Welcome to

Saint Gianna Parish

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

August 11, 2019
The Nineteenth 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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, August 10, 2019
4:00 PM Ada Guerrera, 7th Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB
4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Angelastro Family by the O'Donovan Family—SM

Sunday, August 11, 2019
8:30 AM In honor of all living and deceased Knights of Columbus and their respect for life—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM Marilyn Ricciardi by Her Husband and Family—SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM
3:00 PM ***Syro Malabar Mass/Feast of St. Thomas & St. Alphonsa***

Monday, August 12, 2019
8:30 AM The Marcello Brini Family by Their Daughter—SB
9:00 AM —SM

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
8:30 AM Lynn Griffin by Her Family—SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
8:30 AM St. Rocco by Anna—SB
9:00 AM SM
10:00 AM SH
7:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

Thursday, August 15, 2019—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Zbigniew Mlodecki and Walter and Sophie Pastuszak by Frances—SB
9:00 AM SM
7:00 PM SB

Friday, August 16, 2019
9:00 AM Lou Judycki by His Wife—SM

Saturday, August 17, 2019
8:30 AM Patricia Gendreau, 6th Anniversary, by Her Family—SB
8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, August 18, 2019
8:30 AM Francesco Abbatemarco by His Daughter—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Francis Alberto by David Fellows—SM
11:00 AM ***St. Brigid 100th Anniversary—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

from Fr. Devine…

A COUNTRY AT WAR… WITH ITSELF (!)

I offer some personal observations on mass shootings in our nation, capped by the latest terrible incidents in El Paso and Dayton.

--Nearly all the shooters (in this century) have been young men alienated from society. One can only imagine, and perhaps cringe at what place violent video games have had in their lives.

--This "alienation" is a huge issue in our times, as so many fellow citizens have chosen to cut themselves off from family, organizations, clubs, civic groups, and churches. Social media is the new "home" for so many, where the loneliness often gets worse, encouraging evil thoughts to become designs and metastasize.

--How our system cares for those afflicted with mental illness needs to be re-evaluated.

--The shootings and their causes include, but are also a lot larger than any one political issue, (i.e., guns) or political person.

--Government programs can never replace the above-mentioned groups, (clubs, family, churches, and others) as mentors, guides, and potential healers of troubled young people.

--How awful – the taking of innocent human life! It reminds me of the taking of innocent human life from the womb, as well as the taking of innocent human life among "disposable" elderly persons.
Oooops! Did I say that?
How many of those yelling and screaming can face these bald truths?!

--How opportune for each one of us to take a long and hard look at how *violence* has worked itself into our own lives, in what we say and do, how we go about our business, and other matters…not a bad idea to bring this idea to the Prince of Peace in personal prayer.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

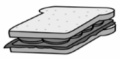
Just a reminder of the upcoming holy day of obligation on August 15.
Masses will be as follows:

St Mark the Evangelist 7:00 pm (vigil) on 14 August &
9:00 am on 15 August

15 August: **St. Brigid** 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

St. Gianna Parish Events

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

St. Brigid Church is having a School Supplies Drive from Saturday August 17th through Sunday September 15th. The drive will benefit St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School. Please put school supplies such as pencils, pens, spiral subject notebooks, small boxes of crayons, glue sticks, highlighters, construction paper, markers, rulers, erasers, calculators, and solid color backpacks in the box in the vestibule. The drive ends Sunday September 16th. If you have any questions concerning the drive, please contact Steve at 860-236-1475 or Rick at 860 236-4210.

St. Brigid Ladies Guild

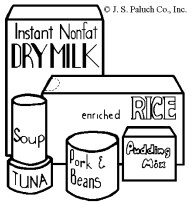
Supper Club, Tuesday August 20

Summer and seafood (or other)! What goes better together! Our group will be meeting on Tuesday evening, August 20, at 6:30, at J's Crab Shack, 2074 Park St., Hartford (one driveway east of Prospect Ave., on the left). Besides fish they have salads, burgers, sandwiches, and steak (check their menu on line at www.jscrabshack.com). If you would like to join us for some fun and chatter, please call Sheila at (860) 232-6915 no later than Sunday, August 18. Better yet, tell her at St. Brigid Church's 100th anniversary picnic on that very day. Thank you.

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 !

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.

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus continue their support of our troops by collecting toiletry and other items. This year our collected items will be distributed to local homeless veterans via the South Park Inn in Hartford. All items must be new. The following items will be collected at St. Brigid the weekends of August 10/11 and August 17/18: toothpaste, toothbrushes, white socks, Chapstick, q-tips, razors, shaving cream, Band aids, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Boxes of Kleenex (or something else soft), deodorants, crossword puzzle and sudoku books, and feminine hygiene products. All cash donations will be donated to the Fisher House at the West Haven Veterans Home. For more information about the Fisher House please go to: www.connecticut.va.gov/Fisher_House_House_Connecticut.asp. Please make checks to Knights of Columbus, memo: Fisher House. No donation is too small! Please contact Chris Randall at 860-232-3315 for any further information.

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.

St. Brigid Church – 100th Anniversary Celebration Picnic

On July 27th through August 17th 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. Note: **Seating will be in McMahon Hall, in our church, and/or outdoors. Please bring a picnic blanket if you would like to sit outside**.

ANNUAL CHURCH FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. ALPHONSA

The Indian Syro-Malabar Catholic community at St. Helena Church celebrates its annual feast of Saint Alphonsa and Saint Thomas **THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018**. The celebration begins with a solemn concelebrated Mass at 3:00 PM in the Church of Saint Helena. Rev. Francis Nambiaparambil will be the main celebrant and homilist at Mass. The Mass is followed by a street procession, veneration of relics, cultural activities and a festive dinner in the Church hall. St. Alphonsa is the first person of Indian origin to be canonized and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Church. Please join us in this special parish celebration in praying through St. Alphonsa and St. Thomas's powerful intercession.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

To learn more about the ways your gift makes a difference and to make your gift today, visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations**. All pledges may be paid through December 31st 2019 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agajanian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharisic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed!

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Religious Education

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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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Tuesday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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 finalized our choice for a new Religious Education Coordinator and are waiting to see if our offer will be accepted..

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).
Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).
Gospel — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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August 11, 2019

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
— *Psalm 33:20*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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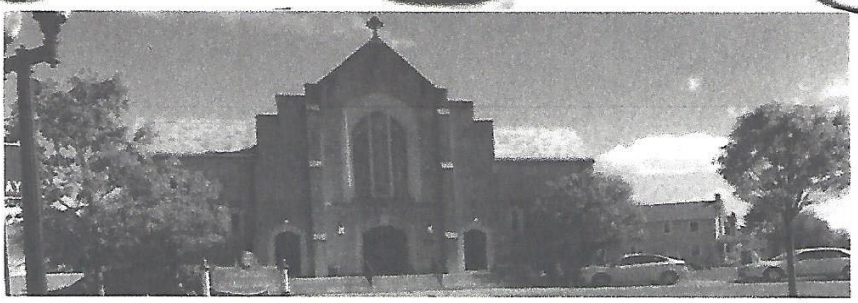

FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WEST HARTFORD

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.