



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

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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See inside the Bulletin for details

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.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 4, 2020

- 3:00-3:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SB
3:15-4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SM
6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Sunday, 5, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Monday, Monday April 6, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SB
6:00-7:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession—SM
6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Tuesday, Tuesday April 7, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

- 6:00-7:00 Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Thursday, April 9, 2020—Holy Thursday

- 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Friday, April 10, 2020—Good Friday

- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Saturday, April 11, 2020—Holy Saturday

- 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Sunday, April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

- 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Church Open for Private Prayer (SB and SM)

Note: All “canceled” Mass intentions may be rescheduled for a later date once life begins to return to normal. :-) Throughout this period, as we celebrate private Masses, your Mass intentions will continue to be remembered.

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

LENTEN SEASON 2020

Lenten **fast** and **abstinence** regulations :

fasting = 1 substantial meal, plus 2 other *light* meatless meals allowed
mandatory on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
encouraged on other days of Lent
persons 18 - 60 years old

abstinence = no meat, or even soup/gravy made from meat
mandatory on Ash Wednesday, Lenten Fridays, & Good Friday
persons 14 years & older*

*Fasting encouraged on Holy Saturday as well.

ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION...for those unable to be at Mass

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You by sin. Amen.

COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) – POLICY FOR ST. GIANNA PARISH

All church door handles, pew tops, and hardcover hymnals are now regularly being sanitized.

Per the Governor's order, non-essential employees cannot work at this time. Accordingly, the Administrative Center will not have Karla and Barbara on duty—in effect, no office hours. As best you can, please attempt to do your business with us via phone messages, or by discussion/appointment with Fr. Devine.

The Administrative Center telephone (860) 236-5965 will be regularly checked for messages. Priority items for your interest will be described on our phone greeting message, and changed as need be.

At this time, the updated bulletin continues to be available in our church buildings on the reading tables. Depending upon the course of events, be aware that there might not be a church bulletin, or it might only be accessible online at saintgiannaparish.org.

Always remember, **LIFE GOES ON!** ...

as well as these tidbits from God's Word...

*God is for us a refuge and strength,
A helper close at hand in time of distress;
So we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea*

St. Gianna Parish Events

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE GOES ON

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus will be having a canned food drive for the 40 days of Lent. One can for every day of Lent is suggested (if you are able—all donations are welcome!) Suggested items: tuna fish, soup, peanut butter, pasta. Collected items will be distributed to food banks, and shelters. Please leave a can if you come for private prayer or Confession. The needy still need you!

LADIES GUILD COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Communion Breakfast (so far) will be held at Rockledge Grille on Sunday, May 3rd. We will begin at 10:30 following the 8:30 Mass and the cost remains at \$20. Sr. Eileen Fucito has agreed to be our speaker again this year.

Payment can be made by mailing a check, payable to the “Saint Brigid Ladies Guild” to the Saint Gianna Administrative Center or by contacting Sharraine at (860) 841-1711. If the event is canceled, your check will be returned.

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the envelope designated for this purpose, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and providing humanitarian care to refugees. Please be generous.

from Fr. Devine...

HOLY WEEK 2020

A Holy Week quite unlike any other we have ever had ... among other things, not being able to *physically* come together as a parish community and celebrate the saving events of our faith – it hurts!

In Spite of this, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord speak quite strongly to us in our current struggle; this Great Week offers a unique opportunity to enrich ourselves and our faith. The resources are there: televised Masses and devotions, online material from the likes of Bishop Barron, USCCB Bishops’ Conference, EWTN, and the like. In addition, we hope to have various Holy Week services from our own parish *You Tube* page available for viewing by clicking this link on your online computer or device: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCusFI-XQrobj0hF2CQaQlzw>. Or to make things easier, in the search box at YouTube, type “St. Gianna Parish West Hartford,” and our channel will pop right up!

The events recalled during Holy Week were our Lord’s greatest challenges, overcome! As always, our Holy Week offers HOPE to all of us!

*Look upon your people, O Lord,
and as they draw near to the coming festivities,
bestow upon them abundance of heavenly grace,
that helped by the consolations of this world,
they may be impelled more readily
towards higher goods that cannot be seen.*

Roman Missal, p.115

March 27, 2020

Dear Parents of St. Mark's Religious Education Programs,

I hope you are all doing well and are healthy as we attempt to flatten the curve of the Coronavirus. Now that it has become apparent that we will not be able to continue with the traditional in class approach to religious education we have decided to go with homeschooling approach as we finish out the school year.

