



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

September 30, 2018
The Twenty Sixth 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 29, 2018

- 4:00 PM Michele Ragone by Franca—SB
4:30 PM Matilda D'Esopo, First Anniversary, by Susan and Dick Lindberg—SM
5:00 PM SH

Sunday, September 30, 2018

- 8:30 AM Antonio Romano by Anna Romano and Family—SB
9:30 AM Elizabeth Matt by Her Daughter, Tracy—SH
10:30 AM Theresa Vincenzo by Ed and Nancy Czapla—SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, October 1, 2018

- 8:30 AM Dawn Batatye, Joan Shea and Donna Batayte by the Batayte Family—SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Rev. George A. Dyer—SM

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

- 8:30 AM Maria and Francisco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Ronald J. Osborne—SM

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Dr. Henry P. Kolakowski, 2nd Anniversary, by His Wife—SH
9:00 AM Msgr. John S. Kennedy—SM

Thursday, October 4, 2018

- 8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Anthony and Cecilia Leesha and Frances Saad by MaryAnn Leesha—SM

Friday, October 5, 2018

- 9:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Rev. Bradford Colton—SM

Saturday, October 6, 2018

- 8:30 AM George McClay, 1st Anniversary, by His Family—SB
9:00 AM Julia Ascarre by Her Family—SH
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

*SB=St. Brigid; SH=St. Helena;
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

ST. GIANNA UPDATE

On Tuesday, 25 September, a courtesy informational meeting was held among Archbishop Blair, Fr. Devine, Deacon Ernie, and Gail Bellucci. Fr. Devine's recommendations, published earlier this month and discussed at Parish Council, were officially accepted and established as future direction for our parish, effective at the end of this calendar year.

I once again understand and recognize the sadness, pain, and anger that may be felt on the part of some among you at this news. I repeat what I wrote earlier this month at Council: my recommendations were conceived in a spirit of trying to do what had to be done, in light of current circumstances, for the greater good of the entire parish community, while at the same time attempting to limit the extent of the change affecting the parish as a whole. The realities of change and uncertainty have taken a toll on all of us this year, including me. I *sincerely hope* that you realize that in this, as in many other instances in life, there is **no** "solution" that will make everyone happy, and that in the end, God's Grace and strength will prevail if we open ourselves up to it.

St. Gianna, pray for us that we may face our future with the Hope and Peace that only Christ can provide!

Prayer for Autumn Days

*God of the seasons, there is a time for everything:
a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into the process of change.
Bless us with your gift of courage.*

*God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been.
We also are having our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us to let go when we need to...*

*God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth, help us to learn from them.*

*God of harvest moon nights,
Help us to gain strength from the mystery and wonder we behold.*

*God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,
Many gifts of growth lie within these seasons of our surrender.
Grant us the patience to wait for the blessings of the harvest with hope and faith,
and help us to recognize and celebrate the gifts and growth.*

*God of geese going south for another season,
Your wisdom helps us to know what needs to be left behind,
and what needs to be carried into the future.
We yearn for insight and vision.*

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 earlier this month.

St. Gianna Parish Events



SENIOR BREAKFAST—TODAY

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!

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.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday October 2 and Wednesday October 3. The usual other items are needed as well. 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.

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 elainefbarstow@aol.com by Oct 8, Monday. Please provide your name and your best contact information in the event of any changes.

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)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Knights of Columbus - Council 14216
Membership Drive
Saturday, September 29 and
Sunday, September 30
St. Brigid and St. Helena's vestibules before
and after all masses



Knights of Columbus - Council 14216
Prospective Member Social
Tuesday, October 2
7pm
St. Brigid Church - McMahan Hall

ST. BRIGID SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive 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.

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.

THANK YOU!

The St. Mark Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported our annual mum sale. We are pleased to donate the proceeds of the sale to our confirmation students' annual retreat at Holy Family.





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



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.

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.



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.



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.



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.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Procession

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



St. Brigid/St. Helena Religious Education

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 next 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 McMahan Hall. Please join us!

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 14, 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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Pre-sale for Our Thanksgiving Lyman Orchard Pies
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For more info email: athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net or
Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106

Thank you!

On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we send our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the 2018 HOPES Collection. Your participation supports a culture of faith and educational excellence in Catholic schools, preparing students for leadership and active roles in parish life.

Michael S. Griffin, Ph.D.,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]