



Welcome to  
*Saint Gianna Parish*  
*St. Brigid Church*  
*St. Mark the Evangelist Church*

July 19, 2020

*The Sixteenth 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](http://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, July 18, 2020*

4:00 PM SB

4:30 PM Ettore Spadola, 7th Anniversary, by Norma Spadola—SM

## *Sunday, July 19, 2020*

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

10:30 AM Raymond Aneiro by the Aneiro Family—SM

11:00 AM Julia Nilsson and Eugene Melan by the Demanski Family—SB

## *Monday, July 20, 2020*

8:30 AM Joel Lavertu , Repose of the Soul, by Alcide Gendreau—SB

9:00 AM SM

## *Tuesday, July 21, 2020*

8:30 AM Leo Crombie by Ann Crombie—SB

## *Wednesday, July 22, 2020*

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

## *Thursday, July 23, 2020*

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

## *Friday, July 24, 2020*

9:00 AM Susan Marceau, Special Intentions—SM

## *Saturday, July 25, 2020*

8:30 AM SB

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

4:30 PM Doris McTeague, 32nd Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

## *Sunday, July 26, 2020*

8:30 AM In Memory of Gina Garofalo, by Her Family—SB

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

11:00 AM Charles Witkovic by the Parker Family—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

## **Statement from the Office of the Archbishop about *Black Lives Matter***

In the midst of all that has transpired in our nation, the affirmation “BLACK LIVES MATTER” is a necessary and important affirmation of the value, dignity and rights of every human person, and is especially important given the reality of racism experienced by people of color.

However, the affirmation “BLACK LIVES MATTER” should not be confused with *Black Lives Matter Global Foundation (BLMGF)*, an organization of the same name. Although BLMGF claims to exist for the advancement of Black people, its radical agenda goes far beyond the fundamental concept of “BLACK LIVES MATTER,” and advocates positions that are antithetical to Catholic moral teaching.

From the perspective of the Catholic Faith, “BLACK LIVES MATTER” is about upholding and respecting the dignity, rights and life of every person of color in keeping with our belief in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. It is not about advocating positions that are contrary to what our faith teaches in matters of marriage, sexuality, and family.

*From Fr. Devine...*

This reminds me of the old saying from scripture: *by their fruits, you shall know them.*  
Matthew 7:16

## **Resuming Sunday Masses in the Archdiocese of Hartford**

--Basics for Covid days to keep in mind and observe:

- Social distancing mentioned above does not apply to members of the same house;
- Masks are required for all congregation members;
- Use of personal hand sanitizers is strongly encouraged;
- Communion line...maintain distance as you would in a store checkout line, and Communion in the hand, please

--Baptisms, Marriages, and Funeral Masses have resumed (8 June), with the same Covid-19 precautions mentioned above. Likewise, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions on Saturday afternoons are being held at their accustomed hours in our churches on Saturday afternoons. Confessions will occur in a private area in church, but one that is a bit less closed-in than the traditional confessional space.

--All church door handles and pews continue to be regularly sanitized.

--**SMILE! The path back to normalcy is continuing along quite well! Hopefully, yours is too—please stay safe and sane! :)**

# *St. Gianna Parish News and Events*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ST. BRIGID CAMPUS**

### **CCD 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 the Fall CCD classes should be returned by August 1. Classes for Grades 1 through 3 will be held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Grades 4 through 8 will be held on either Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., so, please be sure to indicate which day you prefer. Confirmation classes for Grades 9 and 10 will be held on Sunday evenings. **With the closing of St. Brigid/St. Augustine School, all classes will be held at the St. Mark Pastoral Center.** 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 and 10. We appreciate your help with this process for registration.

Families that are new to our CCD 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.

### **2020 MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION**

The 2020 Mission Appeal Collection will be taken as a second collection this weekend, July 18 and 19. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the missionaries are not able to be with us this year; however, although physically distant, we have the opportunity to be present to them through our spiritual and financial support. The ministries of the Piarist Fathers will benefit from St. Gianna's generosity. Our assistance will help them provide basic support for people in Cameroon including digging wells for drinking water near 10 of their schools, educational and food support for students, seminarian formation, and support for thousands of people in the area displaced by civil strife. Our sharing in response to Christ's call that we "love one another" will bring His hope into the lives of many. We ask your generous response. Checks may be made out to the Catholic Aid Mission Office. On their behalf, thank you!

