



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

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

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The Celebration of the Grace of God Through The Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the parish Administrative Center in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: By appointment, or on Saturday St. Brigid 3-3:30; St. Mark 3:15-4:00.

Communion: For parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized, contact the Administrative Center.

Marriage: Please call the Administrative Center six months 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 speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 5, 2019

4:00 PM SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:30 AM SB
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM
11:00 AM The Deceased of the Preli Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, January 7, 2019

8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Rev. Raymond S. Pitruzzello—SM

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:30 AM SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:30 AM SB
10:00 AM SH
9:00 AM Rev. Edwin J. Gaffney—SM

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:30 AM In Appreciation for Fr. Devine by the St. Brigid Rosary Group—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Dennis R. Hussey—SM

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, January 11, 2019

9:00 AM Rev. Edward G. Pfnausch—SM

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Rev. Harold M. Kearns—SM

4:00 PM Nicola Mancini, Birthday Wishes, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:30 AM Lorraine Farina by Her Family—SB
10:30 AM Rocco DiTaranto (Birthday) by His Family—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

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

from Father Devine...

Who is a Parishioner of Saint Gianna Parish?

While the answer may seem obvious to some, others frequently ask for clarification on requirements for being considered a parishioner. We hope the following helps those who may be unsure.

First, a “parishioner” is formally registered with Saint Gianna Parish. A faithful parishioner attends Sunday Mass regularly, is likely to participate in church activities, and follows the Church Canon Law directive to financially contribute to the support of the parish.

Parishioners have their infants baptized here and enroll their children in our CCD program, and/or Generations of Faith. Assuming they meet other requirements, current parishioners are eligible to receive parish certificates enabling them to serve as Godparents or Confirmation sponsors. They may be married here, and they may have their funerals here.

Sometimes people assume they are parishioners because they've been coming here for years, although they may have never formally registered. If you're not sure if you are registered, please call Karla or Marie at the Administrative Center.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday 15 January, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

St. Brigid Church, McMahon Hall

Recent highlights....

- St. Gianna Parish Council Constitution—considerations
- Stewardship presentations—how can this work at St. Gianna
- Security at weekend Masses

Please join us for the annual Archdiocese of Hartford Respect Life Mass With Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, commemorating the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, to pray for an end to abortion, and for those suffering the consequences of abortion.

The Cathedral of St. Joseph, Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

In the FOOTSTEPS of JESUS

Visit the HOLY LAND on May 17-27, 2019

You are invited to join with Fr. Joseph Pullikattil and Bro. Dominic for the trip of a lifetime. Create an unforgettable memory of the places where Jesus walked. Come away with the Lord to experience what is often called the Fifth Gospel, the Holy Land. You will never experience in the same way again. We begin with an evening departure from New York, JFK to Amman, Jordan. Among many other things we will see are Cana, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany and Mount Olives. The approximate cost of the trip \$2599 per person; includes land and air transportation, hotels, meals and entrance fees to all sites. For details and questions please call Bro. Dominic at 215-971-3319 or 215-934-5615.

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

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 West Hartford from 9 am -4 pm Monday - Friday. 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

St. Gianna Parish Events



Today—Celebration for Father Metzler Retiring after 47 years of Religious Life

Please join us as we commemorate
the retirement of Father Metzler
During this event, Father will be presented
with a gift on behalf of the entire parish

Today, Sunday, January 6, 2019
2:00 – 4:00 PM
St. Mark Pastoral Center

Mass Intention Bookings at St. Mark

Please note that intentions for St. Mark Masses are to be booked at the Administrative Center effective January 1, 2019. The Masses will continue to be celebrated at St. Mark.

MASS OFFERING FOR 2019

Please note: the Mass offering for St. Gianna Parish for 2019 are \$15 for weekday Masses (including Saturday morning) and \$20 for weekend Masses. Thank you.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, January 8 and Wednesday January 9. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate (**they have made a special request for mayonnaise, and prefer part-boiled rice if you are donating rice**). Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

Ladies of St. Gianna Parish, SAVE THE DATE, for our ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT at OLC from March 8 to 10th. Refer to December's Ladies' Guild Bulletin for details. More to come!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection will be January 13 & 14. 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.

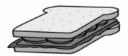
COAT DRIVE

The St. Brigid Social Action Committee will be holding a coat drive **this weekend, January 5 and 6**. It will benefit the less fortunate of Hartford. Please remember the less fortunate by dropping off usable clean coats 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROAST BEEF DINNER TICKET SALES

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus are having their annual Roast Beef dinner on Saturday January 19th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The Knights will be in the vestibule after all the Masses the weekends of January 5 and 6 and January 12 and 13 selling tickets. This is one of the dinners that often sells out so you may want to pick up those tickets ahead of time to assure yourself of some of the Knights' finest food-- and support their good works as well. Tickets will also be available at the Administrative Center from 8:30-4:00, Monday –Friday until they sell out. The Knights do not anticipate that there will be any tickets available at the door for this event!

