



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

*May 12, 2019*  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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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. You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

# Mass Schedule

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## *Saturday, May 11, 2019*

- 4:00 PM Joseph and Frances Formeister by Their Family—SB  
4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

## *Sunday, May 12, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Vera Harmon by Beverly and John Ernest Scharper—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM William Turley, 2nd Anniversary, by His Family—SM  
11:00 AM Ada Guerrero and Angela Mancini by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB  
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Monday, May 13, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Alice Swietek—SB  
9:00 AM Rev. William J. Mann—SM

## *Tuesday, May 14, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Leo Crombie by Carol Crombie—SB  
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

## *Wednesday, May 15, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Thank you, St. Jude by Rosa Peluso—SB  
9:00 AM Rev. Walter J. Lyddy—SM  
10:00 AM SH

## *Thursday, May 16, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Federico Mirabelli by Flora Rovella—SB  
9:00 AM Mike and Molly Hickey and Son, Michael by Their Family—SM

## *Friday, May 17, 2019*

- 9:00 AM Marie Francies by Mary Dilion—SM

## *Saturday, May 18, 2019*

- 8:30 AM Mary Riordan by Her Family—SB  
4:00 PM Elaine Tracey, 20th Anniversary, by the Tracey Family—SB  
4:30 PM Maria Vieira, 1st Anniversary, by Her Family—SM

## *Sunday, May 19, 2019*

- 8:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB  
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM  
10:30 AM Angelo Rinaldi, 18th Anniversary, and Giovanni and Carmela Guerrero by Their Family—SM  
11:00 AM Francesco Nunes by His Wife and Family—SB  
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH  
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

*SB=St. Brigid;  
SH=St. Helena;  
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

***For Your Information....***

Fr. Devine will be away from Monday 6 May through Friday 24 May.

*from Father Devine...*

EASTER SEASON...DAY 22...God, mothers, and us

One of the most incredible things about God, (let His Word do the talking!):

*Can a woman forget her baby at the breast,  
feel no pity for the child she has borne?  
Even if these were to forget,  
I shall not forget you....says the Lord.*

Pray on *that* one, this Mother's Day!

***For Your Information....***

Fr. Joseph will be away from Friday 17 May through Monday 27 May on a Holy Land Pilgrimage.

**MOTHER BLEST**

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.  
—St. Ambrose

**SPRINGTIME**

Came the Spring with all its splendor  
All its birds and all its blossoms  
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.  
—Longfellow, *Hiawatha*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday 28 May, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

St. Brigid McMahan Hall

**A NEW DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

Something with a different twist:

The Ceremony of the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin within Solemn Evening Prayer  
Sunday 26 May @ 5:00 p.m. (SB)  
Followed by a wine and cheese social in the church hall

*Come and join us as we publically honor our Blessed Mother.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING AVAILABLE AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

St. Gianna Parish is looking for an Administrative Assistant to work 20-25 hours at the Administrative Center at 1088 New Britain Avenue. Essential skills include computer knowledge, interpersonal skills and a keen awareness of the importance of confidentiality in all matters. For more information please call the Administrative Center at 860 236-5965. To apply, please send or deliver a resume to 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110.

# St. Gianna Parish Events

## LADIES GUILD NEWS

### Coming to St. Brigid Church McMahon Hall

"A Night of Music – Being Alive" featuring renowned baritone Patrick Buckley accompanied by our own incomparable Natasha Ulyanovsky. Mr. Buckley is a versatile artist who feels equally at home singing Opera, Broadway, Irish ballads or folk songs. He has performed throughout Greater Hartford as well as throughout other U.S. states and Europe. Ms. Ulyanovsky, a concert pianist, organist and conductor has performed extensively in Europe, New England and other U.S. states. Together they will treat us to a wide-ranging selection of the best of Broadway and beyond. Come enjoy the music of the night! Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday May 18th. Refreshments will include snacks, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine and beer will be available. Tickets are \$10 and are available from the Rectory (860-236-5965), or, call Maureen (860-521-0820) or Edie (860-561-0238).