**Religious Education:** Currently we are planning to have in-person classes starting in the Fall! We have been very busy getting the classrooms reconfigured to better suit our children's needs and meeting the requirements for Covid-19 protection. This year due to the closing of St. Brigid/St. Augustine school, all classes will be held at St. Mark Parish Center and parents can choose if they would like to have classes meeting on Saturday or Sunday mornings. If your child was in the Sunday morning Religious Education class, you will receive an email next week asking you what day you would like to have for the fall. The Sunday Classes will continue to meet just before the 10:30 Mass at St. Mark and we will continue to have class Masses throughout the year.

Also new this year will be a flat rate Religious Education fee of \$50.00 per family. As with any and all church fees, if you are unable to pay it—just let us know...no questions asked.

Grade	Overview	Prayers/Devotions
K-2	A simple overview of the mysteries of our faith through learning of the goodness of God, and the love of Jesus. Children learn to respond to God in friendship and prayer. Many Bible stories are introduced. Most prayers are introduced but not mastered. Children are expected to master the <i>Sign of the Cross</i> and the <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> prayers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign of the Cross</li> <li>• Glory Be to the Father</li> <li>• Lord's Prayer (Our Father)</li> <li>• Stations of the Cross--introduced</li> <li>• Hail Mary--introduced</li> <li>• Guardian Angel--introduced</li> <li>• Morning Prayer (adapted)</li> </ul>
3	To prepare the children for their first celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Children are expected to have mastered the <i>Lord's Prayer</i> and the <i>Hail Mary</i> by the end of the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act of Faith, Hope, Love (adapted)</li> <li>• Act of Contrition</li> <li>• Prayer to the Holy Spirit (adapted)</li> <li>• Morning Prayer</li> <li>• Meal Prayers (Grace)</li> <li>• Act of Consecration to Mary</li> </ul>
4	Focus on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides for living. Children participate in the Stations of the Cross. Children master the <i>Act of Contrition</i> Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition</li> <li>• Come, Holy Spirit (adapted)</li> <li>• Way of the Cross</li> <li>• <i>Angelus</i></li> <li>• Queen of Heaven</li> <li>• Morning Offering</li> </ul>
5	Focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the center of Christian life. Children learn about the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come, Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Prayers of the Mass</li> <li>• Psalms</li> </ul>
6	Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. This curriculum is designed to help the students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude. Children learn Biblical citations and a general overview of the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalms</li> <li>• <i>Memorare</i> to the Blessed Virgin</li> <li>• Mastery of Biblical Citations</li> </ul>
7	Devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his Son, Jesus. Designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, so that they may love him more ardently and serve him more generously. The <i>Nicene Creed</i> is taught in detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer to Saint Michael</li> <li>• Morning Offering</li> <li>• Prayer of the Penitent</li> <li>• Act of Faith</li> <li>• Prayer for Christlikeness (John Henry Newman)</li> <li>• Nicene Creed</li> </ul>
8	Devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. This curriculum is designed to help young teens grow in their knowledge and love of the Church, its history and how this impacts their morality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflective prayers</li> <li>• The Liturgy of the Hours</li> <li>• The Examen</li> </ul>

**ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION...for those unable to be at Mass, or receive the Eucharist for whatever reason....**

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You by sin. Amen.

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## **GOOD SEEDS**

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus’ interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today’s believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today’s Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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## **SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898)**

### **July 24**

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel’s portrait on the wall: “So you’re Lebanese Maronites!” The owner was happily incredulous: “*You* know our saint?” “Not at first,” the customer admitted. “But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the ‘Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.’ ” “Everyone thinks we’re Muslims,” said the owner, “and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!” A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel’s life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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## 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, and offer much needed assistance to the unemployed, as the Coronavirus has affected so many of our neighbors. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need. 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.com/appeal>. No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

Those who are just must be kind.  
— *Wisdom 12:19*

### WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds  
Is like a garden full of weeds.  
—Anonymous nursery rhyme



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Apollinaris  
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Thursday: St. Bridget  
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf  
Saturday: St. James

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

**Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

**Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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