficocelli by His 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*

## **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.

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*from Father Devine...*

*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.*

Thus did Jesus speak about listening and its importance in our lives. To listen requires both effort and discipline - it is something we have to work at and practice – there is more to listening than meets the eye. For example, if we think that someone is not listening to us, a very good next step is to *examine whether we are open to their manner of communicating*: how, where, when, and their style of messaging. Self-critique is rapidly going out of style in our day.

One of the things which helps us listen, especially to God, is silence. Both in private prayer and at Mass, silence is never to be considered as "dead (wasted) time." Its purpose is to help attune us to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within...a message more easily discovered in the midst of quiet. Accordingly, the Church prescribes moments of silence as part of the order of Mass (penitential rite, after the readings and homily, after Communion).

Silence...why not bring it into your life and find out how much it can improve your life, health, and frame of mind!

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## **FAREWELL TO JERRY ERWIN AND PAUL OULLETTE**

At the end of the month, Jerry and Paul will retire from their custodial positions at St. Brigid after numerous years of faithful service. You are invited to wish both of them well on Sunday, 9 September, after the 11:00 am Mass. The reception will be held in McMahan hall. All are welcome.

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## **FREE DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES**

The Father Nadolny Good News Fund Inc. will sponsor four performances of Saint Luke Productions'

### **“ Tolton From Slave to Priest”**

Admission is free

Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Justin-St. Michael Parish, Hartford

Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Church of St. Peter Claver, West Hartford

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Morning (no time specified) at Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford

For further information, please call the Fr. Nadolny Good News Fund at 860-761-7428.

# 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 this weekend, 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.

## HOUSE OF BREAD UPDATE

For the month of August I collected and delivered to the House of Bread 14 meatloaves, 2 bags of rice, a supply of paper products and toiletries and a box of plastic silverware. I want to thank everyone for their continued generosity. The September collection dates will be **Monday Sept. 3** and **Tuesday Sept. 4**—note the dates!

~~Gina Giacalone and Helpers

## GIVE BACK TO ST. GIANNA

We are looking for at least two folks to help us with cleaning of **St. Brigid Church**. The commitment would be once every 6-7 weeks and consists of dusting, vacuuming, windows and washing altar cloths. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Betsy DeBlieux at 860-231-1954.

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

We are blessed to have many talented people who lend their dedication and skills as Lectors, Choir members, Ushers, Funeral Mass Servers and Altar Servers. If you are interested in any of these **St. Helena** ministries, you are more than welcome to join them. Please contact Fr. Joseph at 860-521-1921 for more details.

## ST. GIANNA RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize/Grand Prize Amex \$30,000 = Rafael Calz, ticket #3300  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Amex \$4,000 = Ana Pintado, ticket #2921  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Amex \$3,000 = Nancy Natale, ticket #16812  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize Amex \$2,000 = Pat Fitzgerald, ticket #11767

Thank you to all who bought tickets in support of St. Gianna Parish!

## 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.

## IT'S TIME FOR CHOIR!

Come back to Choir and bring your friends! Our first official rehearsal is Sunday September 9 at 9:45 am, and will continue on Sundays at the same time. I also welcome any new members to join the choir at this time. Not only will you make great friends but you will become an important part of St. Brigid Church, adding to Sunday Mass celebrations and important holiday and holy day Masses. If you can sing a hymn, you can join the choir--come join us!

## 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.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

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

**Second Reading** — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel** — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bernard

Tuesday: St. Pius X

Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Rose of Lima

Friday: St. Bartholomew

Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**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.

## YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

## 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.

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 19, 2018

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.  
— *John 6:53*

## THE GIFT OF GRACE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

—St. Rose of Lima

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

**THANK YOU!!** To the more than **37,800** generous donors have pledged over **\$9,473,000** to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, ***Our Faith, Our Future!!***

It is only with **YOUR** help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of ***\$10 Million!*** This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2018 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your pledge or gift today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) and follow the link ***Our Faith, Our Future***, to learn more and make your pledge or gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2018 towards this year's Appeal.

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. *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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 be returned to the Religious Education Office by September 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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