



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

November 25, 2018
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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, November 24, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Teresa Cardone by Her Nephew Victor Cardone and Family—SB
4:30 PM Maurice Mulcahy by Margaret Mulcahy—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 25, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Giuseppe Corpaci by Rosa Corpaci—SB
9:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish —SH
10:30 AM Catherine F. Grzesiuk by Ken, Ann and Michelle Bach—SM
11:00 AM Nicola Mancini, 2nd Anniversary, by His Wife and Daughter—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, November 26, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Giuseppe Curti, 24th Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB
9:00 AM Richard Cippola by Barbara Judycki—SH
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

- 8:30 AM** The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory—SB
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

- 8:30 AM** SB
9:00 AM Luigi Porretta, Birthday Blessings, by the Family—SH
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM

Thursday, November 29, 2018

- 8:30 AM** Mary Ceccolini, Birthday Blessings, by Her Sister—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 30, 2018

- 9:00 AM** Sally Viggiano by Carol LaPlante—SH
9:00 AM For All Those Whose Names Rest on Our Altar—SM

Saturday, December 1, 2018

- 8:30 AM** In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—SB
9:00 AM LillyKutty Edward by Rony Edward Joseph—SH

4:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Elizabeth Rabbett by Their Daughter—SB
4:30 PM Ralph Lang by Marion Lang—SM
5:00 PM Jessica Patricia Coletta by Cara Mulcahy—SH

Sunday, December 2, 2018

- 8:30 AM** John and Marion O'Connor by Their Family—SB
9:30 AM Linda Cyr, 23rd Anniversary, by Her Family—SH
10:30 AM Anna Pageotte, 30th Anniversary, by Lonnie Bos—SM
11:00 AM Maryann and Dick Garlasco by the Sanko 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*

THANK YOU, ONLINE GIVERS!

Many of our online givers have found their way to St. Gianna online giving—thank you!

For the rest of you looking to do so, 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 (by either deleting your payment method or deleting your current weekly gifts) 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." 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.

Please remember that all the individual church sites (except St. Gianna) will be shut down on December 31, 2018.

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.

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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GRATITUDE

What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God?

—Coventry Patmore

Please note the following deadlines due to the Publisher and holiday schedules. Thank you for your understanding.

December 9 bulletin

Bulletin notices due Monday December 3 @ noon

December 16 bulletin

Bulletin notices due Monday December 10 @ noon

December 23 bulletin

Bulletin notices due Friday December 14 @ noon

December 30 bulletin

Bulletin notices due Wednesday December 19 @ noon

January 6 bulletin

Bulletin notices due Thursday December 27 @ noon

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 25, 2018

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

—Revelation 1:5

St. Gianna Parish Events

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!

We were able to send many turkeys down to the Catholic Worker because of the generosity of the members of St. Helena's. Thank you for all your ongoing support! Here's hoping everyone has a blessed holiday season!



THANK YOU!

Our St. Brigid Knights of Columbus Council thanks all those who donated turkeys and/or money for families in need during the drive they had last weekend. The Catholic Worker House was greatly appreciative of your generosity.

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.

IT'S GIVING TREE TIME!

The St. Helena Social Action will be collecting gift cards and items for local charities and families within our church. The gift cards allow families to purchase the correct size for their child. Please take a tag and return an unwrapped gift or gift card under the tree between Saturday, Nov. 24th and Sunday Dec. 18th. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and have a very Merry Christmas, knowing that you have made it brighter for others!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN

Members of the parish will be preparing and serving dinner to 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen Tuesday, November 27. 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 Administrative Center during normal business hours.

Saint Mark's Giving Tree

Our "Christmas Giving Trees" will be at both Church entrances starting the weekend of November 24/25. Please take a tag or two, and provide a gift for a local family in need, a senior at St. Mary's Home, or those transitioning to a better life at Chrysalis Center. Return the wrapped gift, with the tag attached, to the corresponding bin, church vestibule on Saturday, December 15 or Sunday, December 16. Timing is critical - **Gifts must be returned no later than 11:30 AM on Sunday December 16th as they are distributed to families immediately after the 10:30 mass.** (Note: There are usually 2-3 tags for each child—your gift is not the only item that they will receive.)



If you have questions or need to arrange for an earlier gift drop-off, please contact:

Karen Noel-Freda johnfreda@earthlink.net,
301-318-9159

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860-306-1655

Thanks for participating in the Christmas Outreach Program to benefit families in need in our neighborhood.

