



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

August 16, 2020

The Twentieth 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, August 15, 2020

4:00 PM Francesco Abbatemarco by His Daughter—SB

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

Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:30 AM Patricia Gendreau, 7th Anniversary, by Her Husband—SB

10:30 AM Dianne Koprowski by Her Husband—SM

11:00 AM Thomas and Nellie Witkovic by the Parker Family—SB

Monday, August 17, 2020

8:30 AM St. Rocco by Anna—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

8:30 AM Giuseppe Vincenzo by His Wife and Family—SB

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

8:30 AM Edward and Diane DiNapoli by Their Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, August 20, 2020

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

9:00 AM SM

Friday, August 21, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, August 22, 2020

8:30 AM SB

4:00 PM Charles Patrick Hernandez, May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him—SB

4:30 PM Marceau Family, Special Intention—SM

Sunday, August 23, 2020

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

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM The Jagielski Family by the Parker Family—SB

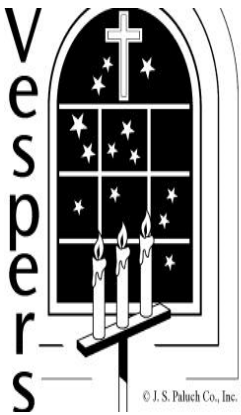
SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

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.



HOLY HOUR/EVENING PRAYER

Sunday —6 September...5:00-6:00 p.m. (SB)

This day also marks Fr. Devine's 40th anniversary of ordination to priesthood.

The prayer service will be followed by a reception both outside/church hall.

ALL are invited and welcome.

Everything will be done reasonably in accord with Covid safety guidelines.

from Father Devine...

Habits of highly peaceful people... **They respond rather than react.**

Reaction can often be without thinking, or thinking something through – a knee-jerk action.

Response implies thinking, evaluating, pausing, perhaps consulting with others, and only then making a decision. As such, it is more flexible and open to others. It can also pave the way for the possibility for a **great/super** thought which would have never come from a quick reaction.

Acknowledgments to Our Sunday Visitor, July 19-25 issue, for the inspiration on these points...

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

CCD REGISTRATION REMINDER

Many parents have not yet registered their children for fall CCD classes. Please take a few minutes now to fill out the Registration form and return it with the registration fee as soon as possible. Children should begin CCD classes in either Kindergarten or First Grade and attend through the 11th grade when the students receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The CCD office will be making reminder phone calls and emails to all families who have not registered. Please save us the trouble and mail your registration information in as soon as possible. If you are new to our parish, or have a child in Kindergarten or First Grade and would like to register your child, please call Donna Wolcott at 860.543.2607 and 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.**

LADIES GUILD NEWS

Plans for the coming Guild year are still uncertain but there will be updates in the bulletin, probably monthly, as time progresses. The safety of our members is paramount. Meanwhile let's pray for each other and keep the faith.

LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

If you can use an iPhone or an iPod, we need you to help us live stream Sunday Mass from St. Gianna Parish. The volunteer will set up the tripod, use our iPod to connect to our Facebook account, start the livestream, then return the equipment to charge in storage. Complete instruction will be provided, as well as access to our YouTube instruction video. Please contact the Administrative Center at 860 236-5965.

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.

St Brigid Petal Pushers Brighten up the Church with flowers

The Ladies Guild Petal Pushers members are responsible for purchasing and caring for the Church's beautiful plants and flowers that you see on the Altar each week. Each month a different team or person signs up to buy the plants if needed and water them throughout their month. There is no cost to the people who do this. After buying the plants and flowers you simply give the receipts to the Church for reimbursement. We are looking for one more team or person for the month of November. If you would like to help out please call Penny at (860) 521-1231. Thank you.

Registration for Religious Education Classes has begun. Currently we are planning to have in-person classes. All children need to register, even if they are planning to do distance learning, so we can provide you with the appropriate materials. This year, all children from both St. Mark and St. Brigid churches have the choice to attend classes either Saturday or Sunday mornings. Please see the enrollment form for more details or feel free to call Donna Wolcott at 860-543-2607 for information on the Wednesday or Saturday classes or Sandy Everett at 860-233-1269 for information on the Sunday classes.

Note: Form below is for St. Mark Campus use. For a larger version, please see saintgiannaparish.org. Visit the “Religious Education” tab.



Please fill out one form per student

ST. GIANNA PARISH
Religious Education Registration Form
GRADES K-8

2020-2021
860-233-1269

467 Quaker Lane South, West Hartford, CT 06110

Religious Education K-8 Classes are held on **SELECT Sunday mornings** from 9:00-10:15 or **Saturday mornings** from 9:30-10:45

The registration fee is \$50.00 per family. This includes all workbooks and supplies for class.

If your child is new to our program, please attach a copy of his or her Baptismal Certificate

STUDENT NAME _____		GRADE _____
DATE OF BAPTISM _____	PLACE _____	SCHOOL _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____	ALLERGIES _____	
SPECIAL CONCERNS _____		
CHECK CLASS DAY AND TIME <input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY 9:00-10:15 <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY 9:30-10:45		

Parent 1: <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Other Last Name, First Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ <small>PHONES</small> Home _____ Cell _____ Email _____	Parent 2: <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Other Last Name, First Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ <small>PHONES</small> Home _____ Cell _____ Email _____
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Child in residence with:
 Father & Mother
 Father
 Mother
 Joint Cust
 Legal Guardian

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please designate an emergency contact who is not a parent/legal guardian who has medical consent and dismissal release authority in the event of a medical emergency or unscheduled dismissal. The emergency contact will be called only in the event that the parent or legal guardians cannot be reached

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

PHONES
 Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____ Other _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION FORM

All volunteers must be compliant with the Hartford Archdiocese Child Safe guidelines including a background check and four hour VIRTUS training class. See Sandy Everett for more information

NAME OF VOLUNTEER _____ EMAIL _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS A:
 Teacher
 Aide
 Co-Teacher
 Sub Teacher
 Teen Aide
 Office

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.

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914) August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter’s Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

— *Isaiah 56:1*

GRATITUDE

O Thou who has given us so much,
mercifully grant us one thing more—a
grateful heart.

—George Herbert

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30,
35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6;
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays
of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his
neighbor with the light of good example,
through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Wednesday: St. John Eudes

Thursday: St. Bernard

Friday: St. Pius X

Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD:
“Stand firm in justice; do what is
right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise
you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling
of God are unable to be revoked (Romans
11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite wom-
an's great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be
done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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