I have reached out to the Catechists and we now have a plan for each grade. You should receive an email by the end of March 25 with more specifics about the plan for you and your child. If you do not, please email me at sandy.st.mark@gmail.com and I will send the information to you. You can also reach me at my personal cell phone 860-214-6557, but it is best to email if possible.

I understand that these are stressful times for parents and children. I do not want religious education to become a burden, but rather it is my hope that these classes will become a blessing to you and your children and you pass on the faith together. You have all summer to complete these assignments and we will review them together at our first class in the fall.

| Grade | Plan | Contact | Notes |
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| 1-2 | Complete the booklet "What the Church Believes and Teaches". These books were sent out to all the families through the mail on March 27th. Review the Easter Story. More details will follow via email. | Angela Everett 21everetta@granbyschools.org | Watch your mailbox |
| 3 | Complete the booklet "We Believe and Celebrate First Communion" and Review the booklet "We Believe and Celebrate First Penance". Both books were sent to the families on March 27th. | Mary Berstene -- mberstene@gmail.com Erin Oakes-- silverbellsingout@yahoo.com | We will schedule First Penance and First Communion once public Masses begin again |
| 4 | Pack of games and activities e-mailed March 25th. | Q Le-- qle@pasiusa.com or Manuel Canales-- manoli1712@gmail.com | Enjoy the family time |
| 5 | Email sent March 25 and every Friday until Easter with activities, videos, prayers, etc. | Sue Faenza-- sfaenza3@gmail.com Ann Bach ohanabiz07@snet.net | Watch for emails on Fridays! |
| 6 | Email sent March 21--Chapter 10 Second email will follow during Holy Week | Ms. DiTaranto-- ditaranto@att.net | Email with any questions |
| 7 | Continue with the Morality book. Chapter 9 "Loving for Life, Chapter 10" Called to Justice", Chapter 11 "Called to Truth" and Chapter 13 "The Power of a Moral Life"--Special emphasis on page 107 that will be collected next school year. | Mrs. Rizzo-- reverett0330@gmail.com | Parents will want to assist with questions, especially Chapter 9...email me if you have questions.... |
| 8 | Emails from Mr. Conaghan with detailed information. First one sent March 24. Second one will come out during Holy Week. | Mr. Conaghan-- fccefield@gmail.com | Email Mr. Conaghan with any questions |
| 9-10 | Decision Point Session Six: Relationships--View videos at https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-6/ and complete workbook pages 141-164. | Mrs. Palma-- ceciliopalma@sbcglobal.net Mrs. Baldi-- a.baldi@comcast.net Mr. Baldi-- g.baldi@comcast.net Mrs. Freda-- enyce@comcast.net | Parents will want to assist with questions |

PARISH WISH LIST- 2020

No one likes to spend money – without knowing where it is going. Here is an opportunity, once again this year, to make a special offering to our parish, (in memory of a loved one, if you wish) and know exactly where the money is going! Items may be purchased, and costs shared by more than one person - if you so desire. Contributors will be acknowledged. Also, once again our thanks go to all who have participated the last several years in this endeavor.

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| Hosts for Mass (<i>partially taken ... Thank you!</i>) | \$339 remaining | parish annual cost |
| Altar wine (<i>already taken – Thank you!</i>) | \$ 0 remaining | parish annual cost |
| Altar candles | \$4,000 | parish annual cost |
| Easter/Paschal Candles (<i>partially taken ... Thank you!</i>) | \$ 200 | parish annual cost |
| Missalettes/hymnals | \$6,000 | parish annual cost |
| Sanctuary/tabernacle lights | \$ 500 | parish annual cost |
| Incense (<i>already taken – Thank you!</i>) | \$ 0 remaining | parish annual cost |
| *Church flowers/plants | \$2,500 | parish annual cost |
| Palms (Palm Sunday) (<i>partially taken ... Thank you!</i>) | \$ 200 | parish annual cost |

N.B., *Church flowers listed here do **not** include those for Christmas and Easter, which are covered by our collections for those purposes.

'Parish annual cost' = the sum total for both St. Brigid and St. Mark.

ST. BRIGID PASCAL CANDLE DEDICATION

This year's Paschal Candle at St. Brigid burns in memory of Andy Mank, Dick Kyle and Geri Olander.

ST. GIANNA ALTAR WINE DEDICATION

The Altar Wine for St. Gianna has been purchased in memory of Robert and Frances Ardini and Michael Bergan by the Ardini and Bergan Families

ST. BRIGID PALMS DEDICATIONS

In Memory of Paul and Catherine Grimes

HOSANNA!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11;
i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22- 23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);
Fast and Abstinence
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;
Holy Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).
First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalms — My God, my God, why have you Abandoned me? (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).
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