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY



The Sandwich Ministry collection is the second Wednesday of every month in the parking lots of St. Mark at 4:30 pm and St. Peter Claver at 5:00 pm. There is no longer a pickup at St. Helena. 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.

ONLINE GIVERS

Please remember that the St. Brigid, St. Helena and St. Mark online giving church sites have been shut down effective December 31, 2018. Unless you have moved your account to St. Gianna online giving, your online giving has ceased as of December 31. If you would like to request envelopes again, please call the Administrative center at 860 236-5965. Otherwise, you can go to saintgiannaparish.org and click on the Online Giving link to set up a new Online Giving account. Thank you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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A Letter from the House of Bread, Christmas, 2018

Rightly is Christ born in Bethlehem, for Bethlehem means "House of Bread". And he who was born there said, "I am the living Bread which came down from Heaven". The place, therefore where the Lord was born was called the House of Bread because he who appeared there in the flesh was destined to fill the souls of the faithful with an eternal abundance.

St. Gregory the Great

Dear Friends at St. Brigid Church,

At this wonderful Holiday season we revisit this saying with every prayer that we too become bread and peace for one another. You have provided support to the House of Bread mission and we are extremely grateful. On behalf of the many men, women and children who come to the House of Bread seeking assistance, we Thank You again with every wish that you and your loved ones know a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Sister Maureen Faenza

Sister Theresa Fonti

Co-Directors

GOOD NEWS

Yes! In 2019, the Wednesday morning Mass will continue to be scheduled at St. Helena’s, along with “coffee and” afterward. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. The only time there will not be Mass will be if a holy day (e.g. Assumption, Ash Wednesday) or funeral(s) falls on a Wednesday. All are welcome to come and join us!

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.
—John Henry Newman

Parish Annual Collection 2018—Update:

Amount pledged: \$ 58,367.01

Amount collected: \$56,767.01

Number of contributors: 280

Percentage Contributing: 22.23%

Total number of potential contributors: 1,259

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

JANUARY GENERATIONS OF FAITH: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

January's Generations of Faith dates are Sunday, January 13 at 4:00 PM and Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 PM. For registration information email Sheila at sheila.stmark@yahoo.com, or call 860-236-3545.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week
- Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc,
17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;
Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25,
27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-
7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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2019/2020 ENROLLMENT STARTS NOW!
Open House & Enrollment
REFER FRIENDS & FAMILY OR SPONSOR A STUDENT!!!!

Take Advantage of Our Early Enrollment Incentives
For 3 and 4-Year Olds!
Dollar for Dollar...
SBSAS Has One Of The Best Academic Programs In Town!

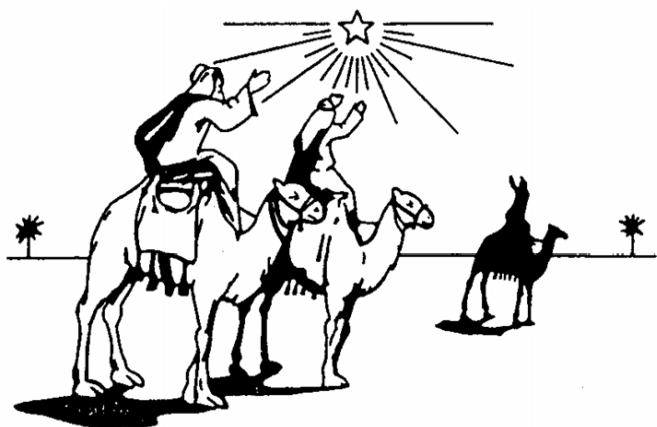
****NEEDED!****

New or Used
Love Seat and a Small Office Desk

Become a SBSAS Board Member

NEEDED: ONSITE SBSAS' "SALES VOLUNTEER" AT ST. GIANNA PARISHES
Responsibilities: Promote our events & fundraisers after church services.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM to 3 PM (re-opening Jan. 2)
For more info email: athompson@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net or
Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

“Mom, Dad: I’m gay.” How does a parent respond to this revelation? Is it possible to love my child without accepting his or her choices? To accept the Church’s teaching without making them feel alienated from the family? Know that you are not alone. For guidance and support, please send us an e-mail. We will put you in touch with someone who can help you.

<https://couragerc.org/for-families/>