



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

October 28, 2018
The Thirtieth 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

Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Jane DiToronto (Birthday) by Marie DiToronto—SM
5:00 PM Helen Glazewski by Her Daughter—SH

Sunday, October 28, 2018

- 8:30 AM Frances and Leo Beauchamp by Their Family—SB
9:30 AM Barbara Gasparini, 1st Anniversary, by Her Husband, Richard—SH
10:30 AM Al and Marie Zambrello by Pat Zambrello—SM
11:00 AM Jerry Nardi Sr., by His Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, October 29, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM John David Zehr by Celeste, John, Elizabeth and Catherine—SH
9:00 AM Guilhermina Ambrosio, 2nd Anniversary, by Maria Pereira—SM

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

- 8:30 AM Grace and Leroy Armstrong by the Bachteler Family—SB
9:00 AM Msgr. Terrance P. McMahon—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

- 8:30 AM Frank Rovella, 10th Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB
9:00 AM Peter Bich Truong by the Nguyen Family—SH
9:00 AM William B. Shea, 38th Anniversary, by His Family—SM
7:00 PM All Saints' Vigil Mass—SM

Thursday, November 1, 2018--All Saints Day

- 8:30 AM The Pastuszak, Kosiba and Mlodecki Families by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SH
9:00 AM Victoria Roy by Jerry and Karen Freda—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM
7:00 PM SB
7:00 PM SH

Friday, November 2, 2018

- 9:00 AM Sam Mancuso, 1st Anniversary, by Mary Dilion—SH
9:00 AM Rev. John T. O'Connor—SM

Saturday, November 3, 2018

- 8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—SB
9:00 AM Peter Truc Vu by the Nguyen Family—SH
10:30 AM Augustine Pullikattil by St. Gianna and the Syro-Malabar Community—SH
4:00 PM Vito Biancamano, 51st Anniversary, by His Wife, Franca and Family—SB
4:30 PM Ken Bradley, 2nd Anniversary, by Julie Bradley—SM
5:00 PM All the Deceased Family and Friends of the Calabrese, Koropatkin, Martone & Mancini Families by Maria Martone and Family—SH

Sunday, November 4, 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 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus—SM
11:00 AM The Faerenga and Cerone Families by Their 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*

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.

We are all parishioners of St. Gianna, and those who have been regulars at St. Helena are always welcome at the other churches in our parish, anytime – now, and in the future.

from Father Devine...

coming up soon in November - ALL SOULS

Death...consider it from what could likely be (God's) point of view:

The great and sad mistake of many people...is to imagine that those whom death has taken, leave us. They do not leave us. They remain! Where are they? In darkness? Oh, no! It is we who are in darkness. We do not see them, but they see us. Their eyes, radiant with glory, are fixed upon our eyes...Oh, infinite consolation! Though invisible to us, our dead are not absent... They are living near us, transfigured...into light, into power, into love!

Fr. Karl Rahner, S.J.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Just a reminder of the upcoming holy day of obligation on November 1. Masses will be as follows:

St Mark the Evangelist 7:00 pm (vigil) on October 31 & 9:00 am on November 1

November 1: **St. Brigid** 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

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

St. Brigid St. Augustine School 10:00 am

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 28, 2018

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

— *Psalm 126:3*

The Respect Life Ministry for the town of West Hartford meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, at 7 PM. All are welcome! (Take the elevator down to lower level)

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. More copies of this document have been supplied. If you still can't find a copy, please call or email us at the Administrative Center. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF ST. HELENA

Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers...In 2019, if you are staying with St. Gianna Parish, you are most welcome to continue your ministry at either St. Mark or St. Brigid. If this is your intention, please let Fr. Devine know, for scheduling purposes. Thank you.

St. Gianna Parish Events

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.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee will be holding a clothing drive **this weekend, October 27 and 28**. Please remember the less fortunate by dropping off usable clean clothing in plastic bags at our spot in front of the Church on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm or on Sunday from 8:15 am to 11:15 am. Please do not leave any clothes in the church.

SAINT BRIGID LADIES GUILD NEWS

LADIES GUILD MEMBERSHIP TEA

ALL LADIES OF ST. GIANNA WELCOME! The SBLG Membership Tea will be held on Monday, November 5th at 7 pm in McMahon Hall. We will be welcoming new members to our Ladies' Guild. If you still wish to join us as new member, please contact Laurie-Ann Templeton at 860-953-4063.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday November 7. 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.

WRENTHAM PREMIUM OUTLETS BUS TRIP

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to the Wrentham Village Premium Outlets in Wrentham, MA, Saturday, November 24. The cost of the trip is \$40 (checks made payable to "St. Brigid Ladies Guild"), which includes transportation and driver gratuity, with payment due at time of sign-up. Time of departure from the Ct. Transit Commuter Lot across from Target will be at 8:00 a.m., and we shall leave Wrentham at 4:30 p.m. Payment is due at time of reservation. Please call Betty (233-3422) or Sheila (232-6915) to reserve your seat. This trip is open to all reading this notice, families, and friends.

