



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

October 4, 2020

*The Twenty-Seventh 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, October 3, 2020*

*4:00 PM* Gilda Gimmartino by Her Sister—SB

*4:30 PM* Anthony Kiernan, Repose of the Soul, by Noel and Pete Drower—SM

## *Sunday, October 4, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Victor and Roxane D'Aquino, Repose of the Soul, by Their Family—SB

*10:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

*11:00 AM* George McClay by His Family—SB

## *Monday, October 5, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Magdalena Rinaldi by Lucy Peluso and Family—SB

*9:00 AM* Andrew Cudo by Joe Glowacki—SM

## *Tuesday, October 6, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Charles Cattel by Anne Barry-Priest, Beth Barry Melican and Peter and Julie Barry—SB

## *Wednesday, October 7, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Zbigniew Mlodecki and Walter and Sophie Pastuszek by Frances—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Thursday, October 8, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Domenica Danelo by Lucy Peluso and Family—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Friday, October 9, 2020*

*9:00 AM* Birthday Blessings for John F Sussilleaux—SM

## *Saturday, October 10, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Thanksgiving to the Holy Family for House Sold—SB

*4:00 PM* In Memory of Catherine and Paul Grimes by Sue Grimes—SB

*4:30 PM* SM

## *Sunday, October 11, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Richard Templeton by the Jameson Family—SB

*10:30 AM* SM

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

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

We ask God's blessing on the Religious Education students that received First Communion at St. Brigid Church on Sunday, October 4, 2020. May the light of Christ shine through them forever!

*St. Gianna Parish  
Church of St. Brigid  
2020 First Holy Communion Class*



*Alice Descy  
Bonnie Descy  
Dante Garcia*



**Help Our Parish Elementary Schools -  
HOPES Collection**

Thank you!

On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we send our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the **2020 HOPES** Collection. Your participation supports a culture of faith and educational excellence in Catholic schools, preparing students for leadership and active roles in parish life.



**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.

# *St. Gianna Parish News and Events*

## **MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD**

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. This month's collection will be October 6 and 7. 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.

## **CRAFT FAIR 2020**

We have decided not to co-chair a Craft Fair this year. In accordance with the guidelines set by Archbishop Blair and Governor Lamont we felt this was in the best health interest of the people of St. Gianna Parish. If you have any questions please contact Ann Bach (860 521-7147) or Mary Ellen McCarthy (860 233-4918).

## **St. Brigid Ladies Guild**

Due to Covid19 concerns, the Ladies Guild will not be having meetings or programs this year and will review the situation next Spring. It is most important for our members to stay safe. Please note, all members will remain on our active list throughout the year. And, though we will not be printing the newsletter, we will have a shorter version posted on the St. Gianna parish's website to help keep members informed.

The Guild also hopes to continue some of our charitable work, especially Caring Hearts that supports families in need (crucial more than ever at this time) as well as our regular parish support. With that in mind, although we will not hold our annual Membership Drive, we would like to have a **Membership by Mail Fundraiser** that will help us support our important causes. We ask each of you to please send in your donation (hopefully, at least your normal membership fee of \$8 or \$10, or more if you're able) to *St. Brigid Ladies Guild* and mail it to the rectory or drop in the basket if you attend mass in person. This will keep our Guild somewhat active in this pandemic year in giving much-needed support where it is crucial. As always, our prayers are with each and every one of you. If you have any questions, feel free to call our Membership Chair Maureen McClay (860-521-0820) or our President Alison Goroshko (860-561-9629).

## **STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**

The Sandwich Ministry collection is the second Wednesday of every month in the parking lots of St. Peter Claver at 4:30 pm and at St. Mark at 5:00 pm. Can you make 10 simple sandwiches to help the Hartford shelters? If you would like to join this ministry please call Susan at 860-561-3648.

## **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

This month's food collection at St. Mark is October 10 and 11. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

## Religious Education Reminders

There will be **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes Saturday, October 10th – Indigenous Peoples Day. Classes will resume the following week.

### Food Drive

Our annual Food Drive to help Caring Hearts is going on and we really need your help. Please help us out with a donation of a non-perishable food item. Our drive will run from October 3 to November 14. If we collect 225 food items, I will treat the children to an Ice Cream social after the Thanksgiving break.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be held this Wednesday October 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Pastoral Center, South Quaker Lane.

### 9<sup>th</sup> & 10 Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, October 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Brigid Church in McMahan Hall.

## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

### October 4

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.

## ***Sunday Morning Religious Education*** **at St. Mark church campus**

Beginning in October, St. Mark's will be celebrating First Communion at a number of the weekend Masses. Please pray for the children who are receiving the grace of God at their First Reconciliation on September 19th and their First Communions during October. The St. Mark's class includes Dylan Olah, Cindy Li, Nathan Elescano, Chadly Zahner, Lauren Kocay, Hunter Hill, Ian Grado, Elle Clayton, Brooke Bisailon, and Gianna Castillo. **Special thanks to our Catechists Mary Berstene and Erin Oakes** who volunteered so many hours preparing these children for their sacraments. And of course, thanks to their parents for bringing them to us for classes and for continuing their preparation at home. Everyone pulled together and we are so blessed to have these families in our parish!

**The St. Mark Sunday morning classes will begin as online/homeschooling.** Please contact Sandy Everett at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com) or return the registration form found on the church website and in the bulletin. **Materials will be available the first weekend of October after the Saturday and Sunday Masses.** Email support will be offered by our Catechists. We plan to begin in-person classes once the dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted by Archbishop Blair.

**Preschool Grab and Go packs** will be available the first weekend of each month beginning in October. Please feel free to take a pack for your child(ren) or to give away to another family in your neighborhood. Each packet will be filled with Catholic activities for you to do with your family.

**Confirmation paperwork is now due!** All candidates for Confirmation (11th graders) from St. Mark's program have been contacted by Sandy Everett regarding any information they are missing. If you did not get an email, please contact Sandy ASAP.

**Adult Faith Formation Grab and Go Packs are Back!** Beginning this weekend, October 3rd and 4th after each Mass adult faith formation Grab and Go packs will be available at the back and front of the church. Please pick up a bag for yourself and one to give away if you like. The packet for October has a focus on the Rosary. I invite everyone to take a bag, even if you pray the rosary daily or if you never have prayed the rosary. Inside your packet, you will find a guided reflection along with some ideas on how to pray the rosary in a new way. Next month we will have a focus on Indulgences and prayers for the dead.

### ***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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**October 4, 2020**

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

— *Philippians 4:6*

### ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;  
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;  
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6;  
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7;  
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

### MASTER AND SERVANT

Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.

—P. T. Barnum

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Tuesday: St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis and Companions;  
St. John Leonardi

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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