



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

September 22, 2019
The Twenty Fifth Sunday in 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

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Saturday, September 21, 2019

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

4:30 PM For the Repose of the Soul of Catherine and Philip Charpentier by Sue Grimes

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:30 AM SB

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Ada Guerrero, Birthday Wishes, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB

11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, September 23, 2019

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving—SB

9:00 AM Rocco Antonio Spadola and Verna Jean Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:30 AM St. Jude, Thank You, by Rosa Peluso—SB

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

10:00 AM SH

Thursday, September 26, 2019

8:30 AM SS. Cosmas and Damien by Anna—SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, September 27, 2019

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

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:30 AM Gloria Gimmartino and Gilda Gimmartino by Their Family—SB

8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

4:00 PM Francesca Cerone, 7th Anniversary, by Her Family—SB

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

Sunday, September 29, 2019

8:30 AM Michele Ragone, Happy Saint's Name Day, by His Wife—SB

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Doris Uricchio, Birthday Blessings, by Her Family—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....

God's Forgiveness...

As far as east is from west, so far does he remove our sins...

Psalm 103

"I'll never forgive myself!"

Is there something that you need to forgive yourself for,
And are you finding it difficult to do so?

Is there anyone, or anything/situation that you need to forgive at this point in your life?

WORDS AND DEEDS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

—Second-century Christian

GOD'S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?

—St. Francis de Sales

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

St. Mark Pastoral Center

40 Days for Life Campaign at St. Gianna Parish

This annual campaign to end abortion consists of prayer and fasting on the part of individuals, as well as Eucharistic Adoration and praying peacefully at abortion clinics as a group effort. It is credited with saving 16,000 babies and closing 100 abortion clinics so far since it began in Texas in 2004, went nationwide in 2007 and then spread to other countries. The 2019 campaign for us begins Sept. 25 and runs until Nov. 3. The day of Eucharistic Adoration for our parish will be at St. Brigid's on Sunday, Oct. 6, from after the 11 AM Mass until 6 PM (Evening Prayer at 5:30 will conclude it.). Our day of prayer at the clinic will be combined with other parishes in West Hartford on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6 AM to 6 PM at the Hartford GYN, 1 Main St., Hartford. Please consider participating by committing to an hour or more of prayer at one or both of these events. Sign-up sheets with time slots and more detailed information are in the vestibules of St. Brigid's and St. Mark's. For questions, please call Susie Okamoto at 860 393-0676. Thank you!

GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR

Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

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St. Gianna Parish Events

K OF C SENIOR BREAKFAST

The St. Marks Knights of Columbus Council is having their annual senior breakfast Sunday September 29th from 8:00 am to noon at the St Marks parish center. 65 or older free and under 65, \$3.



LADIES GUILD NEWS

S.B.L.G. Mum Sale this weekend!

Please stop by for the S.B.L.G. first Annual Mum Sale this weekend September 21st and 22nd before and after all Masses. Mums are 8 inches, come in several colors and are \$8.00 per mum. Hope to see you then. Thank you.



FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a food drive September 28 and 29. 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).

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

Now that we have your attention...the St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership school is looking for some help during its lunchtime, which runs from 11:30-12:30 each school day. Ladies Guild members have helped in the past—and some may be interested in doing so again (although you surely don't have to be a Guild member to help out!) You do need to be Virtus trained or will have to complete Virtus training to help. Questions? Call SBSAS and ask for Ms. Goddard, the principal, at 860 561-2130!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Knights of Columbus - Council
14216 - Membership Drive
Saturday, September 28 and
Sunday, September 29
St. Brigid vestibule before and
after all masses



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2019

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

LADIES GUILD NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the October St. Brigid Ladies Guild Newsletter is Friday September 27. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 or email her at msja62@comcast.net if you have any news to report. Thank you.

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, October 1 and Wednesday October 2. 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio);
Autumn begins
Thursday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Friday: St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday: St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

ROSARY RALLY

The 30th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 6th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction. The Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk is Mary's Role in salvation History. For info, call Lorraine Greski at 203-736-9606.

Ladies Guild Cookbook

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

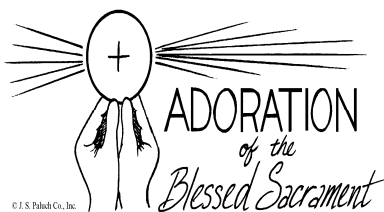
The St. Brigid Ladies Guild is collecting favorite recipes from all parishioners of St. Gianna Parish to be published in a beautiful St. Gianna Parish cookbook. Each recipe will show the name of the contributor.

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.



JOIN US FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us at St. Mark the Evangelist Church on the First Friday of every month for our usual Eucharistic Adoration. We begin after our 9:00 a.m. Mass concludes on Friday October 4. All are welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16 ; Lk 16:19-31

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Together, we make a difference in the lives of countless individuals. 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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION at ST. BRIGID

CCD classes will begin

Saturday, September 21, Grades 1 through 8 ~ Classes begin ~ 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 25, Grades 4 through 8 ~ Classes begin ~ 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25, 11th Grade Confirmation ~ Classes begin ~ 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, Grade 9 - 1st year Confirmation and 10th Grade Confirmation ~ Classes begin ~ 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

2019-2020

Welcome Back!

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education begins Sunday September 22nd!

All grades 1-8 will be meeting in the parish center beginning at 9:00 until 10:15. Parents are reminded to bring their children to their classrooms and then meet in the hall to finish up paper work and socialize. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

After class, please join us for Mass at 10:30 where Father will bless all the parents, grandparents and Catechists as we work together to pass our faith on to the children.

High School Confirmation Prep classes begin October 6th at 6:30 in the parish center. The first class will include a parent and student meeting.

Children's Liturgy (Kindergarten and under) meets during the 10:30 Mass. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with this program. Confirmation students are especially welcome to help. Just email Sandy at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com for more information.

Do you ever wonder just what is being taught in Religious Education Classes?

Each grade has a specific focus in addition to the foundations of our faith such as the liturgical calendar, prayers and devotions. Below is the focus for each grade.

First Grade:	God loves us and created us and the world
Second Grade:	The Mass
Third Grade:	Sacramental Year—First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
Fourth Grade:	The Ten Commandments
Fifth Grade:	The Seven Sacraments
Sixth Grade:	The Holy Bible/Old Testament
Seventh Grade:	New Testament—Life of Jesus
Eighth Grade:	Morality and Church History

Our Ninth and Tenth Grades are Confirmation Prep classes where the youth learn discernment and how to defend their faith.

Next Class for 1-8 grades is October 6th at 9:00.

