



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

August 2, 2020

The Eighteenth 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 1, 2020

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

Monday, August 3, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

8:30 AM SB

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, August 6, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Susan Marceau, Happy Birthday, by Her Family—SM

Friday, August 7, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, August 8, 2020

8:30 AM SB

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

4:30 PM Paul Emile Marceau, 14th Anniversary, by Susan—SM

Sunday, August 9, 2020

8:30 AM In Honor of All Living and Deceased Knights of Columbus and Their Respect for Life—SB

10:30 AM For the Souls of Joseph Le Van Tuong and Teresa Tran Thi Sinh by Their Family—SM

11:00 AM Frances and Leo Beauchamp by Their Children and Grandchildren—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

TODAY—Sunday, 2 August...5:00-6:00 p.m. (SB)

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.

Lord, help me to see
amidst all the clamor and the noise
those things which are from You.
Guide me to see through
the appearances, the fronts, and the lies –
the double standard: *for thee and not for me.*
Let me strive and even fight for what is right and true -
as much as I would for life itself.
May I learn from history
and be enriched by its facts, lessons, and traditions.
As I journey forward, always keep the heavenly Prize and End
alive within me. Amen!

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.

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.

LADIES GUILD NEWS

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. Also requested besides previously wanted items are any kind of energy bar that can be passed out to their clients. Deliver all items to 130 Overbrook Drive. If you have questions call 860-521-8342.

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.



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.

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.

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859)

August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

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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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2020

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
— *Isaiah 55:1a*

PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7;
Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41;
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13;
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

THIRST

You have put salt in our mouths that we may thirst for you.

—St. Augustine

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Vianney

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day

Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday

Saturday: St. Dominic

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

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