



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

November 4, 2018  
*The Thirty First 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.

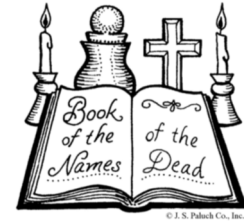
**Holy Orders:** Please call the Office of Vocations (860) 242-5573 or www.hartfordpriest.org. You may also visit your parish priest or call our respective church offices for more information.

## Saturday, November 3, 2018

- 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



## Monday, November 5, 2018

- 8:30 AM Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB  
9:00 AM James P. Somerset, 25th Anniversary, by His Wife, Noelle—SH  
9:00 AM Special Intention by Susan Marceau—SM

## Tuesday, November 6, 2018

- 8:30 AM Lucian Gendreau by His Family—SB  
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## Wednesday, November 7, 2018

- 8:30 AM Michele, Edmundo & Carmela Ragone, Francesco & Camilla Abbatemarco and Vito Biancamano by Antonietta Ragone—SB  
9:00 AM Peter Tien by the Nguyen Family—SH  
9:00 AM For All Our Newly Elected Public Officials—SM

## Thursday, November 8, 2018

- 8:30 AM Alfredo, Sam and Joanna Peluso by Lucy Peluso and Family—SB  
9:00 AM John David Zehr by Celeste, John, Elizabeth and Catherine—SH  
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## Friday, November 9, 2018

- 9:00 AM All the Deceased Members of the Weber Family by Their Family—SH  
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM

## Saturday, November 10, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB  
9:00 AM SH  
  
4:00 PM Ana V. DiNatale, Birthday Blessings, by Her Husband Salvatore and Family—SB  
4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Ramino Family by Debbie Woodward—SM  
5:00 PM The Bonaiuto, Calhoun and Volpe Families, Holiday Remembrance, by Annette, Janet and Vinnie—SH

## Sunday, November 11, 2018

- 8:30 AM Dorothy Weber, 10th Anniversary, by Her Sister—SB  
9:30 AM Joseph Plathottathil by the Thomas Family—SH  
10:30 AM Peter and Marian Forte by the Forte Family—SM  
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish and for All the Deceased 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

*I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with Him and can stand there in the fullness of life.*

*Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being.*

Pope Benedict XVI

*from Father Devine...*

Perhaps the most difficult thing about death is the obvious *separation* that it brings between people, particularly painful when family and good friends are involved. Understandably, we try to cope, maintaining connection in whatever ways we can, through memories and stories which speak to us of the deceased. Some good questions to consider as we remember them are:

How did God touch our lives thru this deceased person? How was I helped to be a better person because of him/her? Did I learn something important about life or myself because of them? Was I helped to grow in faith in any particular way because of them? In the light of their lives, is there something God is asking of me now?

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...*

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**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.

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

## 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 McMahan 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

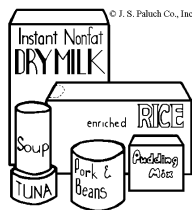
The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday November 7. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

### 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 signup. 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.

### 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.



Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus will be remembered in a special way at 10:30 Mass this Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Families and parishioners are invited to the Pastoral Center after Mass for coffee and refreshments.



### NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION

The Thanksgiving Food Collection will replace the monthly food collection for November. Grocery bags will be distributed at masses this weekend.. 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!



### 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](mailto:mpulito@gmail.com).

### THANK YOU

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee thanks all those who donated, collected or delivered clothes during the drive we had last weekend. We provided clothes for many needy families in Greater Hartford.

### NEITHER DESPAIR NOR PRESUME

Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved; do not despair. One was not; do not presume.

—St. Augustine

**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."

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Many thanks to all of you that donated to the recent "Hats, mittens and gloves" sponsored by St. Helena and St. Mark's Social Action Committees.

Many children and families will benefit from your generosity.


**SAVE THE DATE—THE TURKEY VAN!**

The Annual Turkey Van will be parked outside St. Helena near Fr. Murphy Hall on Saturday November 17 before the 5:00 pm Mass and November 18th before and after the 9:30 Mass. These turkeys will be sent to Catholic Worker House and given to parishioners in need. Please help us with a donation of a frozen turkey or monetary donation! The Social Action Committee tanks you in advance! Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**HATS, GLOVES & WHITE SOCKS DRIVE**

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee is having a Hats, Gloves & White Athletic Socks Drive. The drive will benefit local shelters. **There is a box in the vestibule for donating new hats, gloves & white athletic socks.** The drive will run from November 10/11 through November 24/25 (after the 11 am Mass). Please contact Steve at 860-236-1475 or Rick at 860-236-4210 if you have questions.

**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.

**St. BRIGID KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**



**TURKEY DINNER TICKET SALES**

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus are planning a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for Saturday November 17 at 5 pm in McMahon Hall (after the 4 PM Mass). The Knights will be selling tickets November 3 and 4 and November 10 & 11, after all the Masses—and as usual, tickets will be available at the Administrative Center.

**CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

Before we know it, it will be time to mail those Christmas cards! The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will be selling religious themed Christmas cards after all the Masses November 10 and 11. Save yourself a shopping trip and purchase cards from the Knights!

**TURKEY DRIVE—SAVE THE DATE**

Our St. Brigid Knights of Columbus council is sponsoring a turkey and cash drive **November 17 & 18**. With your generosity, we are attempting to assist the Catholic Worker House in collecting turkeys. Please bring your turkey or cash donations to our drop off spot in front of the church on Saturday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm or on Sunday from 8:15 am to 11:15 am. You can contact Chris Randall at 860-232-3315 with any questions.

# Religious Education

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## St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

### 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation classes will be held this Sunday, November 4, 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32;  
Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk  
14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;  
Lk 16:9-15  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-  
28;

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

**Psalms** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**Gospel** — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

### 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 -8:30 pm 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.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came together to make trail mix bags for South Park Shelter. As a result of your generosity of time and resources we were able to donate over 300 bags of trail mix.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
National Vocation Awareness Week;  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
Tuesday: Election Day  
Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Saturday: St. Leo the Great

### GOD'S LAWS

God's laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God's laws out of fear of what might happen if we don't, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God.

The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, "Hear, O Israel." Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.

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**2019/2020 ENROLLMENT STARTS NOW!**

**"New England Catholic Schools Open House"**  
***REFER FRIENDS & FAMILY OR SPONSOR A STUDENT!!!!***

**Thursday, November 8th**  
**9 AM to 4 PM and by Appointment**

**Retired and looking for a way to make a difference in Catholic education?**  
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**Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 4, 2018**

You shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.

— *Deuteronomy 6:5*

Northwest Catholic will administer its entrance exam on Saturday, November 17th at 8 am. Go to [northwestcatholic.org](http://northwestcatholic.org) to register for the exam. Walk-ins are also welcome! Please contact Andrew Selig at [aselig@nwcath.org](mailto:aselig@nwcath.org) with any questions.

