



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

October 18, 2020

The Twenty-Ninth 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, October 17, 2020

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 Ragone by His Wife and Son—SB

10:30 AM SM

11:00 AM Ana V. DiNatale, Birthday Blessings, by Her Family—SB

Monday, October 19, 2020

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

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:30 AM Mary Lee Duffy, Happy Birthday, by the Rodrigues Family—SB

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:30 AM Grace Canarie by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 AM Special Intention—SB

9:00 AM Grace Canarie, First Anniversary by Her Family—SM

Friday, October 23, 2020

9:00 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Charles Pettit—SM

Saturday, October 24, 2020

8:30 AM Francesca Cavalieri by Marg and George Bushnell—SB

4:00 PM Dr. Joseph and Frances Formeister by Their Family—SB

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

Sunday, October 25, 2020

8:30 AM Beatrice and Pat McGill by Their Children and John Augustine by His Wife—SB

10:30 AM Jane DiTaranto by Her Family—SM

11:00 AM Joseph Guerrero, 46th Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Father Devine...

A reminder (in Election season!) to speak the truth in charity

Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body...with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love (Ephesians 4:15-16)

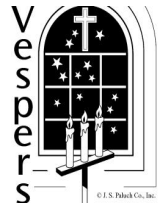
...We must never forget that the way in which we order our human affairs has the ultimate end of bringing all souls to Christ. Political debates must be conducted in charity, because the object of all of our actions is to bring those who reject or deny the truth to repentance, that they may embrace their place within the Body of Christ...As Catholics, we proclaim the truth not to draw political divisions between those who embrace it and those who don't, but to make disciples of all nations.

(taken from Our Sunday Visitor, September 27 – October 3 issue, pg. 3)

Put your faith into action: Practice civil dialogue.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during election season. In a culture that is dominated by “partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype,” the Church calls for “a different kind of political engagement” (no. 14). Join our Catholic witness for civil dialogue by learning more and taking the pledge for civility at CivilizeIt.org. You can take the pledge individually or as a group and invite others to take the pledge too. Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to access resources on civil dialogue and on how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond.

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



Upcoming Events:

Patriotic Rosary Pre-Election Prayer Service, Sunday 1 November, 5:00 p.m. (SB)

All Souls Evening Prayer Service, Monday 2 November, 7:00 p.m. (SB)

Sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday 8 November, 3:00 p.m. (SM)
(Students and families only)

Sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday 15 November, 3:00 p.m. (SB)
(Students and families only)

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday 26 November, 9:00 am (SB only)

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

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.

WINTER CLOTHING COLLETION

It's going to be a tough winter for many during these trying times. Once again, St. Mark is collecting new winter hats, gloves and scarves for children and families. New and gently used winter coats are also welcome. They will be distributed through South Park Inn in Hartford.

Can you make a donation?

Bins will be set up for collection the weekend of Oct. 31/Nov. 1 and again Nov. 7 & 8.

Can't make it to Mass?

This year we will come to you. Send an email to stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com or call Keith Griffin at 860-965-9782. Arrangements will be made for a safe collection of donations at your home.

As always, thanks for your support of this important clothing drive

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).



Northwest Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the fall of 2021. We hope you'll join us for an admissions event this fall. Learn more at www.northwestcatholic.org/visit. Please email aselig@nwcath.org with any questions.

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

9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th 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 on the first weekend of the month. Extra packets can be found in the back of St. Mark Church. Please feel free to take an extra one for a friend. This month we are learning about the Rosary as we pray for ourselves, for others, with others and for our Church. If you would like a prayer packet emailed to you, please contact Sandy at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com Next month we will have a focus on Indulgences and prayers for the dead.

SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES (1560-1646) AND JOHN DE BRÉBEUF (1593-1649) AND THEIR COMPANIONS October 19

Their mission was to New France, but these missionaries found in present-day New York State and the province of Ontario a world wildly different from the homes they left behind. Six Jesuit priests, Fathers Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noël Chabanel—and Jesuit lay volunteers René Goupil and John LaLande—shared the gospel with the Native Americans they met, in languages they painstakingly learned, and through images they creatively adapted to the indigenous cultures (for example, John de Brébeuf's “'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime: the Huron Carol”). But their evangelization was caught up in turmoil beyond their control: a smallpox epidemic, battles between French and English trading interests—the traders united only by their willingness to exploit the Native Americans—and conflict among the tribes themselves, Huron, Mohawk, Iroquois. The missionaries' perseverance despite exhausting hardships, their steadfast courage in facing unspeakable tortures, and undaunted love even for those who martyred them, bore fruit, immediately in Kateri Tekakwitha's sanctity, eventually in the Catholicism that still flourishes in the United States and Canada.

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

This October, St. Mark's will be celebrating First Communions at most of the 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 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. It is not too late to register for classes!

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. This month featured Fatima and in November we will be focusing on Angels and Saints.

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

October 18, 2020

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”

— *Matthew 22:21*

WORDS AND ACTIONS

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at what we say.

—Anonymous second-century Christian

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14;
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6;
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,
11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

FAMILY

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross

Thursday: St. John Paul II

Friday: St. John of Capistrano

Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary; United Nations Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

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