



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

September 13, 2020

The Twenty-Fourth 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, September 12, 2020

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

Monday, September 14, 2020

8:30 AM Repose of the Soul of Alexander M. Hetzel by a Friend—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

8:30 AM Zbigniew Mlodecki by His Wife—SB

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

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

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, September 17, 2020

8:30 AM Edmundo and Carmela Ragone by Their Daughter-in Law—SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, September 18, 2020

9:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Emi Okamoto by Her Mother—SM

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8:30 AM The Rosina and Mirabelli Families by Her Family—SB

4:00 PM Jim Puchalski by His Wife—SB

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

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:30 AM Lynn and Jackie Griffin by the Bouvier Family—SB

10:30 AM Fr. James M. Boyle by Sr. Barbara Allaire—SM

11:00 AM Joseph Plompen, Repose of the Soul, by His Wife, Ann—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.

Thank
You

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Fr. Devine would like to thank everyone who planned and participated in the Vespers service for his 40th Anniversary celebration and the reception afterward. Your help, participation, attendance and hard work made the celebration very special.

Thank you, thank you!

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.

Help Our Parish Elementary Schools - HOPES Collection

The **HOPES** Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual **HOPES Grants**. Last year's HOPES Grants funded advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2020 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of **September 26-27, 2020.**

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

Please join us!

Next Sunday, September 20th, is Catechetical Sunday, which is dedicated to Religious Education teachers throughout the diocese. Please join us at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, as we come together, not only to pray for them, but to ask God to bless them in their ministry. We also invite you and your family to our coffee, juice and donuts gathering in McMahon Hall following the 8:30 A.M. Mass.

Religious Education classes will begin.....

Saturday, September 19, Grades 1 through 8 ~ 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 23, Grades 4 through 8 ~ 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Reminder: All classes are now held at the St. Mark Pastoral Center.

TO MEMBERS of OUR LADIES GUILD

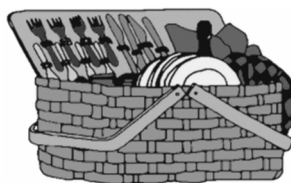
The Executive Board will be posting updates on our plans. For now we want to let you know that in trying to be involved in our community, we sponsored one of the lovely planters in Elmwood. That included the planting, care and feeding of the plants. We hope that all enjoyed them. Keep the Faith!

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.

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.



Picnic

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**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
This 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. 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.

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407)

September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (*Chrysostom*) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (*Sacramentary*), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the *Liturgy of the Hours* not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

September 13, 2020

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;

then when you pray,

your own sins will be forgiven.

— *Sirach 28:2*

MERCY

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.

—St. John Chrysostom

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a;
Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13;
Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,
16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd,
6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;
Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9,
17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
Mt 20:1-16a

FAITH

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

—St. John of the Cross

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time;
Grandparents Day; Catechetical
Sunday

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New
Year) 5781

Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (*Sirach* 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (*Psalm* 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (*Romans* 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (*Matthew* 18:21-35).

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