



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

September 6, 2020

*The Twenty-Third 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, September 5, 2020*

*4:00 PM* Catherine and Philip Charpentier by Sue Grimes—SB

*4:30 PM* Martha Spadola and Elisa Pasqualoni by Norma Spadola—SM

## *Sunday, September 6, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Intentions—SB

*10:30 AM* In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Gina—SM

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

## *Monday, September 7, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Ann Rush, 2nd Anniversary—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Tuesday, September 8, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Theresa Rita Marceau, Birthday Remembrance, by Susan—SB

## *Wednesday, September 9, 2020*

*8:30 AM* In Thanksgiving—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Thursday, September 10, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Birthday Blessings for Edgar Cadua by His Mother-in Law—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Friday, September 11, 2020*

*9:00 AM* Marie Francies by the McGloin Family—SM

## *Saturday, September 12, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Intentions of Misa Cadua by Her Mother—SB

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

*4:30 PM* Lorraine Reilly, 2nd Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

## *Sunday, September 13, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Mary Lee Duffy by the Rodriques Family—SB

*10:30 AM* SM

*11:00 AM* Michele Ragone by His Sister-in Law—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

## RECENT UPDATE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

On March 13, 2020, each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford was dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the potential danger of the coronavirus pandemic. This dispensation was most recently extended on May 27, 2020, with the release of the document 'Opening Churches for Public Worship in the Archdiocese of Hartford,' which stated, “As for Sunday Mass, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the archdiocese by the Archbishop has now been extended through Sunday, September 6, 2020.”

In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, November 28, 2020, which is the last day of the current liturgical year. The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.

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*God calls all His people to lead lives of goodness and holiness.  
From among these,  
some are called to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in a priestly life  
of proclaiming in sacrament, word, and deed  
the Kingdom of God.*

Some words from my Ordination invitation forty years ago...

This sums up what I have tried to do since then.

Please pray that I may continue to give it my best shot!

Also, kindly prayerfully remember Monsignor Jim Shanley, classmate.

Thank you!



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### **TODAY—SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 11:00 A.M. MASS (SB)**

honoring Lynn Ryan, recipient of this year's Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation. ...

Reception to follow in McMahon Hall. ...All are invited and welcome to attend.

### **HOLY HOUR/EVENING PRAYER 5:00 P.M. (SB)—TONIGHT**

This day (6 September) 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.



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# *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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **TO MEMBERS of OUR LADIES GUILD**

The Executive Board will be posting updates on our plans. For now we want to let you know that in trying to be involved in our community, we sponsored one of the lovely planters in Elmwood. That included the planting, care and feeding of the plants. We hope that all enjoyed them. Keep the Faith!

### **LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED**

On Saturday 22 August, we live-streamed the 4:00 p.m. Mass from St. Brigid. We would like to live-stream more Masses, and special events, but we need volunteers. 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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLYWEDS**

We wish to congratulate Greg Flower, Director of Music at St. Mark the Evangelist, and Jill Rizzo, choir member, who got married on 30 August, 2020. May your years ahead be blessed with good health, happiness and peace.

### **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

This month's food collection at St. Mark is September 12 and 13. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

### **Vietnamese Communities' Picnic at St. Mark's Church Grounds All St. Gianna Parishioners Are Invited**

We do Social Distancing but Don't  
Distance God's Love  
Sunday September 13, 2020  
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

### **We MUST DO CDC Guidelines** therefore, PLEASE:

Bring your picnic chairs  
Wear a MASK  
Wash your hands with hand-sanitizer

All are welcome

**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](http://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 _____		
<b>CHECK CLASS DAY AND TIME</b> <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.

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## **A MESSAGE OF LOVE**

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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## **SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654) September 9**

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.

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

## ***Prayer for Protection of Conscience Rights***

Father, we praise you and thank you for your most precious gifts of human life and freedom. Touch the hearts of our lawmakers with the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights and religious liberty for all. Protect all people from being forced to violate their moral and religious convictions. In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and follow you in all that we do. Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 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.

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

— *Matthew 18:19*

### NEIGHBORLY LOVE

We can never love our neighbor too much.

—St. Francis de Sales

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12;  
Lk 6:6-11,  
or, for Labor Day, any readings  
from the Mass "For the  
Blessings of Human Labor,"  
nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;  
Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
[18-23]
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,  
14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:  
1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24;  
Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:  
3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13,  
17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4,  
9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

### LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
- Friday: Patriot Day
- Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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