



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

September 8, 2019
The Twenty Third 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, September 7, 2019

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

4:30 PM SM

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:30 AM Maria and Giovanni Calandriello by Their Niece—SB

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM

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

11:00 AM Antonio Espinoza, 1st Anniversary, by His Family—SB

11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, September 9, 2019

8:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Ann Rush—SB

9:00 AM Paul Emile Marceau by His Daughter, Susan—SM

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

8:30 AM Billy Batayte by His Mother—SB

6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

8:30 AM Norma W. Cronin—SB

9:00 AM SM

10:00 AM SH

Thursday, September 12, 2019

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Paul Emile Marceau by His Daughter, Susan—SM

Friday, September 13, 2019

9:00 AM Paul Emile Marceau by His Daughter, Susan—SM

Saturday, September 14, 2019

8:30 AM Lucy McClay by Her Family—SB

8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

4:00 PM Carl Bellinghausen by Brian and Carol Forgione—SB

4:30 PM Frank Alberto by Ed and Nancy Czapla—SM

Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:30 AM SB

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM

10:30 AM Lorraine Reilly, 1st Anniversary by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—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 Father Devine

I wrote the following words eight years ago, apparently when "Irene" was a weather force to be dealt with... With "Dorian" as a new, ominous hurricane this year, I think the message still applies...

Several observations from Tropical Storm Irene...

--how fragile both human life and technology are in the face of Nature's power

--the "basic necessities of life" – how they can change, over time!

--storms can bring out the best, and also the worst in others

--we are in the palm of God's hand!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT—ST. GIANNA PARISH: 1 JANUARY—30 JUNE 2019

- Offertory revenue: \$243,868
- Other revenue: \$172,124
- Total Expenses: (\$443,884)
- Net operating loss for the six months ended June 30, 2019: (\$27,892)
- Investment appreciation in value: \$242,741
- Net overall result for the six months ended June 30, 2019: \$214,849 (i.e., black ink)

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY MEETINGS RESUME

The town of West Hartford Respect Life Ministry will be resuming its meetings this September! Our mission is to foster a culture of Life and engage the community in Life affirming activities sponsored by the Pro Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. As Catholics, we believe that every human life is a precious gift from God, and that we must nurture and protect human life at every stage of its existence.

Our ministry meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Parish Center of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06119

(take elevator in parking lot down to lower level). We invite you to attend one of our meetings and learn more about our Ministry. All are welcome! For questions, please contact: Anne Boers at (203) 745-7300

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday 24 September, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

St. Mark Pastoral Center

ST. BRIGID CHURCH—100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—PHOTOS WANTED!

St. Brigid Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary last weekend. We would like to have people donate a few special pictures to share (as above) We will have them displayed in McMahon Hall until the end of October, 2019. We then plan to pack everything up in a box to be used for our next celebration (so be sure to donate copies since we plan to keep the photos). Please call Nancy at 860 523-4773 if you are interested in donating any photos that you took at our 100th Anniversary Celebration!

St. Gianna Parish Events

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Reminder: The school Supplies Drive ends Sunday September 15th at 11:15 am. We thank those who have already donated and those who will be donating supplies or money for purchasing additional school supplies for the students at the St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School.

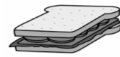


K of C MUM SALE

The St. Marks Knights of Columbus Council is having our annual mum sale **this weekend** September 7th and 8th after all masses. Mums are \$8 per mum. If you would like to pre-order mums, please contact Glen Baldi at (860)798-9715 or g.baldi@comcast.net

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.



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark will be September 14 & 15. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness
all our days.

— *Psalm 90:14*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day
Monday: St. Peter Claver
Wednesday: Patriot Day
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Friday: St. John Chrysostom
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

LADIES GUILD NEWS

LADIES GUILD PASTA SUPPER

The Ladies Guild will be holding a Pasta Supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14. Come and enjoy mouth-watering pasta with meatballs. Your dinner will also include a tossed salad, dinner rolls & butter, dessert and coffee/beverages. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Members of the Ladies Guild will be in the vestibule this weekend selling tickets. Come for Mass and stay for Dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.



LADIES GUILD MEETING—WELCOME BACK!

The Ladies Guild will meet Monday September 9 at 7 pm in St. Brigid's McMahon Hall. All women of St. Gianna Parish are welcome for our annual "welcome back" Sundaes on a Monday meeting. Come greet old friends and make new ones.

