



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

September 9, 2018  
*The Twenty Third 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, September 8, 2018*

- 4:00 PM** Carl Bellinghausen, Sr. by Brian and Carol Forgione—SB  
**4:30 PM** Deceased Members of the Spadola and Rollo Families by Norma Spadola—SM  
**5:00 PM** SH

## *Sunday, September 9, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:30 AM** Guise Chien Van Le by His Wife, Nhan and Family—SH  
**10:30 AM** Brian Miller by Family and Friends—SM  
**11:00 AM** Antonia and Michele Martucci and Family by Franca and Family—SB  
**11:30 AM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
**2:30 PM** Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Monday, September 10, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. William A. Carukin—SM

## *Tuesday, September 11, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** David Denault, 10th Anniversary, by His Family—SB  
**9:00 AM** Rev. Brian E. Jeffries—SM

## *Wednesday, September 12, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Zbigniew Mlodecki by His Wife—SB  
**9:00 AM** Mathai Mathew by Thomas Mathew—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. John Curry Gay—SM

## *Thursday, September 13, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** Aleyamma and Devasia Abraham by the Abraham Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. John J. Crawford—SM

## *Friday, September 14, 2018*

- 9:00 AM** For All the Souls in 216 Somerset Street by the Nguyen Family—SH  
**9:00 AM** Rev. A. Andrew Vantresca—SM

## *Saturday, September 15, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** SB  
**9:00 AM** SH  
**4:00 PM** For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
**4:30 PM** Rev. Gerald T. Corrigan—SM  
**5:00 PM** Madeline McGinnis by the Popko Family—SH

## *Sunday, September 16, 2018*

- 8:30 AM** Francis and Mary Tubeck and William and Mary Virginia Auld by James and Virginia Drozd—SB  
**9:30 AM** Roman Kawka, 3rd Anniversary, by Marta Mostek—SH  
**10:30 AM** Francis Marquis by Joan Marquis—SM  
**11:00 AM** Maria and Giovanni Calandriello by Their Niece, Franca—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...*

*"...As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ..."*

These familiar words from the Mass are intended to help us keep life's big picture in mind, as well as our sense of direction. They are also meant to console and strengthen us as the number of our earthly days grows less, and also as we experience losses, change, death of loved ones, and the like.

Is your life one of "joyful hope" at this time?

Why or why not?

Heaven and earth will pass away, as the Scripture tells us.

God's love, care, and providential design are – for the ages!

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### **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.

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### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

This Monday, 10 September, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at St. Helena, in Fr. Murphy Hall.

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### **HELP WANTED:**

House cleaning employment at St. Helena Rectory. Approximately 4 hours/week. Position available immediately. Please call Karla at St. Gianna Administrative Center at 860 236-5965 for further information.

### **KERALA FLOOD RELIEF FUND**

The southern Indian state of Kerala is coming out of the biggest natural disaster the state has faced in a century. Hundreds of lives lost, and hundreds of thousands were displaced. Please join hands to support the flood-affected families. The Syro Malabar church at St. Helena is raising a flood relief fund to aid the recovery efforts of Kerala. Your checks can be made payable to Syro Malabar church or visit Syro Malabar Mission Hartford in Facebook or go to [www.syromalabarct.org](http://www.syromalabarct.org) and click donate using credit/debit card. Thank you for your support.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Tuesday: Patriot Day  
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Thursday: St. John Chrysostom  
Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

**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.

# St. Gianna Parish Events

## FAREWELL TO JERRY ERWIN AND PAUL OUELLETTE—THIS SUNDAY!

At the end of August, Jerry and Paul will retire from their custodial positions at St. Brigid after numerous years of faithful service. You are invited to wish both of them well **this Sunday, 9 September**, after the 11:00 am Mass. The reception will be held in McMahan hall. All are welcome.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection will be September 8 & 9 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.



## ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. GIANNA PARISH!

We invite you to join the St. Brigid Ladies' Guild. Our **Annual Membership Drive** will take place the weekends of **September 8/9 and 15/16** at all masses at St. Brigid. You may also attend our "Welcome Back" meeting in McMahan Hall at St. Brigid on Monday, September 17th, at 7:00 p.m. We will be having ice cream sundaes. Annual dues are \$10.00; \$8.00 for Seniors. Come join us for prayer, service and fellowship!! Any questions, contact, Laurie-Ann Templeton at 860-953-4063.

## WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The St. Helena Women's Guild meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in Father Murphy Hall. All are welcome to attend.



## IT'S TIME FOR CHOIR!

Come back to Choir and bring your friends! Our first official rehearsal is **this Sunday September 9** at 9:45 am, and will continue on Sundays at the same time. I also welcome any

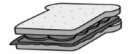
new members to join the choir at this time. Not only will you make great friends but you will become an important part of St. Brigid Church, adding to Sunday Mass celebrations and important holiday and holy day Masses. If you can sing a hymn, you can join the choir--come join us!

## Coffee & Donuts COFFE AND DONUT HOSTS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to help host the Coffee & Donuts. Your responsibilities would be to pick up the donuts from the bakery, set up and clean up afterwards. Coffee and donut hosts serve on a rotating basis every 4-6 weeks depending on how many volunteers there are. The Coffee and Donuts will be resuming on Sept. 16th after the 8:30 Mass. Please contact Lynn Randall @ (860)716-6824 if interested or need additional information.

