



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

September 23, 2018
The Twenty Fifth 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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, September 22, 2018

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

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

Monday, September 24, 2018

- 8:30 AM Billy Batayte by His Mother—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Francis Czapka by His Family—SM

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Bob Spencer, 11th Anniversary, by MaryJane Spencer—SM

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

- 8:30 AM Michele and Antonia Martucci by Their Grand-Daughter—SB
9:00 AM Jacqueline Palmir by Her Sister—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Cornelius J. Doherty—SM

Thursday, September 27, 2018

- 8:30 AM SS. Cosmas and Damian by Anna Vincenzo—SB
9:00 AM Helen Glazewski, Birthday Blessings, by Her Daughter—SH
9:00 AM Joao Pereira, 4th Anniversary, by Maria Pereira—SM

Friday, September 28, 2018

- 9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Rev. John J. Peruti—SM

Saturday, September 29, 2018

- 8:30 AM Michele Ragone, Happy Saint's Name Day by His Wife and Family—SB
9:00 AM Luigi Porretta, 10th Anniversary, by His Family—SH
4:00 PM Michele Ragone by Franca—SB
4:30 PM Matilda D'Esopo, First Anniversary, by Susan and Dick Lindberg—SM
5:00 PM SH

Sunday, September 30, 2018

- 8:30 AM Antonio Romano by Anna Romano and Family—SB
9:30 AM Elizabeth Matt by Her Daughter, Tracy—SH
10:30 AM Theresa Vincenzo by Ed and Nancy Czapla—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*

from Father Devine...

*I asked for strength to achieve
I got weakness to learn humility*

*I asked for health to do great things
I got infirmity that I might do His will*

*I asked for riches to be happy
I got poverty to be rich in Heaven*

*I asked for power to win prestige
I got weakness so that Christ's power could be seen in me*

*I asked for many things to enjoy life
I got life to enjoy many things*

*I got nothing I asked for as I asked for it
Yet everything He knew was best for me*

*Despite myself, my unspoken prayers were heard
I am most richly blessed
AMEN*

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Please check the vestibules of our respective churches for a document with answers to a number of the questions asked at Parish Council meeting earlier this month.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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ROSARY RALLY

The 29th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 7th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction.

Fr. Greg Markey, professor of Latin and Philosophy at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford (and in residence at St. Lawrence church in Shelton) will be the guest speaker. His topic is "The Rosary and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." For information, call Lorraine Greski at 203-736-9606.

AUTUMN DAYS

Autumn days come swift like the running of a hound upon the moor.

—Seumas MacManus

St. Gianna Parish Events

****LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—REVISED****

The deadline for the October St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is **Monday September 24**. 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!

ST. BRIGID SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive October 6 and 7. The drive begins on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and ends on Sunday from 8:15 to 11:15 am. Flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tuna, sardines, coffee, tea, canned fruits/vegetables, pasta and sauce are greatly needed. (Please do not leave any food in the church).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN

Members of the parish will be preparing and serving dinner to 75 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen **Tuesday, October 9**. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help with the cost, please put it in an envelope marked "soup kitchen" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during normal business hours.

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Knights of Columbus - Council 14216
Membership Drive
Saturday, September 29 and
Sunday, September 30
St. Brigid and St. Helena's vestibules before
and after all masses



Knights of Columbus - Council 14216
Prospective Member Social
Tuesday, October 2
7pm
St. Brigid Church - McMahan Hall

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday October 2 and Wednesday October 3. 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.

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. Thank you.



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BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF YOURSELF! HELP FEED THE POOR!

A volunteer opportunity exists to take freshly baked bread from The Crown Market in West Hartford to Saint Elizabeth House, a homeless shelter near the South Green in Hartford. The bread is delivered on each Wednesday of the month at 8 PM. The weekly effort takes approximately 60 to 75 minutes.

Please contact John Clark at 860-521-7257 for details.

NEW HOURS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER/ST. BRIGID RECTORY

Beginning October 1 (next Monday), 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.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Father Joseph will have the blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 7st at 1:30 PM

in the St. Helena parking lot. All are invited to attend. Animals should be on leashes or in crates. Seriously inclement weather will cancel this event.

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.

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.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

(Sponsored by the St Helena's Women's Guild)
The women of St Helena's are invited to join in an evening of enjoyment, camaraderie and delicious fare at the Rockledge Grill, 289 South Main Street, West Hartford, on Wednesday, Oct 10, 2018, at 6 PM (separate checks will be provided). RSVP to Elaine Gale at 860-521-2410 or elainebarstow@aol.com by Oct 8, Monday. Please provide your name and your best contact information in the event of any changes.

THANK YOU, ONLINE GIVERS!

A few adventurous souls from each church have found their way to St. Gianna online giving—thank you!

For any of the rest of you looking to do so without the invitation from Our Sunday Visitor, here are the instructions to follow:

St. Mark's folks should 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 (saintgiannaparish.org) and open their new account.

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 web 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!

Delete your payment method or your gifts, then come back to the Saint Gianna web site and create your new account. It really isn't as complicated as it sounds—we promise.

All the sites (except St. Gianna) will be shut down on December 31, 2018.



St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

It's not too late to register for CCD

CCD classes began on Saturday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 26 at St. Brigid and Monday, September 24 at St. Helena, but it's not too late to register for this school year. If there is a conflict in the time of classes because your child is involved in sports or other activities, please call to make arrangements.

Children should attend CCD classes each year beginning in first grade going through the eleventh grade, when the students are confirmed. Each year builds on the last, so it is important that children attend each year in order to complete their religious education. If you have not registered yet or would like more information about our religious education program, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607. Registrations will be accepted through October 7.

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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— *James 3:18*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101,
104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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

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!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins
Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul
Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus
Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

