



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

September 16, 2018
The Twenty Fourth 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, September 15, 2018

- 4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Rev. Gerald T. Corrigan—SM
5:00 PM Madeline McGinnis by the Popko Family—SH

Sunday, September 16, 2018

- 8:30 AM Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
9:30 AM Roman Kawka, 3rd Anniversary, by Marta Mostek—SH
10:30 AM Francis Marquis by Joan Marquis—SM
11:00 AM Maria and Giovanni Calandriello by Their Niece, Franca—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, September 17, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Robert Bouvier by His Wife—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Mario P. Pepe—SM

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

- 8:30 AM *Mass today will be held at the St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School at 8:30 am*
9:00 AM Rev. John J. Phalen—SM

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Elsie McCarthy Bolcher by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Abel Pereira (8th Anniversary)—SM

Thursday, September 20, 2018

- 8:30 AM Giuseppi Curti by His Family—SB
9:00 AM Annamma and Augusthy by the Abraham Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. James Boyle by Sister Barbara Allaire—SM

Friday, September 21, 2018

- 9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Harriet and John DelDonno—SM

Saturday, September 22, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Mark and Pauline Ferlisi—SH

4:00 PM Mary Lombardi by the Cleary Family—SB
4:30 PM Msgr. Charles B. Johnson—SM
5:00 PM

Sunday, September 23, 2018

- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
9:30 AM Nell Hosey by the Mulcahy Family—SH
10:30 AM Rocco Antonio Spadola and Verna Jean Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM
11:00 AM Francesca Cerone, 6th Anniversary, by Her 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*

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ST. GIANNA PARISH— effective January 2019

In the vestibules of our churches are copies of the recommendations presented by Fr. Devine and discussed at this Monday's Parish Council meeting. A definite decision about these Recommendations for 2019 and beyond will be forthcoming later this month—before October 1.

Questions raised at the Council meeting will, as much as possible, be answered by Fr. Devine in upcoming weeks. Thank you!

from Father Devine...

We run after values that, at death, become zero. At the end of your life, nobody asks you how many degrees you have, or how many mansions you built, or how many Rolls Royces you could afford. That's what dying patients teach you.

Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, psychiatrist

What then, are people concerned about at the end of life? In my experience, I would say it boils down to three words: "I love you."
As they die, people are most concerned about loving, and being loved.

What better resource for this than God?

MASS BOOK AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1

The Mass Book for St. Gianna's respective churches will be available on October 1. Please call 860 236-5965 or stop in to the Administrative Center at St. Brigid rectory anytime beginning Monday October 1 to begin booking Masses for 2019. Unfortunately we will not be able to book or reserve Masses prior to October 1.

HELP WANTED:

House cleaning employment at St. Helena Rectory. Approximately 4 hours/week. Position available immediately. Please call Karla at St. Gianna Administrative Center at 860 236-5965 for further information.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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St. Gianna Parish Events

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are having a Mum Sale

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual mum sale this Saturday, September 15th and this Sunday, September 16th after both St. Mark masses. The mums are 8 inches and available in four colors: pink, yellow, burgundy and orange (\$8 each).



COFFEE AND DONUT RESUMES TODAY

The Coffee and Donuts will be resuming TODAY, Sept. 16th, after the 8:30 Mass. At least one more Coffee and Donuts host team is needed. Please contact Lynn Randall @ (860)716-6824 if interested or need additional information.



ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. GIANNA PARISH!

We invite you to join the St. Brigid Ladies' Guild. Our **Annual Membership Drive** will take place this weekend, **September 15/16** at all masses at St. Brigid. You may also attend our "Welcome Back" meeting in McMahon Hall at St. Brigid this Monday, September 17th, at 7:00 p.m. We will be having ice cream sundaes. Annual dues are \$10.00; \$8.00 for Seniors. Come join us for prayer, service and fellowship!! Any questions, contact, Laurie-Ann Templeton at 860-953-4063.

SBLG SUPPER CLUB

The September meeting of the Supper Club will be Tuesday, September 18th at 6:15 pm at The Fernwood, where it's "halfway to St. Patrick's Day" this weekend so hopefully there will be corned beef dinners available on Tuesday. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 by Monday if you'd like to attend.

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.



K of C PASTA DINNER TICKET SALES

Come join the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus for the first of their delicious home-cooked meals this season! Enjoy pasta and meat balls, salad, bread and the fun you associate with a K of C dinner. Tickets will be on sale this weekend, September 15 and 16 after all the Masses. They will also be available at the Rectory. The dinner is Saturday September 22 after the 4 pm Mass.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Reminder: The school Supplies Drive ends today, Sunday September 16th at 11:15 am. We thank those who have already donated and those who will be donating supplies or money for purchasing additional school supplies for the students at the St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School.

IT'S TIME FOR CHOIR!

Choir has begun! We rehearse on Sundays at 9:45 in the choir loft (and occasionally on Thursday evenings as well). I welcome any new members to join the choir. 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!



LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the October St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is **Friday September 28**. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Senior Breakfast for all members of St. Gianna Parish on Sunday, September 30th from 8 AM to Noon in the St. Mark Pastoral Center. Tickets: \$3, Senior Tickets: FREE!





