



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

October 11, 2020

*The Twenty-Eighth 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 10, 2020*

*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

## *Monday, October 12, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Special Intention—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Connie Samuelian by Helene and Lucy—SB

## *Wednesday, October 14, 2020*

*8:30 AM* For the Holy Souls in Purgatory—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Thursday, October 15, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Joseph T. Devine—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Friday, October 16, 2020*

*9:00 AM* Anna Guadagnino by Her Family—SM

## *Saturday, October 17, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Mary and Frances Reardon by Their Family—SB  
*4:00 PM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
*4:30 PM* John G. Sussilleaux, 54th Anniversary—SM

## *Sunday, October 18, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Michele Ragoni by His Wife and Son—SB  
*10:30 AM* SM  
*11:00 AM* Ana V. DiNatale, Birthday Blessings, by Her Husband and Family—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 11, 2020. May the light of Christ shine through them forever!

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

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*Hayden Gormley  
Eli Zapata*

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*from Father Devine...*

In the midst of a national election season, it is a good time to step back and *remember who and what makes us tick*. Anything important that we do should be steered by connecting and listening for God's guidance and direction. How much of a place do we give to God in the decisions we make? In a similar way, our Catholic faith has a lot to offer in terms of real-life, as well as political issues.

The concept of *Faithful Citizenship*, offers informative thought-provoking, Catholic ideas as our national elections draw closer. See below.

**Political engagement is part of our Catholic Call**

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops urge Catholics to form their consciences through being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection (no. 18). Visit [FaithfulCitizenship.org](http://FaithfulCitizenship.org) to learn about the steps you can take to form your conscience, watch videos and access other great resources on conscience formation for faithful citizens.

**HOLY HOUR/EVENING PRAYER**  
**SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 5:00 P.M. (SB)**



# St. Gianna Parish News and Events

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the St. Gianna Confirmation students and the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus who have worked tirelessly the weekends of October 3 and 10 (and several days in between) to assist in cleaning out the St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School. Many hands make light work and you all truly made a huge difference in the work that you did.

## 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.



## ANNUAL PARISH MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED

The Annual Parish Memorial Mass for the deceased of the year will be held on Sunday 1 November at 11:00 a.m. at St. Brigid. Because of the pandemic, we regret that there will be no formal reception afterward.

**THE 2021 MASS BOOK** for personal Mass intentions is now available at the Administrative Center. Call 860 236-5965 or stop by (masks are required to enter, please) to reserve your Mass Intentions for 2021.

## 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).

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

## Religious Education Reminders

### 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.

## Religious Education – St. Mark Campus

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

Our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class will be held virtually, via Zoom Meetings, on Sunday, October 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Adult Faith Formation Grab and Go Packs are Back!

October Adult Formation packets were distributed last weekend. Any extra packets can be found in the back of St. Mark Church. Please feel free to take an extra one for a friend. Next month we will have a focus on Indulgences and prayers for the dead.

## SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)

### October 15

*Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.* Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. *All things are passing; God never changes.* But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. *Patience gains everything.* Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross's collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. *Whoever has God, lacks nothing.* When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" *God alone is enough!* The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.

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

Beginning in October, St. Mark's will be celebrating First Communions at most of the Masses. Please pray for the children who received the grace of God at their First Reconciliation on September 19th and will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion 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 have begun as online/homeschooling. Materials were distributed 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 has been lifted by Archbishop Blair. If you did not receive your materials, please contact Sandy at St. Mark's and she will arrange for you to receive them.

**Preschool Grab and Go packs** were distributed first weekend of October. Extra bags are left in the back of St. Mark church. 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. A mini-Confirmation retreat is being scheduled to answer any last questions and to give the children access to the sacrament of Reconciliation which is required before being Confirmed.

### ***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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— *Philippians 4:13*

### REPENTANCE

Of all human acts, repentance is most divine.

—Thomas Carlyle

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;  
Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6;  
Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,  
12-13; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7;  
Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;  
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

### ACTION

What I began by reading I must finish by acting.

—Henry David Thoreau

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time
- Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian  
Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday: St. Callistus I
- Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus
- Friday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary  
Alacoque;  
National Boss's Day
- Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**Psalm** — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Gospel** — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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