



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

July 26, 2020

The Seventeenth 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.
You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, July 25, 2020

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

Monday, July 27, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Viateur Veilleux, Repose of the Soul, by Paulette—SM

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

8:30 AM SB

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, July 30, 2020

8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory—SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, July 31, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, August 1, 2020

8:30 AM SB

4:00 PM Connie Samuelian by Joe and Betty Ferreira—SB

4:30 PM Ernest Pageotte, 41st Anniversary, by Lonni Bos—SM

Sunday, August 2, 2020

8:30 AM Nunzio Chelli by His Family—SB

10:30 AM Rocco DiTaranto by His Family—SM

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

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

This bears repeating...

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....

A helpful resource in looking at Racism, Society, and our Faith is the US Bishops Pastoral Letter (2018) entitled *Open Wide Our Hearts*, easily available by using an internet search engine of your choice. About such topics, we can never know too much!

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.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This month's food collection at St. Mark is the weekend of August 8 & 9. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Now in *both of our churches*, we are equipped with a hearing assistance system for use during the celebration of Mass and other liturgical services. Equipment is available for loan/use—just ask for a receiver.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

We have begun collecting again for the House of Bread, but just as with everything else during these unusual times, the collection needs to be different now. The House of Bread is distributing food to its clients in "to-go" bags that they pick up. So prepackaged food is needed now, not the meat loaves that we used to make. For questions, or to drop off items: Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

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"> • Sign of the Cross • Glory Be to the Father • Lord's Prayer (Our Father) • Stations of the Cross--introduced • Hail Mary--introduced • Guardian Angel--introduced • Morning Prayer (adapted)
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"> • Act of Faith, Hope, Love (adapted) • Act of Contrition • Prayer to the Holy Spirit (adapted) • Morning Prayer • Meal Prayers (Grace) • Act of Consecration to Mary
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"> • Acts of Faith, Hope, Love, and Contrition • Come, Holy Spirit (adapted) • Way of the Cross • <i>Angelus</i> • Queen of Heaven • Morning Offering
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"> • Come, Holy Spirit • Prayers of the Mass • Psalms
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"> • Psalms • <i>Memorare</i> to the Blessed Virgin • Mastery of Biblical Citations
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"> • Prayer to Saint Michael • Morning Offering • Prayer of the Penitent • Act of Faith • Prayer for Christlikeness (John Henry Newman) • Nicene Creed
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"> • Reflective prayers • The Liturgy of the Hours • The Examen

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.

Exciting News!

Back in April, Sandy Everett applied for the Innovation Grant through the Archdiocese of Hartford. These grants are designed to foster educational excellence within the elementary/secondary schools, parish faith formation and youth ministry programs of the Archdiocese. Sandy applied for a grant that would enable a St. Mark Parish Center Renewal which would focus on two classrooms and the parish center hallway. The intent is to have two Saint themed classrooms as well as incorporate the beauty of St. Mark Church, St. Brigid Church and the St. Brigid/St. Augustine Partnership school in artwork featured in the St. Mark parish center. The classrooms would be renovated to better suit the way we catechize children by having age appropriate furnishings and immerse the children in a Catholic environment. **Our parish was funded in the amount of \$4,000.00 for this project!**

If you would like to help with this exciting project please contact Sandy at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com. This project will be taking place during the summer and we will invite the entire parish to celebrate when we unveil the renewal.

SAINT MARTHA (first century)

July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

All things work for good for those who love God.

— *Romans 8:28a*

WISDOM

Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time.

—Theodore Roosevelt



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab;
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14;
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16,
30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

GO

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Wednesday: St. Martha

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori;
First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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