



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

August 23, 2020

The Twenty-First 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 22, 2020

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

Monday, August 24, 2020

8:30 AM Alfredo Peluso by Lucy and Family—SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

8:30 AM In Memory of Judy Armstrong by the Bachteler Family—SB

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SM

Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM SM

Friday, August 28, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, August 29, 2020

8:30 AM SB
11:00 AM Memorial Mass—*Francesca Cavalieri*—SB

4:00 PM Timmy Cameron by His Sisters—SB
4:30 PM Marceau Family, Special Intention—SM

Sunday, August 30, 2020

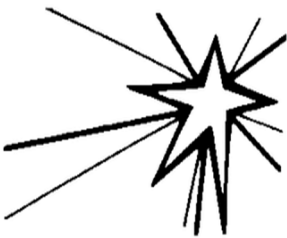
8:30 AM Connie Samuelian, Repose of the Soul, by Jennifer Kelly—SB
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM
11:00 AM Cristino and Rosa Ficocelli, Anniversary, by Their Family—SB

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.

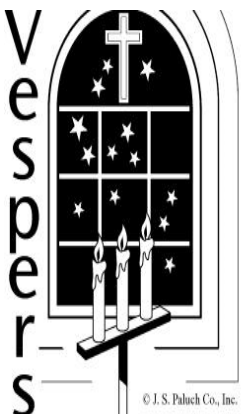


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SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 11:00 A.M. MASS (SB)

Join us as we honor Lynn Ryan, lifetime parishioner of St. Brigid church at St. Gianna Parish, for her reception of the Archdiocesan St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation. Lynn was awarded the Medal in March, but due to the pandemic she nor other award winners were able to attend the usual award ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. So we will officially present it to her here at our 11:00 a.m. Mass in appreciation for her many years of service.

After Mass, there will be a coffee and donut reception in McMahon hall. All are invited and welcome to attend.



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HOLY HOUR/EVENING PRAYER 5:00 P.M. (SB)

This day (September 6) 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.

*Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer/reflection a day,
Except when we are busy—then we need an hour!*

...St. Francis de Sales

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.

TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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PATIENCE

Patience is the companion of wisdom.
—St. Augustine

SAINT MONICA (332-387)

August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the need this year is greater than in the past. It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2020 towards this year's Appeal.

Your gift can make a difference in the lives of countless individuals.

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.

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"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

— *Matthew 16:19*

A GOOD TEST

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18;
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,
10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13,
18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;
Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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