



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

October 7, 2018
The Twenty Seventh 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, October 6, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB
4:30 PM Ken Bradley (Birthday) by Julie Bradley—SM
5:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH

Sunday, October 7, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:30 AM Louise Fritsche, 10th Anniversary, by Karen Fritsche—SH
10:30 AM Raymond Aneiro by His Family—SM
11:00 AM George McClay by the Jameson Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, October 8, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Wanda Denisiewicz by Lucy Peluso—SB
9:00 AM Lt. Walter A. Trymbulak by His Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Bernard D. Killeen—SM

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Thomas Begley by the Leahy Family—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

- 8:30 AM** *Mass today will be held at the St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School at 8:30 am—SB*
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Rev. Benedict G. Sutula—SM

Thursday, October 11, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Zbigniew Mlodecki by His Wife—SB
9:00 AM Andre Augustine, Happy Birthday, by the Abraham Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. Thomas C. Cullotta—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, October 12, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Ann Tomasulo by Her Family—SH
9:00 AM Rev. John K. Lynch—SM

Saturday, October 13, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Frances Reardon by the McClay Family—SB
9:00 AM Jose Lopez Capaz, Happy 90th Birthday Blessing, by His Daughters and Family—SH

4:00 PM Catherine and Paul Grimes by Their Family—SB
4:30 PM Jennie Zambrello (100th Birthday)—SM
5:00 PM Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife, Nhan and Family—SH

Sunday, October 14, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Michele Ragone, 8th Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB
9:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish, Norma Barry, Past President of the St. Helena Women's Guild, and All Deceased Members of the St. Helena's Women's Guild—SH
10:30 AM Ann Shannon, 21st Anniversary—SM
11:00 AM Louis Corbidge 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*

from Father Devine...

October is Respect Life month. To respect life means to honor it, to refrain from interfering with life from conception in the womb until natural death.

Why do we as Catholics believe this way? One of the beautiful truths of our faith is that *God alone is the source and Creator of human life*. One of the in-between-the lines meanings of this is that God alone determines the where, when, and how of life's beginnings...and also the where, when, and how of life's ending. God has given us brains and intelligence for the purpose of cooperating and working with Him in His designs for our lives...not to take His unique place/aka "playing God." The more that we attempt to control things, the harder we make our own lives. Why go there? To respect human life is to respect God. It's as simple as that!

This powerful faith truth is to mold the way we treat people, whether infants, or 95+ in years, whether rich, poor, or somewhere in between these two. The person's health, racial background, language, gender orientation do not matter here. All human life automatically is entitled to a basic respect and dignity, as well as deference in the order of Nature.

Some helpful websites offering further information:
www.usccb.org/prolife; (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops)
www.nrlc.org; (National Right to Life Committee)
www.catholicismobilizing.org; (Catholics Against Capital Punishment)
www.catholiceducation.org; (Center for Life Principles)

ST. GIANNA PARISH

Effective 31 December 2018, and beyond...

English-language Sunday and daily Masses will be celebrated at St. Brigid and St. Mark churches, but not at St. Helena. English-language funerals, marriages and baptisms may be held at St. Helena's.

St. Helena will be used by the Syro-Malabar people on a trial basis for one year.

Parishioners who have been regulars at St. Helena are always welcome at either St. Brigid or St. Mark, anytime.

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 in September.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Procession
Saturday October 13, 2018 9:30 am. Corner of Farmington Ave & N. Main St. West Hartford, CT
For information contact Cara 860 977-5953

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL- Parish Update

Parish goal: =	\$123,000
Amount pledged thru 30 September: =	\$114,390
Percentage of goal attained: =	93.01%
Percentage of parish participating: =	23.7%

Thank you for your support and prayer so far!

St. Gianna Parish Events

ST. BRIGID SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive this weekend, 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.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection will be October 13 & 14 at St. Mark the Evangelist.



Grocery bags with lists of needed items are being distributed after this weekend's masses. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

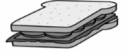
HATS, MITTENS, GLOVESand WHITE SOCKS

The Social Action Committees of St. Mark and St. Helena Churches need your help. We will be collecting new hats, mittens and gloves for infants through adults October 27th and 28th. We are also collecting thick white socks for adults. Socks for children will also be appreciated. All of these will be going to Catholic Worker, Catholic Charities and Veterans.

FALL BAKE SALE

The Saint Brigid Ladies Guild will be having its Fall Bake Sale October 13th and 14th. We will be in the vestibule of the church at all Masses. Please stop by and purchase some of our home baked goods to take home with you. Everything is homemade. Treat yourself!

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.

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.

