



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

October 25, 2020

*The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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*Reverend Tuan Anh "Andy" Mai, Pastor, St. Andrew Dung-Lac*

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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 24, 2020*

- 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 Guerrera, 46th Anniversary, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB

## *Monday, October 26, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Giuseppe Vincenzo, 4th Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB  
*9:00 AM* Sabino Padilla—SM

## *Tuesday, October 27, 2020*

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

## *Wednesday, October 28, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family for House Sold—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Thursday, October 29, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Florence Gosselin by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB  
*9:00 AM* SM

## *Friday, October 30, 2020*

- 9:00 AM* Grace and Elroy Armstrong by the Bachteler Family—SM

## *Saturday, October 31, 2020*

- 8:30 AM* Joseph Hoan Nguyen by the Nguyen Family—SB  
*4:00 PM* Vito Biancamano by His Wife and Daughter—SB  
*4:30 PM* Birthday Blessings for Kenji Okamoto and Baptismal Anniversary Blessings for Emi Okamoto by Their Mother—SM

## *Sunday, November 1, 2020*


- 8:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
*10:30 AM* Ken Bradley by His Wife—SM  
*11:00 AM* For the Deceased of St. Gianna Parish 2020—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 25, 2020. May the light of Christ shine through them forever!

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



*Anthony Soriano  
Viviana Soto  
Maria Villegas*



**PATRIOTIC ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE—**  
**Sunday, 1 November, 5:00 p.m. (SB)**

Come join us as we set aside this hour to pray for our nation on the eve of the presidential election. Many of us are concerned, if not a bit nervous, about this election. Let us beg the Lord to grace all of us with the Holy Spirit's Wisdom as we step forward and vote, soon after (or before) this prayer period!

**ALL SOULS VESPERS, Monday, 2 November, 7:00 p.m. (SB)**

A great public opportunity on a special day to prayerfully remember all who have gone before us in faith...*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!* All are invited....

***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.

## **VOTING ISSUES – WHAT OUR FAITH TEACHES...**

The U.S. bishops' document '*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*' helps inform American voters on the issues that matters most. I have mentioned this particular written piece before and encourage you to read it in its entirety ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)). In the meantime, here are some good excerpts. (Part I this week)

### **Human Life**

*Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental good and the condition for all other (rights). Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never morally acceptable and must always be opposed.*

*The purposeful taking of human life by assisted suicide and euthanasia is not an act of mercy, but an unjustifiable assault on human life...*

*Our nation's continued reliance on the death penalty cannot be justified.*

### **Migration**

*The Gospel mandate to 'welcome the stranger' requires Catholics to care for and stand with newcomers, authorized and unauthorized, including unaccompanied immigrant children, refugees and asylum-seekers, those unnecessarily detained, and victims of human trafficking... The right and responsibility of nations to control their borders and to maintain the rule of law should be recognized but pursued in a just and humane manner.*

### **Education/Schooling**

*Parents – the first and most important educators – have a fundamental right to choose the education best suited to the needs of their children, including public, private and religious schools.*

### **Communications, Media and Culture**

*Print, broadcast, and electronic media shape the culture. To protect children and families, responsible regulation is needed that respects freedom of speech yet also addresses policies that have lowered standards, permitted increasingly offensive material, and reduced opportunities for noncommercial religious programming.*

### **Marriage and Family Life**

*Marriage must be defined, recognized and protected as a lifelong exclusive commitment between a man and a woman, and as the source of the next generation and the protective haven for children.*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID 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 on Sunday, October 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Brigid Church in McMahan Hall.

## 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.

## Service Project

We had our first service project of the year this past weekend, as the children, parents and teachers helped make goodie bags for the House of Bread. We thank all the children who stayed and helped, along with their parents. Special thanks to Father Devine and Father Joseph, who joined us in making these goodie bags!



## Adult Faith Formation for October

This month we are learning about the Rosary as we pray for ourselves, for others, with others and for our Church. We are now in week four meditations in which we are praying for our Church in America. Even if you are not following the meditations I encourage you to pray this week for the future of the Catholic Church in America. Monday, we are praying for the continued success of Vatican II, Tuesday we are praying for our Catechists and all those who pass our faith along to the next generation. Wednesday, we are praying for our families of the parish. Thursday, we pray for our Priests and Bishops as well as all Church leaders and Friday we will pray for the intercession of the Angels and Saints on rebuilding our Church.

Next month we will have a focus on Indulgences and prayers for the dead. **Packets will be available at both churches the weekend of November 7/8.**

## Political engagement is our responsibility: Learn about the issues!

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Some issues they mention include: “protecting the unborn, refugees and immigrant families; fighting racism and religious intolerance; aiding those impacted by poverty and conflict; preserving the family; and caring for our common home.” Learn more about the issues and watch brief videos at [FaithfulCitizenship.org](http://FaithfulCitizenship.org).

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

This is our last weekend for First Communions at St. Mark Church. **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!

**St. Mark Homeschooling Schedule:** Each week we have classes you will receive a reminder about what chapters to complete at home. Below is an overall chart of where we are in our lessons by grade through our third class. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your Catechist or Sandy Everett at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com). Of course, you can still register and join us as we learn about our faith.

## **Chapters to be completed by October 25th (end of the week)**

Grade	Chapter	Extra Activity
K-2	Chapter 1--Jesus is Our Friend, Chapter 3--God is Our Father, Chapter 5--God Shares His Life with Us	Review the Sign of the Cross, Guardian Angels
3	Chapter 1--God Calls Us Friends, Chapter 2--Jesus Saves Us, Chapter 3--Jesus Forgives Us	
4	Chapter 1--God Reveals Himself to Us through His Son, Chapter 2--God Speaks to Us through the Church, Chapter 3--God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Chapter 4--God Offers Us Eternal Life, Chapter 5---We are Called to Follow Jesus	What Catholics Should Know--The Bible
5/6	Chapter 1--The Bible Reveals God's Saving Love, Chapter 2--Scripture is God's Saving Word, Chapter 3--Everything God Created is Good, Chapter 4--God Offers Love and Mercy	How to look up Passages in the Bible
7	Chapter 1--The Impact of Jesus, Chapter 2--Friendship with Jesus, Chapter 3--Scripture: A Portrait of Jesus, Chapter 4--The World Jesus Lived In, Chapter 5--The Early Life of Jesus	What Catholics Should Know--The Bible
8	Chapter 1--A Community of Disciples, Chapter 2--Tracing Our Roots, Chapter 3-- A Closer Look, Chapter 4--A People of Prayer, All of Unit 2--The Marks of the Church	What Catholics Should Know--Prayer and How We Pray, Prayers We Pray as Catholics

**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. **A mandatory mini-Confirmation retreat for St. Mark's 11th grade class is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30pm.** Children will be asked to verify their Confirmation information and I will answer any last questions the teens might have. We will also give the teens access to the sacrament of Reconciliation which is required before being Confirmed.

# St. Gianna Parish News and Events

## WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

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](mailto: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

## MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. This month's collection will be November 3 and 4. 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.

## A Word from the Archbishop....

Be sure to look for the Letter from Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference regarding Respect Life Month and the 25th Anniversary of *The Gospel of Life*. It can be found near the Rosary packet handouts in the church vestibules.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5;  
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5;  
Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1  
Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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