



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

July 28, 2019

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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See inside the Bulletin for details

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.

MassSchedule

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Saturday, July 27, 2019

4:00 PM Joseph and Frances Formeister by Their Family—SB

4:30 PM Ettore Spadola, 6th Anniversary, by Norma Spadola—SM

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM

10:30 AM Doris McTeague, 31st Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

11:00 AM Angela Salvati by Her Family—SB

11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, July 29, 2019

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Rev. Stanley J. Nazzaro—SM

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

8:30 AM Jeffrin Thomas, for a Special Intention—SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:30 AM Zbigniew Mlodecki, 1st Anniversary, by His Wife—SB

9:00 AM Special Intention—SM

10:00 AM SH

Thursday, August 1, 2019

8:30 AM Maria and Francesco DiTaranto by Their Family—SB

9:00 AM Rev. Benedict F. Gauronskas—SM

Friday, August 2, 2019

9:00 AM Anita T. Monahan, 2nd Anniversary, by the Monahan Family—SM

Saturday, August 3, 2019

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—SB

8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

4:00 PM Giuse Le Van Chien by His Wife and Family—SB

4:30 PM Ernest Pageotte, 40th Anniversary, by Lonni Bos—SM

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:30 AM Francesca and Giuseppe Abbatemarco and Family by Their Grand-daughter—SB

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM

10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

11:00 AM Robert Roberts, 1st Anniversary, by His Sister—SB

11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

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

Updates for St. Mark's ...

- (new) altar railings:
 - met with new vendor for the project. Expect a mid-August or sooner completion.
- Pastoral Center driveway apron and sidewalk repairs:
 - permit issued earlier this month - work has been substantially completed
- new roof for the church
 - two bids in hand ... waiting for the third one to come in very shortly
- tree removal and stump grinding
 - again, work primarily finished
- organ repair
 - The third bid has just arrived, and the process of negotiation and selection gets underway.
- director of religious education
 - initial interviews are finished;
 - Now the selection process begins - hope to have this completed one month from now ...

ST. GIANNA RAFFLE

St. Gianna Parish, in collaboration with St. Roch Parish, Greenwich, CT, is holding a raffle. Tickets are available at the Administrative Center (St. Brigid Church Rectory). The prizes are a \$30,000 American Express Gift Card (First Prize), a \$3,000 American Express Gift Card (Second Prize), a \$2,000 American Express Gift Card (Third Prize) and 5 \$1,000 American Express Gift Card Fourth Prizes. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Winners will be listed here in our Bulletin after the drawing August 10th (in the Bulletin of August 18th)



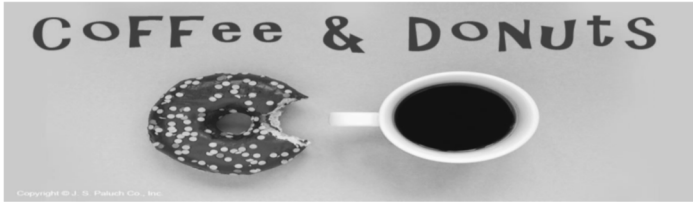
St. Brigid Church – 100th Anniversary Celebration Picnic

On July 27th through August 11th members of the St. Brigid Church Ladies Guild will be handing out free tickets for our 100th Anniversary Picnic on August 18th. The sole purpose of the tickets is to get some idea of how many will be attending the picnic, for the purchasing of food and supplies. You and your family will still be served even if you don't have a ticket. Please take a ticket to help us get a reasonable count.

Thank you!

Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame Celebrate 150 Years of Ministry in Waterbury
On September 8, 2019 at the 12:00 noon Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Leonard Blair will celebrate the arrival of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame (CND) on Sept. 8th in 1869 and their 150 years of Ministry to the people of Waterbury. Graduates of Notre Dame Academy, Waterbury Catholic High, Holy Cross High, Puerto Rican Youth Organization and Children's Community School are invited to the celebration of the Mass. A dinner reception will follow at 1:30 p.m. at La Bella Vista, (formerly the Ponte Club) 380 Farmwood Rd., Waterbury, CT. **RSVP by September 1st** to Sr. Kathleen Dorney, CND, at 860-674-9256 or kdorney@comcast.net. Tours of the former buildings of Waterbury Catholic High and Notre Dame Academy are planned for September 7th from 1-4 p.m. Contact KDorney.

St. Gianna Parish Events



COFFEE & DONUTS HELP NEEDED

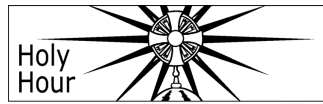
St. Brigid is looking for help with its Coffee & Donuts program. The person who has so ably scheduled the hosts, contacted the bakery and made other arrangements will not be returning this year. If you would like to assist, please contact the Administrative Center at 860 236-5965. You have the opportunity to set the schedule and determine when—or if—we have Coffee and Donuts this fall!

BOOK AWARD WINNERS

St. Gianna would like to congratulate the winners of the 2019 Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award, Grace Burns and James Falvey, Jr. May God bless all our applicants on their commitment to furthering their educations. Their devotion to their studies is inspiring to us all.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Please join us on August 2 after the 9 am Mass at St. Mark to spend time in Adoration. Our gift of our time is precious to Jesus and His gift of Himself is priceless to us.



MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, August 6 and Wednesday August 7. 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.

STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY

The Sandwich Ministry collection is the second Wednesday of every month in the parking lots of St. Peter Claver at 4:30 pm and at St. Mark 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.



MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST and ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Saint Mark Church has a need for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and altar servers. This is a beautiful opportunity for families to serve in ministry together. Children who have received their first communion can be altar servers. Adults over the age of 19 who have been confirmed can become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We have adult parents and children who serve together, as well as married couples. You may have also noticed we have parents who are EMs and their children are altar servers!

A training session will be held in the near future for Extraordinary Ministers (and possibly altar servers). Please send an email to stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com or call Keith Griffin at 860-965-9782 for more information. We hope you can join us in these beautiful ministries.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark will be August 10 & 11. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

LIKE TO READ THE BULLETIN ONLINE? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

If you're one of those folks who enjoys reading the bulletin online, there's an app for your phone called MyParishApp that will give you a quick link to the bulletin every week.

It's also got lots of other great features—the Mass readings of the day, a list of common Catholic prayers, news from the Archdiocese, etc.

It's available for both Apple and Android. To download, text the word "app" to 88202 and follow the instructions—or go to your App store.

SBLG TRAVEL GROUP

Join us on a 6-day, 5-night trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk, VA, Monday through Saturday, October 14 to October 19. Per person costs are: \$645 double occupancy, \$865 single occupancy. Fliers with detailed information are available in the church vestibule. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). A \$75 per person deposit is due when reservation is made. Thank you.

ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st2019 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

**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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registration packets were mailed to all families whose children were enrolled in our Religious Education Program. Classes begin in Grade 1 and go through Grade 11, when the students are Confirmed.

Please take a few minutes to look over the letter, fill out the registration form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. Registration forms for fall Religious Education classes should be returned to the Religious Education Office by **August 1**. Classes for Grades 1 through 3 will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Grades 4 through 8 will be held on either Saturday mornings 9:30 to 10:45 or Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., so be sure to indicate which day you prefer.

Confirmation classes for Grades 9 and 10 will be held once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Confirmation classes for Grade 11 will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. **If you have not received your registration letter, please call Donna Wolcott at 860-543-2607, as soon as possible.**

If your child will be participating in sports at his or her school and there may be a conflict, please register for class now, indicate this on the form and call me when classes begin in September to arrange for the work to be done at home until the sport has ended. Only one sport per year please. This does not apply for grades, 3, 9, 10 and 11. We appreciate your help with this process for registration.

Families that are new to our 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. Please don't wait until the fall to register.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Martha
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK Religious Education Information for 2019-2020

Registration forms for Confirmation and for First Communion have been posted on our website, www.saintgiannaparish.org. Look for the "Religious Education" tab at the top.

We have begun the interview process for a new Religious Education Coordinator and hope to have more information shortly about the program.

The 10:30 Mass will continue with the Children's Liturgy program throughout the summer months.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

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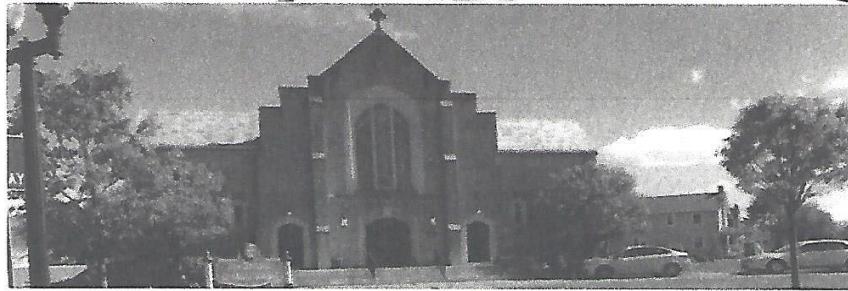
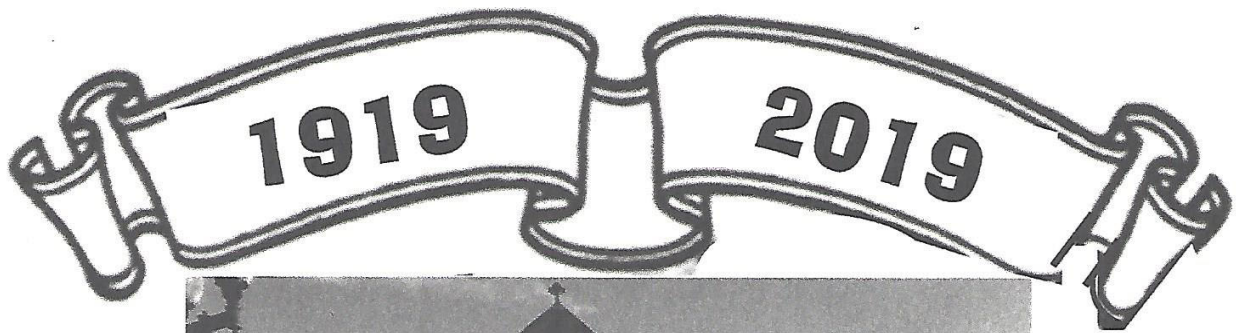
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You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or
Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9;
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11;
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;
Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WEST HARTFORD

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

100TH YEAR CELEBRATION!



100th ANNIVERSARY MASS

AUGUST 18, 2019 - 11:00 AM

After Mass, the St. Brigid Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus will host an



OLD TIME FAMILY PICNIC



down stairs in the church basement.

*Hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, salads, plenty of desserts and
games for the young and old, with many great prizes,
will be available.*



For more information please call Nancy at 860-218-5011 ASAP.