SAINT BRIGID LADIES GUILD NEWS LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please join the St. Brigid Ladies Guild for a great evening and the annual Christmas Dinner at Rockledge Grille on Monday, December 3rd. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and entertainment TBD. Payments can be made at the Rectory or by contacting Sharraine at (860) 841-1711. The Entree choices are: **Rosemary Grilled Chicken or Stuffed Chicken Breast \$30; Stuffed Sole \$31; Prime Rib \$36.** Prices include gratuity.

CARING HEARTS CHRISTMAS DRIVE

A Christmas Drive for Caring Hearts will be held the weekend of December 8-9. Items needed include food, gift cards, toiletries, holiday candy and nuts, Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, plastic food storage bags, small gifts or anything else you care to donate. Items may be left on the collection table in McMahan Hall on Dec. 8 or 9. Thank you for whatever you can do to help make the holidays happier for the less fortunate.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & VISIT WITH St. NICHOLAS!

On Sunday December 2nd the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will host their traditional Pancake breakfast in McMahon Hall following the 8:30 am Mass. St. Nicholas will be there to greet the children and hear their "Wish List" —bring your camera. Breakfast is \$6.00; all children under 12 are free. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee and juice.



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THE GREAT COOKIE DEAL – DECEMBER 15 & 16

Members of the Ladies Guild will be in the vestibule of the church following all Masses December 1 & 2 and December 8 & 9 to take cookie orders. Each one pound package of homemade cookies is only \$7.00. Payment is due at the time you place your order. All orders will be available for pickup on December 15 & 16 following all Masses. They make a great holiday gift for family, friends, neighbors or yourself! The Telephone Committee will be contacting Guild members to bake. Any questions, please contact Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

SANDWICH SUNDAY

The Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" next Sunday, December 2nd! We are requesting that families prepare sandwiches (any kind) to be distributed to the homeless through the Immaculate Conception Shelter. Please put the sandwiches in sandwich bags and label them. We will be at our usual drop off spot in front of the church between 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Questions? Call Steve at 860 236-1475.

Sheehan Hilborn Breen will Continue as a Food and Personal Care Collection Site to Benefit the West Hartford Food Pantry 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford

Based upon the incredible success of the food drive and the enormous generosity of area residents (including many St. Gianna parishioners from St. Brigid, St. Marks and St. Helena), Sheehan Hilborn Breen **will continue collecting** non-perishable food and personal care items in a box just inside their back door at 1084 New Britain Avenue in West Hartford from 9 am-4 pm Monday - Friday.

"Since we are beginning our **Operation Elf** Toy and Gift Card Program later in November, we had planned on ending the Food Drive; however due to the success and at the request of some West Hartford Residents, we will continue to be a collection site for the West Hartford Food Pantry until further notice," said Charlie Hilborn. "I thought that our setting might be an unusual collection site, however, it turned out to be quite convenient. Several people said that it is easy to drive in and out to drop off food and personal care items at our back door," Charlie added. "Anything you can do to help out and to promote this Food Drive is greatly appreciated."

Most needed items: (canned fruit, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, cold cereal, soups and personal care products) Please be sure items are not expired.

Bring your items to Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue. Please place the items in the container just inside the Back Door. Or if you prefer, call us and someone will come out to your car to pick up the items. 860-561-3800.



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During this Advent, please join us on Dec 7, 2018 after the 9 am Mass at St. Helena to spend time in Adoration. Our gift of our time is precious to Jesus and His gift of Himself is priceless to us. All are welcome.



St. Mark Knights of Columbus
The St. Mark Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 9
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
St. Mark Pastoral Center
Tickets \$3



Religious Education

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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ORIGINALITY

Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

ST. MARK CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Be sure to send your little ones downstairs during Children's Liturgy at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. They are getting ready to sing for us during Mass on the first week of Advent.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

First and second year Confirmation students have class on Sunday, December 9 at 6:30 PM in the St. Mark Pastoral Center.

Advent Wreath Making

****CORRECTION****

**The date was incorrect
in last week's bulletin**

The correct date is:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 6:30 P.M.

in the St. Mark Pastoral Center

Come and make a Boxwood Ivy Advent wreath on Sunday, December 2nd^h at 6:30. The only cost is a dessert to share with everyone. We will provide all the fixings, candles and the Advent wreath prayers. Call LouAnn or Sheila @ 860-236-3545 to sign up for a wreath.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Andrew
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

