



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

*April 19, 2020*  
*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

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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 18, 2020*

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

*Sunday, April 19, 2020*

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

*Monday, April 20, 2020*

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

*Tuesday, April 21, 2020*

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

*Wednesday, April 22, 2020*

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

*Thursday, April 23, 2020*

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

*Friday, April 24, 2020*

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

*Saturday, April 25, 2020*

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

*Sunday, April 26, 2020*

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*

**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.

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*from Father Devine...*

*\*here's a column that I wrote ten years ago (!) ... funny – the more things change, the more they...*

**EASTER...2010 STYLE**

The instinct of faith...the drive to go on, to persevere...maintaining one's course...holding a sense of perspective about your place in the Church - about evil - and the power of God...These phrases have come to life for me once again in recent days. It is yet another wonderful example of the *strength* of our faith, and of you - the Church! Newspaper headlines and events have brought us sorrow - no question! Nevertheless, this faith of yours is further **proof** of the Resurrection...2010 style. Alleluia!

May I, in addition, share with you these words from a former classmate of Boston seminary days, Father Rodney Copp..

*We will survive this trying time. The Church and our faith are stronger than the strongest adversary that can plague them...We will once again move forward, sadder and wiser for what we have learned. May God enable us to gain that vision that recognizes where our faith is anchored - not in fallible human beings, but rather in the grace and providence of God.*

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

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

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 and seasonal material on the reading tables.

Always remember, **LIFE GOES ON—especially life in Christ!**

## *St. Gianna Parish Events*



### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter Flower Intentions for envelopes received by April 8 are in our respective churches. Because of the unusual nature of this time, if you would like to submit an Easter Flower envelope, I will be doing “supplemental Easter Flower Intention” lists for envelopes received as long as I continue to receive them. Easter is 50 days and we do have flowers in our churches for that 50 day period (although this year.....?). Nevertheless, I will publish all intentions, for as long as it takes!



### **A Note about the Sacrament of Confession and Funerals in this Time of Coronavirus**

The Archdiocese has suspended the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the time being. As always, individual confessions can be arranged for almost any time and day by appointment.

Funeral Masses have been suspended at this time as well. Wake services at funeral homes are not to be recommended. Graveside services are still permitted, limited to immediate family, and close friends only, and their number must be in keeping with limits established by civil authorities. Remember, there is always the option of having a Memorial Mass celebrated at a later time after the burial.

### **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life

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.

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](mailto: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
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 <a href="mailto:21everetta@granbyschools.org">21everetta@granbyschools.org</a>	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 -- <a href="mailto:mberstene@gmail.com">mberstene@gmail.com</a>  Erin Oakes-- <a href="mailto:silverbellsingout@yahoo.com">silverbellsingout@yahoo.com</a>	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-- <a href="mailto:qle@pasiusa.com">qle@pasiusa.com</a> or Manuel Canales-- <a href="mailto:manoli1712@gmail.com">manoli1712@gmail.com</a>	Enjoy the family time
5	Email sent March 25 and every Friday until Easter with activities, videos, prayers, etc.	Sue Faenza-- <a href="mailto:sfaenza3@gmail.com">sfaenza3@gmail.com</a> Ann Bach <a href="mailto:ohanabiz07@snet.net">ohanabiz07@snet.net</a>	Watch for emails on Fridays!
6	Email sent March 21--Chapter 10 Second email will follow during Holy Week	Ms. DiTaranto-- <a href="mailto:ditaranto@att.net">ditaranto@att.net</a>	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-- <a href="mailto:reverett0330@gmail.com">reverett0330@gmail.com</a>	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-- <a href="mailto:fccefield@gmail.com">fccefield@gmail.com</a>	Email Mr. Conaghan with any questions
9-10	Decision Point Session Six: Relationships--View videos at <a href="https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-6/">https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/session-6/</a> and complete workbook pages 141-164.	Mrs. Palma-- <a href="mailto:ceciliopalma@sbcglobal.net">ceciliopalma@sbcglobal.net</a> Mrs. Baldi-- <a href="mailto:a.baldi@comcast.net">a.baldi@comcast.net</a> Mr. Baldi-- <a href="mailto:g.baldi@comcast.net">g.baldi@comcast.net</a> Mrs. Freda-- <a href="mailto:enyce@comcast.net">enyce@comcast.net</a>	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.

Hosts for Mass ( <i>already taken ... Thank you!</i> )	\$0 remaining	
Altar wine ( <i>already taken – Thank you!</i> )	\$ 0 remaining	
Altar candles ( <i>partially taken ... Thank you!</i> )	\$3,8000	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	
*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

### **ST. BRIGID HOSTS AND ALTAR WINE DEDICATION**

In Memory of Frank and Gina Garofalo

## Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 19, 2020

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

— *John 20:29b*

### EASTER

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.

—Katharine Lee Bates

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);  
Julian Calendar Easter

Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah  
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals  
Day; Earth Day

Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;  
National Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark

### GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;  
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;  
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;  
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-  
17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-  
11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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