## 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.

## The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are having a Mum Sale



The Knights of Columbus are having their annual mum sale on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> after both St. Mark masses. The mums are 8 inches and available in four colors: pink, yellow, burgundy and orange (\$8 each). To pre-order, contact Jerry Freda at 860-236-0015.

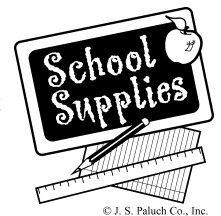


## K of C PASTA DINNER TICKET SALES

Come join the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus for the first of their delicious home-cooked meals this season! Enjoy pasta and meat balls, salad, bread and the fun you associate with a K of C dinner. Tickets will be on sale the weekend of September 15 and 16 after all the Masses. They will also be available at the Rectory. The dinner is Saturday September 22 after the 4 pm Mass.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Reminder: The school Supplies Drive ends Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am. We thank those who have already donated and those who will be donating supplies or money for purchasing additional school supplies for the students at the St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School.





## NEW ST GIANNA WEB SITE AND EMAILS

St. Gianna finally has a new web site for her churches! The domain name is **saintgiannaparish.org**. I have put it on the front of the Bulletin as well.

St. Gianna Online Giving is also here. Current online givers will receive an email invitation to the new St. Gianna Online Giving web site shortly. All St. Brigid, St. Helena and St. Mark the Evangelist online givers will be sent this invitation from our online giving provider, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). If you prefer to sign up yourself, just go to our new St. Gianna web site, look for the “Online Giving” banner and click on the link, which is actually the word “here.” If you’re having trouble, just give us a call here at the Administrative Center at 860 236-5965.

## 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!



## WANTED – OLD PHOTOS

In preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ST. MARK CRAFT FAIR

Now that summer is over please mark your calendars for the St. Mark's Annual Craft Fair which will be held on Saturday November 3rd from 9 am - 3 pm. Any questions please contact Ann Bach 860 521-7147

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It’s a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you’re stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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

## 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.

# Religious Education

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK GENERATIONS OF FAITH: BELIEVE IT! LIVE IT! SHARE IT!

This season, we will focus on encounters with Jesus as told in the Gospel of John. The first half of the Gospel focuses on various signs that Jesus provides to people when they encounter Him. These signs or miracles convince many to follow Him. Following Jesus changes lives. It is no different today! Have we lost our way? Let us encounter Jesus together. It could be the turning point you needed! The first gathering will be an Open House to introduce people to GOF who have not experienced it. The Open House is scheduled for Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 in the Pastoral Center at St. Mark. Come get a cup of coffee and hear more about Generations of Faith.

### TEACHER GATHERING

Teachers for the Sacraments, RCIA, Children's Liturgy and GOF will gather for prayer and materials on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. *Eight Miraculous Encounters with Jesus* will be explored. It is going to be an amazing year!

### PARENT MEETING

All parents of children in grades K-10 who intend to participate in St. Mark's Religious Education programs should attend a meeting on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the St. Mark Pastoral Center. This includes:

- All parents of children/teens who come to **Generations Of Faith (GOF)** for religious education classes
- Parents of students who will attend **sacrament classes for Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation**
- Parents of children who are catching up with studies in the **children's catechumenate** program

We look forward to the opportunity to share with parents our plans for the upcoming year. Let us take you on a short journey through the Gospel of John and give you the information you need to plan the year.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are starting a class for adults who have not been prepared for Confirmation. Call us at 860-236-3545 to enroll. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral for adults in November.

## St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

Families that are new to the **St. Brigid** or **St. Helena Religious Education Program** can register for classes by calling Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607. A registration packet will be sent to you so that you can mail in your registration. When you receive your registration packet, please look over the information letter with the starting dates, fill out the registration form and Parish Update form and mail it in to the **Religious Education Office, 100 Mayflower Street, West Hartford, CT 06110 (St. Brigid), or Religious Education Office, 30 Echo Lane West Hartford CT 06107 (St. Helena)** as soon as possible. Please **DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!!** Our office needs to have an accurate count in order to arrange for teachers, classes and ordering of books. Children who were registered in our program last year should already be registered. If there is a conflict with sports, please call to make other arrangements. Don't wait until the sport has ended to register, because waiting will place your child too far behind.

### PLEASE JOIN US!

Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, is Catechetical Sunday, which is dedicated to CCD teachers throughout the diocese. Please join us at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Brigid, as we come together, not only to pray for our catechists, but to ask God to bless them in their ministry. We also invite you and your family to our coffee, juice and donuts gathering in McMahan hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

At St. Helena, we will pray for and bless our catechists at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>. That Mass is also followed by fellowship in Fr. Murphy Hall.

Won't you please join us for one of these two special Masses as we pray for and bless the teachers who will teach our children in the upcoming year?

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

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**For more info email: [athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net](mailto:athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net) or**

**Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106**

**OLC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS**

Come join us on Saturday, October 6th, when Archbishop Blair will celebrate Mass in OLC's chapel. It will be followed by light refreshments. Please call for planning purposes. The day will continue with an Anniversary Celebration from 7:00 -9:30pm with Wine Tasting, Hearty Hors D'oeuvres and Dessert, featuring a 2018 Mercedes Car Drawing, Tea Cup Raffle and Jazz Piano. Tickets for the evening are \$75.00 per person. Proceeds will benefit the installation of new heating and cooling systems. Call OLC at 860-677-8519 or go to the website at [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net) for more info.

**ROSARY RALLY**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