## SBLG TRAVEL GROUP

Join us on a 6-day, 5-night trip to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and Norfolk, VA, Monday through Saturday, October 14 to October 19. Per person costs are: \$645 double occupancy, \$865 single occupancy. Fliers with detailed information are available in the church vestibule. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). A \$75 per person deposit is due when reservation is made. Thank you.

## REAL CHOICE

"Pro-choice" and "pro-life" seem to represent two opposing positions on abortion. Ironically, many women who have abortions say "I feel I had no choice." They didn't think they could get the emotional and material support they would need if they chose life, whether by choosing adoption or keeping their baby. If you or anyone you know or meet is facing an unplanned pregnancy or struggling with post abortion regret, please provide her with this resource that includes information on local pregnancy care centers and other sources of help:

Heartbeat's OptionLine.org  
800-712-HELP (4357) --24 hr. hotline

## REV. JOSEPH G. MURPHY BOOK AWARD

Are you a St. Gianna parish member (of any age) who plans to continue your education at the undergraduate or graduate level this fall? Consider applying for the annual Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award honoring St. Helena's founding pastor. This one time award is offered to persons who are active members of St. Gianna parish at the time of receipt of application. Applications are available on the tables in the vestibules of each church. The deadline for submission is May 30th. Three awards will be given, one each to a member of St. Brigid, St. Helena and St. Mark the Evangelist. For more information contact the Administrative Center at 860 236- 5965.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VETERAN'S BREAKFAST



The St. Mark Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Veteran's Breakfast Sunday, June 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Veterans dine for free, tickets are \$3 for everyone else.

## Comedy Show

Need a break from the stresses of daily life? Join Annunciation Parish for our annual family friendly Comedy Night! Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Mary School, 652 Willard Avenue, Newington. Tickets are \$25. Raffle Prizes + Snack + BYOB. Doors Open 7:00 / Comedy Show: 8:00. Call the Rectory Office at 860-666-1591 for tickets or more information



## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. “Easter duty” means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your “Holy Mother Church” is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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April 24, 2019

Rev. Joseph T. Devine  
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Dear Father Devine,

On behalf of the Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I extend my deepest gratitude to you and the parishioners of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish for supporting the 2019 High School Collection.

The contribution of \$1,726 generously offered by the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish family is a greatly appreciated sponsorship of the successful work of our high schools. The support received through the collection ensures our high school students will grow in their faith, access exceptional academic resources, and serve their communities.

We sincerely thank you for supporting Catholic high schools as they shape future leaders whose lives will be guided by their Catholic school formation. We are grateful to you and your parishioners for helping to extend Catholic secondary schools into the future in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Gratefully  
Michael S. Griffin, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

## **SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS**

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today’s Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: “They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.” But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus’ flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis’s cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Monday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Tuesday: St. Matthias  
Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
Saturday: St. John I; Armed Forces Day

### Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth."  
— Acts 13:47b*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8;  
Jn 15:9-17  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6,  
8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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### RCIA STUDENTS

Congratulations to the RCIA students who have been fully initiated into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Heartfelt blessings and prayers for Michael Hill, Stephanie Ramirez, and Natasha Mercado as they enter into the period of Mystagogy. This is a time to reflect on the teachings of the Church and the formation that has occurred and to think about how to take an active role in discipleship within the parish community. Thank you to Ed and Diane Koprowski and Joan Delaney, the RCIA formation team, for all of their love and work with our newest members.

### CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Three cheers for our second year Confirmation students who have completed their requirements for Confirmation. They will join the St. Brigid and St. Helena teens in the Fall to be Confirmed at the Cathedral.

### CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE

Four of our students who are in the Children's Catechumenate here at St. Mark will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, June 2nd. Keep them in your prayers as they complete their final classes in May.

### JEOPARDY AND CELEBRATION PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, May 19th for the annual Jeopardy review of the year and a fun indoor picnic at 4:00 in the St. Mark Pastoral Center. Please email Sheila or call us @ 860-236-3545 to reserve your spot.