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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12,
22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,
28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 —
4:3; Mk 9:30-37

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

THANK YOU!! To the more than 38,000 generous donors have pledged over \$9,567,900 to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Our Faith, Our Future!! In response to inquiries received over these past weeks, we again assure you that 100% of the funds donated to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are distributed as published in the annual report. Not a single cent collected from donations to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used for settlements of sex abuse cases or legal fees. To view the complete accountability report, please visit this link: <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2>



NEW ST GIANNA WEB SITE, ONLINE GIVING and APP

St. Gianna finally has a new web site for her churches! The domain name is **saintgiannaparish.org**. I have put it on the front of the Bulletin as well. St. Gianna Online Giving is also here. When you open the new web site, you are immediately directed to the St. Gianna Online Giving web site. For St. Helena and St. Brigid users who wish to close their accounts and migrate to the new St. Gianna account, the simplest thing to do is to call us at the Administrative Center so that we can walk you through it. If you prefer to do it yourself, when you open the St. Gianna page, you'll notice the number "4610" in the search bar after the <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4610>. Back out only the "4610" in that long string (leaving the back slash there). If you are a St. Brigid giver, insert the number "1355," and if you are a St. Helena giver, insert the number "1365." To check that you are now at the St. Brigid or St. Helena site, look to the left—The words should have changed from "St. Gianna" to "St. Brigid" or "St. Helena." It's easier than my long explanation sounds! St. Mark's folks can simply go to the St. Mark's web site, click on their "Online Giving" banner, go in and close their old account and then come over to the new St. Gianna site and open their new account.

Also check out our new St. Gianna app at [myparishapp](#) available in the Apple App store or the Google Play store for download to your mobile devices!

ST. MARK CRAFT FAIR

Now that summer is over, please mark your calendars for the St. Mark's Annual Craft Fair which will be held on Saturday November 3rd from 9 am - 3 pm. Any questions please contact Ann Bach 860 521-7147

NEW HOURS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER/ST. BRIGID RECTORY

There's one final change to update everyone about as well. Beginning October 1, the hours at St. Gianna's Administrative Center at St. Brigid Rectory are expanding. We will be open every day, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.



St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education
Families that are new to the St. Brigid or St. Helena 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. When you receive your registration packet, please look over the information letter with the starting dates, fill out the registration form and Parish Update form and mail it in to the **Religious Education Office, 100 Mayflower Street, West Hartford, CT 06110 (St. Brigid), or Religious Education Office, 30 Echo Lane West Hartford CT 06107 (St. Helena)** as soon as possible. Please **DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!!** Our office needs to have an accurate count in order to arrange for teachers, classes and ordering of books. Children who were registered in our program last year should already be registered. If there is a conflict with sports, please call to make other arrangements. Don't wait until the sport has ended to register, because waiting will place your child too far behind.

PLEASE JOIN US!

This Sunday, September 16th, is Catechetical Sunday, which is dedicated to CCD teachers throughout the diocese. Please join us at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Brigid, as we come together, not only to pray for our catechists, but to ask God to bless them in their ministry. *We also invite you and your family to our coffee, juice and donuts gathering in McMahon hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.*

At St. Helena, we will pray for and bless our catechists at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday September 16th. *Please join us for fellowship in Fr. Murphy Hall following the 9:30 Mass*

Won't you please join us for one of these two special Masses as we pray for and bless the teachers who will teach our children in the upcoming year?

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— *Isaiah 50:7*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

The Religious Education Program at St. Mark welcomes everyone back for another year of prayer, education, and community!

TEACHER GATHERING

This past Wednesday, the teachers who minister to children during the Children's Liturgy, those who teach the sacrament classes, those who work with the RCIA team; Adult Confirmation classes, teachers with the Children's Catechumenate, and those who teach the various grades during Generations of Faith gathered to hear about the theme for the year and to pray for their ministry and for the students that they teach.

PARENT MEETING

On Sunday, September 16th at 4:00 in the St. Mark Pastoral Center all parents who have children/teens enrolled in our programs will gather for prayer and materials that they will need for this wonderful year of catechesis.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH OPEN HOUSE

An open house will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at 4:00 in the St. Mark Pastoral Center for anyone who has not experienced Generations of Faith. We hope that people will come and see what GOF is all about.

The first Generations of Faith for the year will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 and Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30. The theme for the year is the Gospel of John.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Adult Education classes will be held on Monday October 22nd, October 29th, and Monday, November 5th. These will be held 7:00 - 8:30p.m. at the St. Mark Pastoral Center. Come to one or all of them. Drop in and encounter Jesus through the Gospel of John. Charles Conaghan will be the instructor.

TRAIL MIX NIGHT

Trail Mix Night will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00. People gather at the pastoral center to share items that they bring for trail mix bags. We assemble the bags together and they are sent to South Park Shelter. We made over three hundred bags last year. It is a great family service project that is completed in less than one hour.

PUMPKIN CARVING-POTLUCK-PRAYER

Pumpkin Carving, Potluck, and Prayer night will be held on Sunday, October 28th at 4:00p.m. People bring a pumpkin and carving tools and something to share for supper. We carve, eat, and pray together. Everyone processes over to the church with lit jack-o-lanterns for a prayer service to remember family and friends who have gone before us to the Father. Everyone is welcome!

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PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. thru Fri. 7:30 AM to 3 PM
For more info email: athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net or
Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106

HOPES COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

- The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants.
- Last year's HOPES Grants totaled \$155,000 to fund technology, safety, and advancement initiatives at thirty-two schools.
- The Collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media.

Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2018 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of September 22/23.

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