Welcome to

Saint Gianna Parish

St. Brigid Church
St. Mark the Evangelist Church
St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School

January 20, 2019
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 19, 2019
4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Maria Agreda Maximo and Oscar Agreda by Their Family—SM

Sunday, January 20, 2019
8:30 AM Richard Cipolla, Happy Birthday, by Barbara Judycki—SB
10:30 AM Eileen Cunningham, 15th Anniversary, by Her Family—SM
11:00 AM Richard Woods, Birthday Blessing, by His Family—SB
11:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, January 21, 2019
8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM John Marshall by His Daughter and Family—SM

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
8:30 AM In Recognition of the Sanctity of All Human Life—SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Msgr. Matthew J. Traynor—SM
10:00 AM SH

Thursday, January 24, 2019
8:30 AM Special Intention—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Charles W. McNerney—SM

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Friday, January 25, 2019
9:00 AM Rev. Richard P. McBrien—SM

Saturday, January 26, 2019
8:30 AM For an End to Human Trafficking—SB

4:00 PM Veronica Droney by Her Husband Francis, Daughter Debbie and Family—SB
4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

Sunday, January 27, 2019
8:30 AM Frank Garofalo, 22nd Anniversary, by Gina Garofalo and Family—SB
10:30 AM St. Anthony, Thank You, by Sophia Gagnon—SM
11:00 AM St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School in Honor of Catholic Schools Week—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 Parish – 2019, and into the future…

--Fr. Devine will preside one weekend a month at St. Mark Masses. Fr. Joseph will preside likewise at St. Brigid Masses.

--Fr. Joseph and Fr. Andy (new pastor for the Vietnamese community) will reside in St. Mark Rectory. Fr. Devine will continue to reside in St. Brigid Rectory, the administrative center for St. Gianna parish.

--With the departure of both Deacons Jim McCormack and Ray Fugere, Deacon Bob Hilliard will now pursue his ministry at St. Mark.

--Neither Sunday nor daily Masses are cancelled because of snow, and/or school closings.
If you can come, (safely, of course!) to church on the given day/time – we'll be there! Please note and remember - Mass cancellations can occur because of inability to find priestly coverage, and also innocent human error.

--St. Andrew dung Lac (Vietnamese) quasi-parish is now in a five year probationary period viz. their status as parish – hence, the term, "quasi." During this time, they will seek to grow both their membership and financial base.

Please note: there are no plans whatsoever for the Vietnamese community to eliminate the English community from St. Mark—effective 1 July or whenever. This has been confirmed on 15 January 2019 in conversation among Fr. Devine, Fr. Andy, the Archdiocese of Hartford, LouAnn and Sheila.

Friday, 1 February—Feast of St. Brigid

6:30 p.m.—Solemn Vespers in St. Brigid Church
7:00 p.m.—Wine and Cheese/Dessert Reception in McMahon Hall
ALL ST. GIANNA PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

2019
Dear Father and Parishioners:

On behalf of all the retired Religious Priests, Sisters and Brothers serving in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I wish to offer my sincere and enthusiastic "Thank you!"

Your donation to the Retirement Fund Annual Appeal this year will continue to assist retired religious - those who taught in our schools, who served in our parishes and hospitals and who gave of their talents in countless programs and ministries in our Church throughout the area.

The funds collected will be distributed through grants to help with the rising costs of retirement and healthcare.

Know that the needs and intentions of your parish will be remembered in our prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Sr. Mariette Moan, ASCJ - Vicar for Religious
Archdiocese of Hartford

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.

St. Gianna Parish Events

THANK YOU
The Social Action Committee thanks all those who helped provide dinner for approximately 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen on Tuesday January 15. The men were greatly appreciative of the meal they received.

SANDWICH SUNDAY
The Social Action Committee is having a "Sandwich Sunday" next Sunday, January 27! 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.

SAINT BRIGID LADIES GUILD NEWS

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The deadline for the December St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is Friday January 25. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.

To all members of St. Gianna Parish
The St. Brigid Ladies Guild is having a Valentine Craft Night at their February 4th meeting. Come join us as we have fun and make an easy craft for Valentine's day. We will be having desserts following and then our Ladies Guild Meeting. Please join us.

TAX STATEMENTS for 2018
Upon request only, we will begin mailing tax statements in the next week or so. Please call Marie at the Administrative Center to request your Tax Statement. Our number is 860 236-5965.

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, February 5. 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.

FOOD DRIVE
The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive the weekend of February 9 and 10. 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).

****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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019
Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— *Isaiah 62:2*

WORLD YOUTH DAY

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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OUR LADY OF CALVARY NEWS

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!

THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT at OLC: "Do Not Be Afraid of Holiness", from 9am on Sat., Feb. 9th to 12 noon Feb 10th, 2019. For more info, call 860-677-8519 or go to www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

Sr. Eileen Fucito, C.P. will be presenting THE ART AND PRACTICE OF DISCERNMENT from 9am to 1pm on Wed, January 23, 2019 at OLC. Men and Women welcome. Experienced in Retreat Ministry and Spiritual Direction, she was a past Retreat Director of Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Memphis, TN. Call 860-677-8519 or go to www.ourladyofcalvary.net to register

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children January 22, 2019

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

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.

Northwest Catholic will administer its entrance exam on Monday, January 28th at 8:30 am. Go to northwestcatholic.org to register for the exam. Walk-ins are also welcome! Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcath.org with any questions.

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Religious Education

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A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see,* not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Confirmation Retreat

All second year Confirmation students and their families will be joining us at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 27th followed by a breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The teens will then go to Holy Family Retreat Center for their Confirmation Retreat followed by a spaghetti supper.

Generations of Faith

'When He had said this, He cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' (John 11:42) Jesus doesn't do funerals. He does resurrections!

Join us for the February GOF Sunday, February 10 at 4:00PM or Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00PM. All are welcome! Call us at 860-236-3545 or email sheila.stmark@yahoo.com to register.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; World Youth Day
Wednesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;
Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).
Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).
Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
Gospel — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

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CALLING ALL ALUMNI, FAMILY MEMBERS,
& FRIENDS....!
YOU'RE INVITED TO SBSAS'
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK CELEBRATION!

Mass for Catholic Schools Week at 11:00 am—St. Brigid

after Mass Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 pm
St. Brigid St. Augustine School

For Coffee & Refreshments
Open House & Enrollment

RSVP By January 23, 2019

Learn About SBSAS' Early Kindergarten Preparedness Program
Enrollment Incentives
For 3 and 4-Year Olds & For Students in Grades K thru 8th!
Dollar for Dollar...
SBSAS Has One Of The Best Academic Programs In Town!

Become an SBSAS Board Member

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

NEEDED!
New or Used Love Seat and a Small Office Desk

Look for our Billboard I-84 East Between Exits 44 & 46

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