



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

November 1, 2020
Solemnity of All Saints

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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 31, 2020

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

Monday, November 2, 2020

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances—SB

9:00 AM All Souls Remembrances—SM

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

8:30 AM Muriel Sliwa by the Nguyen Family—SB

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

8:30 AM Nicolina Mancini by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

9:00 AM All Souls Remembrances—SM

Thursday, November 5, 2020

8:30 AM Frank and Jenny Dallesander by Their Family—SB

9:00 AM James P. Somerset, 27th Anniversary by Noelle—SM

Friday, November 6, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, November 7, 2020

8:30 AM Lucien Gendreau, 8th Anniversary, by His Family—SB

4:00 PM All Souls Remembrances—SB

4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Ramino Family by Their Family—SM

Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:30 AM Michele, Edmundo & Carmela Ragone, Francesco & Camilla Abbatemarco and Vito Biancamano by Antonietta Ragone and Family—SB

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

11:00 AM SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

We have now completed the First Communions for St. Mark's Sunday Morning Class. What a special treat it was to have the children join us at the Masses during October. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in their faith development.

Dylan Olah
Chadly Zahner
Brooke Bisailon
Lauren Kocay
Hunter Hill
Cindy Li
Nathan Zapata-Elescano
Ian Grado
Elle Clayton
Gianna Castillo

Special thanks to Erin Oakes and Mary Berstene for preparing the children and to the parents who brought the children to our program and continued their development during our shut down.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT—
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....

Upcoming Events:

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*)

Bulletin deadline for Thanksgiving weekend (November 28/29), Friday 20 November

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

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 (uscgb.org). In the meantime, here are some good excerpts. (Part II of II this week)

Promoting Peace

Nations should protect the dignity of the human person and the right to life by finding more effective ways to prevent conflicts, to resolve them by peaceful means, and to promote reconstruction and reconciliation in the wake of conflicts.

Care for Our Common Home

Care for creation is a moral issue. Protecting the land, water and air we share is a religious duty of stewardship and reflects our responsibility to born and unborn children, who are most vulnerable to environmental assault.

Combatting Unjust Discrimination

It is important for our society to continue to combat any unjust discrimination, whether based on race, religion, sex, ethnicity, disabling condition or age, as these are grave injustices and affronts to human dignity.

Promoting Justice and Countering Violence

Promoting moral responsibility and effective responses to violent crime, curbing violence in media, supporting reasonable restrictions on access to assault weapons and handguns and opposing the use of the death penalty are particularly important in light of a growing 'culture of violence.'

Global Solidarity

The United States has the responsibility to take the lead in addressing the scandal of poverty and underdevelopment.

Health Care

Affordable and accessible health care is an essential safeguard of human life and a fundamental human right.

Preferential Option for the Poor and Economic Justice

Social and economic policies should foster the creation of jobs for all who can work with decent working conditions and just wages ... Catholic social teaching supports the right of workers to choose whether to organize, join a union and bargain collectively, and to exercise these rights without reprisal. It also affirms economic freedom, initiative, and the right to private property.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~~ST. BRIGID CAMPUS

Religious Education Reminders

11th Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 11th Grade Confirmation class will be held this Wednesday November 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Pastoral Center, South Quaker Lane.

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.

Adult Faith Formation for November

November is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the dead so it is fitting that this month we are learning about Indulgences. We will learn what an indulgence is, a little of the history of indulgences, who can receive them and just what conditions are needed to meet the requirements of indulgences. We also will have an opportunity to earn several plenary and partial indulgences through prayers in our Church.

Grab and Go Adult Faith Formation packets are at the exits of the church this weekend and next. Please pick up a packet for yourself and bring one to someone who is unable to join us for worship. Our December Adult Faith Formation packet will focus on the many names of Jesus.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection will be taking place November 21 and 22. Collections will be at the Parish Center Doors on Saturday November 21 from 4:00 until 6:00 and on Sunday from 10:00 until Noon. Volunteers will unload your groceries directly from your car! As an added bonus, you will receive your Advent Wreath Making Kit at the same time as you drop off your goodies for our neighbors in need. We will also need volunteers to come on Saturday November 21st (4:00-6:00) and Sunday November 22nd from 10:00 until about 2:00 to help organize the donations. Please email Sandy if you can help.
sandy.st.mark@gmail.com

Advent Wreath Making Kits

Due to the pandemic, we are unable to meet together to make our Advent Wreathes so we have assembled kits and instructions for you to make this project with your family. Kit pick up will be the same times as the food drive drop off. Saturday November 21st from 4:00pm until 6:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00am until Noon at the parish center doors. Extra kits will also be left in the back of the church. Look for the bright purple bags courtesy of the St. Mark's Knights of Columbus!

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

9th & 10 Grade Confirmation Class Reminder

Our 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation class will be held virtually, via Zoom Meetings, on Sunday, November 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Children's Liturgy: The November Grab and Go packets are waiting for you at the exits of St. Mark's Church. This month we will be learning about our Guardian Angel. Activities include a project to learn the Guardian Angel prayer, make an angel activity, and your guardian angel block. These activities are geared for ages three to about seven. **Grandparents, feel free to pick up a packet for your grandchildren!**

St. Mark Homeschooling Schedule: Each week we have classes you will receive a reminder about what chapters to complete at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your Catechist or Sandy Everett at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com. Of course, you can still register and join us as we learn about our faith. There are no classes scheduled for this weekend (Oct 31/Nov. 1)

Confirmation will take place next weekend November 8th at 3:00 at St. Mark Church. All candidates for Confirmation (11th graders) from St. Mark's program must be in **their pews by 2:30 for last minute instructions**. Please keep our teens in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament to bring them into full adulthood in the Catholic Church.

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.

Remember to Vote... Be a Faithful Citizen.

Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable. As you prepare to vote this week, read the U.S. bishops' statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, watch videos and access other great resources on faithful citizenship.

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

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).

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.

SAINTS AND SINNERS

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

—Oscar Wilde

The Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2020

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1