



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

May 26, 2019
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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.

MassSchedule

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Saturday, May 25, 2019

- 4:00 PM Esther H. Hickey, 15th Anniversary, by Her Family—SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, May 26, 2019

- 8:30 AM John Weber, 1st Anniversary, by His Sister-in-Law—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM
11:00 AM Doris and Ralph Uricchio by Their Family—SB
11:45 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH
2:30 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Monday, May 27, 2019

- 8:30 AM For the Repose of the Soul of Claire Dachowski—SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

- 8:30 AM Marie Francies, by the St. Brigid Rosary Group—SB
6:00 PM Vietnamese Mass—SM

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

- 8:30 AM Vito Biancamano by His Wife and Daughter—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Ronald L. Genua—SM
10:00 AM SH
7:00 PM SM

Thursday, May 30, 2019

- 8:30 AM Zbigniew Mlodecki and Walter and Sophie
Pastuszek by Frances—SB
9:00 AM Rev. Leo J. Daily—SM
7:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB



Friday, May 31, 2019

- 9:00 AM Special Intention—SM

Saturday, June 1, 2019

- 8:30 AM Art Kelly by His Family—SB
4:00 PM Halina Szczepankowski by Brian and Carol—SB
4:30 PM Guillermo Baldeon-Diez by Mary Dillion—SM

Sunday, June 2, 2019

- 8:30 AM James and Ann Sylvester by Their Family—SB
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass—SM
10:30 AM SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—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. Joseph will be away from Friday 17 May through Monday 27 May on a Holy Land Pilgrimage.

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

St. Brigid McMahan Hall

from Father Devine...

EASTER'S MEANING...A Sample

Spirit and strength to go on...
Maintaining faith...in the wake of the Church's scandals...
Courtesy shown in the midst of rudeness, arrogance,
and bad attitudes....
Coping with suffering...
Not giving up...
Hope and love that do not quit...

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

These words can certainly bring to mind those who have served and given their lives for our country in the armed forces. We remember them on this holiday weekend, and pray that the Lord, who is never outdone in generosity, has and will amply reward them!

A NEW DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY—THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Just a reminder of the upcoming holy day of obligation on May 30.
Masses will be as follows:

St Mark the Evangelist 7:00 pm (vigil) on 29 May & 9:00 am on 30 May

30 May: **St. Brigid** 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
St. Brigid/St. Augustine School 10:00 am

St. Gianna Parish Events

LADIES GUILD NEWS

MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due Tuesday, June 4 and Wednesday June 5. The Kid's Café and the Day Care Center also need the usual items or any items that you might want to donate. Please call Gina Giacalone at 860 521-8342 or bring your items to 130 Overbrook Road, West Hartford.

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.

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.



MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST and ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Saint Mark Church has a need for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and altar servers. This is a beautiful opportunity for families to serve in ministry together. Children who have received their first communion can be altar servers. Adults over the age of 19 who have been confirmed can become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We have adult parents and children who serve together, as well as married couples. You may have also noticed we have parents who are EMs and their children are altar servers!

A training session will be held in the near future for Extraordinary Ministers (and possibly altar servers). Please send an email to stmarkwhvolunteers@gmail.com or call Keith Griffin at 860-965-9782 for more information. We hope you can join us in these beautiful ministries.

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 may 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Brigid will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary Mass on August 18, 2019. Mark your calendar—you do not want to miss this special event! More details to follow as we get closer to August. .

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.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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Sheehan Hilborn Breen will Continue until further notice as a Food and Personal Care Collection Site to Benefit the West Hartford Food Pantry 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford

Most needed items: (canned fruit, canned meats, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, cold cereal, soups and personal care products) Please be sure items are not expired. Bring your items to Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home 1084 New Britain Avenue West Hartford from 9 am-4 pm Monday - Friday. Please place the items in the container just inside the back door. Or if you prefer, call us and someone will come out to your car to pick up the items. 860-561-3800

THE GIFT OF PEACE

"There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as **Catholic Worker House, Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center—Matt Talbot Retreats and the St. Thomas the Apostle Food Pantry** right here in our own area received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

Last weekend was Commitment Weekend across the Archdiocese for the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*. If you have not yet made your gift an Appeal Envelope can be located in the church again this weekend, please consider donating today. It is not too late to help!!

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.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2,
11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
(for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;
Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12
-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for
Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23;
Lk 24:46-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury; Memorial
Day

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday)

Friday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Justin; First Saturday



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether
circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2,
22-29).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Psalm 67)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the
new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or*
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to you (John 14:23-29) *or John 17:20-26.*

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

Generations of Faith and Catholic Jeopardy

This season of GOF concludes over two hun-
dred programs of intergenerational learning for
St. Mark Church.

Generations of Faith ended with a rousing
game of Catholic Jeopardy to test our faith
knowledge. The board was set up to include several
children's questions which were meant to be
answered only by children twelve and
younger. However, we found that our little ones
could handle all of the Jeopardy questions right
along with the adults.

The game got more and more exciting as
Team Charlie and Team Jack vied for first
place. When it was time to bet points on the final
question, Team Charlie had 560 points and Team
Jack was in the lead with a close 590 points. Team
Charlie risked it all and Team Jack waged 561
points. The question was: "*What is the symbol for
the Gospel of John?*" Team Charlie pulled it off
with: "*What is the Eagle?*"

Our Catholic review was concluded with a
delicious spread prepared by Jerry Freda, Kathleen
and Chuck Richards, Jim Birmingham and Jimmy
Warren. Ann and Ken Bach joined the kitchen crew
for clean-up assisted by Norma Spadola. Sheila
Litchfield outdid herself with the decorations. Our
teenagers, Lydia Griffin and Keilynn Claudio ran the
popcorn machine and Dylan and Megan
Richards kept score and time.

The event was educational, inspirational, and
a real community builder. We were all amazed at
how much we learned about the Gospel of John this
season. It is true, an encounter with Jesus
transforms lives. Happy Summer!

Religious Education Information for 2019-2020

Please watch the bulletin for information regarding
registration for Religious Education and for the
celebration of Confirmation.

The 10:30 Mass will continue with the Children's
Liturgy program throughout the summer months.

Religious Education Teachers and Volunteers

Thank you to all of the teachers and volunteers who
made this past season of Religious Education such a
joy. Your love for our children and your faith
knowledge inspired all of us.

St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School

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Call: (860) 561-2130, ext. 106

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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day, a holiday that was once known as Decoration Day. It came to us from the South and the Civil War custom of decorating the graves of the dead killed in the Civil War. It has now been extended to remember all those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Of course many people still decorate graves of the beloved dead on this day. While the secular world may think of this weekend as "the unofficial start to summer," take some time to remember and reflect on those who gave their lives so that we all could be free.