CRAFT FAIR MEETING

Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 am in the St. Mark's Parish Center. All are welcomed - If you are unable to attend but wish to participate in the Craft Fair please call Ann Bach at 860 521-7147 Thank you.

LADIES GUILD SUPPER CLUB

Summer's over, but if you're still craving seafood, you can enjoy fresh Maine Lobster and award winning seafood, or even slow roasted prime rib at the nautically decorated U.S.S. Chowder Pot in Hartford! The next Ladies Guild Supper Club will meet there for dinner on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:15 p.m., so why not plan to join us. Please call by Sunday evening, October 14 to let us know you're coming! Hope to see you there!
Maureen McClay (521-0820) and Edie Parizo (561-0238)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time;
Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Columbus Day;
Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi
Thursday: St. John XXIII
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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.

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.

Dear Fr. Devine & Parishioners,
Greetings and peace of the Lord to you and your families!

Thank you for your hospitality and generosity during our stay on the weekend of Sept. 1st and 2nd Mission appeal in your faith-filled parish. By your rare show of kindness to the course of our mission at Maranatha, you have greatly encouraged us in our commitment to the faith and love of God.

We are appreciative of your efforts to provide care to the poor in various ways. We recognize in you what it means to love God and serve others through your generosity. May God bless and reward you and your entire families abundantly.

Please continue to pray for Maranatha Caring Mission.

Holy Masses will be offered for your intentions and those of your families.

With prayerful wishes,
Sr. Regina Mgbakor

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.



The Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass

The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P.

Blair on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. At the Mass, the following will receive the **St. Gianna Beretta Molla Award**: Roberta Tuttle, Managing Editor and Web Editor, *The Catholic Transcript, Inc.*; Father Lawrence Symolon, Pastor at St. John of the Cross, Middlebury; and Virginia Baudinet, Co-Founder, Carolyn's Place, Waterbury. If you have any questions, please call the Pro-Life office. Sister Suzanne Gross, F.S.E, Program Coordinator, Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. 203-639-0833/203-213-5079.

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St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

NO CCD Classes Because of Columbus Day Holiday

St. Brigid CCD will not meet Saturday October 6 and St. Helena CCD will not meet Monday October 8 because of the Columbus Day holiday.

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.

CHILDREN'S MASS & COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us for the Children's Mass this Sunday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Brigid Church. This will become a monthly tradition, on the first Sunday of every month at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. It will be followed by Coffee and Donuts in McMahon Hall. Please join us!

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Brigid/St. Augustine Partnership School.

The children in our Saturday St. Brigid Religious Education Program need you! In order to keep our class sizes down, we need 1 more teacher for grades 4-6. Everyone benefits from smaller class sizes—our children, our teachers and our parents—so please help by volunteering! If you would like more information about teaching, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

There are many opportunities for studying the faith and celebrating the sacraments built into our Religious Education Programs.

1. People who have not been fully initiated into the Catholic Church (Need Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation or need to be Confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time)

There is a period of Inquiry to learn about the faith followed by preparation to receive the sacraments.

2. Children who have not been baptized and have not had religious education classes and sacrament preparation classes

3. Adults who have not been confirmed

4. Generations of Faith for everyone of the parish to learn, pray and be an active participant in the faith community

5. Sacrament preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist (third grade) and Confirmation (two year program for high school students)

You are welcome to call the St. Mark Religious Education Office @ 860-236-3545 for more information.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Don't miss the season opener of Generations of Faith on Sunday, October 14 at 4:00. Prepare to meet Jesus, the Lord of Abundance! The GOF event will be repeated on Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30 for those who can't join us on Sunday.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY NIGHTS

You are invited to three evenings of exploration of the Gospel of John with Charlie Conaghan. Come to one or all of them to learn more about this poetic, symbolic Gospel. Classes will be held on Monday, October 22, October 29, and November 5 from 7:00-8:30pm in the St. Mark Pastoral Center, classroom 6.

TRAIL MIX NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00 for our annual Trail Mix Night. Bring something to add to the trail mix bags and join us for a quick service project. Usually, we are done within a half hour and last year 300+ bags were made for South Park Shelter.

PUMPKIN CARVING, PRAYER, AND POTLUCK

Bring a pumpkin, some carving tools, and dish to share and join us for a jack-o-lantern stroll to church for a little prayer service. The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 at St. Mark's Pastoral Center.

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11th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 8 am – 4 pm
(Mass celebrated by Archbishop Blair)
St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, CT
Featuring dynamic speakers, exhibitors, confession, adoration, food, and fellowship.
Speakers include Fr Bill Casey, Bob Kröll, Jason Calvi and Deacon Doug Hoffman.
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Questions? 860-484-7950
Early bird Cost: \$45 (includes lunch)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]