St. Gianna Parish's St. Brigid Ladies Guild Membership Drive

The Ladies Guild Membership Drive is being held the weekends of September 7/8 and September 14/15. We will be in the vestibules at St. Brigid and St. Mark churches. A special invitation is extended to all women of the parish to join - we welcome your support, your ideas, and your friendship. Even if you do not have time to attend meetings regularly, please know that your dues will help support the many worthwhile projects the Guild sustains. We look forward to greeting new friends and old and hope to see you at any of the events. Please stop by after mass to join. Look for us in the vestibule; we'll be those smiling, cheerful women happy to welcome you all into our fold.

St. Brigid Ladies Guild

Supper Club, Tuesday September 17

Our group will be meeting on Tuesday evening, September 17, at 6:30, at the Chowder Pot, 165 Brainard Rd, Hartford. Besides seafood they have Salads, prime rib and more! (check their menu on line at chowderpothartford.com If you would like to join us for some fun and chatter, please call Mickey at (860) 523-9590 no later than Sunday, September 15. Thank you.

Ladies Guild Cookbook



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild is collecting favorite recipes from all parishioners of St. Gianna Parish to be published in a beautiful St. Gianna Parish cookbook. Each recipe will show the name of the contributor.

PLEASE SEND US 3 OR 4 OF YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Just print or type your favorite recipes and be sure to put a title on your recipes. Please return your recipes to our Cookbook Committee by September 30, 2019. You may drop your recipes off in the collection basket at church by putting the recipes in a sealed envelope and marking it "LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK" or you can mail it to the St. Gianna Administrative Center, 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110, Attention: LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK.

THESE PERSONALIZED COOKBOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

. . since they'll have your own recipes published in it. Your friends and family will especially enjoy it . . . it'll be a treasured keepsake for years to come. So, please take a few moments and look through your favorite recipes. Cookbooks will be on sale once they are ready, so keep your eye out for the notice in the bulletin. Thank you for sharing your memories with us.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

All couples celebrating special wedding anniversary celebrations are invited to a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Sunday October 13th at 2 pm. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of wedding vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call St. Gianna at 860 236-5965 by September 20 to respond to this invitation.

THE 2020 MASS BOOK for personal Mass intentions is now available at the Administrative Center.

DATE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for our 11th grade classes for St. Brigid, St. Helena and St. Mark will be on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford. Letters have gone out to all the Confirmandi. Any questions, please contact Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

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 countless 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. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's 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.

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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.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

9th Grade Confirmation Reminder

Our Confirmation Program will begin with a student and parent Orientation on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Brigid/St. Augustine School in the school cafeteria. **This meeting is for students and parents. Please make sure you are registered prior to the meeting.** At this time, we will go over the requirements of the Confirmation Program. The meeting should take less than 1 hour. This is our only information meeting, and **attendance is mandatory for all students and at least one parent**, in order for your child to be enrolled in our Confirmation program. Regular classes will be held once a month, on the first Sunday of each month, and will be held at the school. Any questions, please contact Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607.

Please join us!

Next Sunday, September 15th, is Catechetical Sunday, which is dedicated to CCD teachers throughout the diocese. Please join us at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, as we come together, not only to pray for them, but to ask God to bless them in their ministry. We also invite you and your family to our coffee, juice and donuts gathering in the church hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11;
Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab;
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8,
11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,
19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DRE

My name is Sandy Everett and I am excited to be the new DRE for St. Mark’s Church at St. Gianna Parish. I am a life-long Catholic and I have been married to my husband, Bill, for almost 30 years. We have five children together. My oldest two daughters are each married and have one child; my son is an ROTC student at Ole Miss and planning a summer 2020 wedding; and I have another daughter at Messiah College in Penn. My youngest is a junior at Granby High School. I have Ohio roots but relocated to Connecticut in 2003 and I am an active member of St. Mary’s Parish in Simsbury. I love teaching and have been a Catechist for over 20 years. I received my bachelor’s degree from Kent State University in Education and just this year I graduated from the Catholic Biblical School. I am looking forward to meeting all the children in Religious Education Classes as well as the Catechists and families. I am always looking for ideas and input so please contact me if you or your children would like to help. I will have office hours every Wednesday and Friday from about 9:00 until 2:00 so please stop by or give me a call.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? (Luke 14:25-33).

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