St Mark's Craft Fair

Saturday November 3rd, 2017

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come experience a fun filled day shopping –Craft Vendors with many special & one-of-a-kind items, Bake Sale, Attic Treasure Room, Raffles and much more! Lunch will be available. Free Admission.

THE CRAFT FAIR ATTIC TREASURE ROOM

Donations for The Attic Treasure Room for the Craft Fair may be dropped off at the St. Mark Pastoral Center on Friday November 2nd from 12:00 until 7:00 p.m. Call Ann Bach at 860-521-7147, if you have any questions. (No large furniture or clothing, please)

BAKERS FOR CRAFT FAIR NEEDED

Please bring your favorite baked goods to the church center on Friday November 2nd from 1 – 8 pm or before 9 am on Saturday November 3rd. If you are unable to bring your baked goods, please contact Ann Bach for pick-up at (860) 521-7147.

HOLY HOUR

During this month of All Souls Day and All Saints Day, what better way to pray for those who have gone before us than during Adoration on First Friday, Nov 2, after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Helena.

Please join us as we thank Jesus for His mercy and compassion for our deceased loved ones. All are welcome.



MEMORIAL MASS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3 AT 10:30 AT St. HELENA

There will be a Mass in remembrance of Augustine Pullikattil (**father of Fr. Joseph Pullikattil**) Saturday November 3 at 10:30 am at St. Helena Church. It will be followed by a Reception in Fr. Murphy hall. Both are jointly sponsored by St. Gianna Parish and the Syro-Malabar Community. All are welcome.

Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus will be remembered in a special way at 10:30 Mass on Sunday, November 4th. Families and parishioners are invited to the pastoral center after mass for coffee and refreshments.



**Sheehan Hilborn Breen to Conduct Food Drive to Benefit West Hartford Food Pantry
October 15-November 10, 2018 at 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford**

Sheehan Hilborn Breen will be conducting a Food Drive from **October 15, 2018 to November 10, 2018** to benefit the **West Hartford Food Pantry**. Any non-perishable food item will be collected in a box just inside their back door at **1084 New Britain Avenue in West Hartford** from **9 am-4 pm Monday - Friday**.

"Our understanding is that the West Hartford Food Pantry is very low and although it may be an uncommon setting for a food drive, we want to help out in every way that we can," said Charlie Hilborn owner of the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home. "Everybody can play a role to eliminate hunger in our community. If you are in the area, please consider dropping off a few items. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Food products most needed are: canned fruit; canned meats; pasta & sauce; macaroni and cheese; rice; peanut butter; cold cereal; soups; and personal care products. Please be sure the items are not expired. If you have any questions or want to schedule a donation drop off, please call Pamela at 860-561-3800."

**ST. HELENA'S WOMEN'S GUILD
A FALL FLOWER ARRANGING EVENING**

You are cordially invited to celebrate with the Women of St. Helena. Please join us on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm** in Father Murphy Hall. Come and enjoy each other's company. The evening will begin with a flower arranging workshop.

We invite everyone who wishes to participate to bring a **vase (6" to 8" in height)**. The Women's Guild will supply complimentary Fall Flowers. We will be serving delicious desserts and beverages. All are welcome. Mary Mulcahy, Vice President, Membership.

Please **RSVP by November 12, 2018** to Margaret Pulito at 860-521-1026 or email at mpulito@gmail.com.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

The Thanksgiving Food Collection will replace the monthly food collection for November. Grocery bags will be distributed at masses the weekend of November 3rd/ 4th. Please bring groceries to the church the weekend of November 17th/18th .

Food packing will take place at 11:30 on November 18th. Come and join us for this service event!





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St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

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.

THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; National World Youth Day (U.S.)
Wednesday: Halloween
Thursday: All Saints
Friday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); First Friday
Saturday: St. Martin de Porres; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

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.

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.

NOVEMBER GENERATIONS OF FAITH: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

November's Generations of Faith dates are Wednesday, November 14 at **6:00 PM** and Sunday, November 18 at **4:00 PM**. For registration information email Sheila at sheila.stmark@yahoo.com, or call 860-236-3545.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today's Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning.

Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and "spiritual hospitality" in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at ww.tyburnconvent.org.uk.
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2018 Archdiocesan Women's Conference
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 10 am – 4 pm
Hartford Marriott Farmington
Vigil Mass with Bishop Peter Rosazza
Featuring dynamic workshops and spiritual
breakouts, women-centric vendor hall,
confession, Eucharistic adoration, and lunch.
Speakers include Kerry A. Robinson, Sr. Elaine
Betoncourt, CSJ, Sherry Dursin and Pamela
Drzewieski. Buy Tickets Online: <https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference>. Early bird Cost: \$55 (includes lunch)

Northwest Catholic High School
invites prospective students and
parents to attend our annual Open
House on Sunday, October 28th
from 1-3 p.m. NWC will offer an
entrance exam on Saturday,
November 17th at 8 am. A
completed application serves as registration for the
exam. Walk-ins are welcome! You can apply online
at www.northwestcatholic.org/apply. Please contact
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