



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

April 26, 2020
Third 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.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

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)

Monday, April 27, 2020

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

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

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

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

Thursday, April 30, 2020

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

Friday, May 1, 2020

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

Saturday, May 2, 2020

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

Sunday, May 3, 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

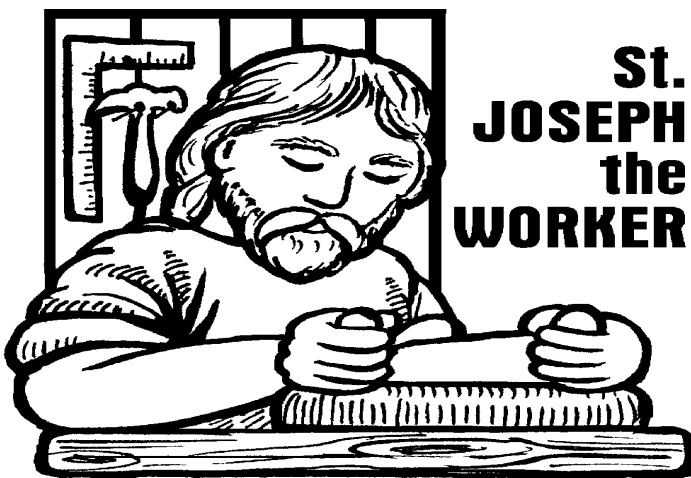
My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You by sin. Amen.

from Father Devine...

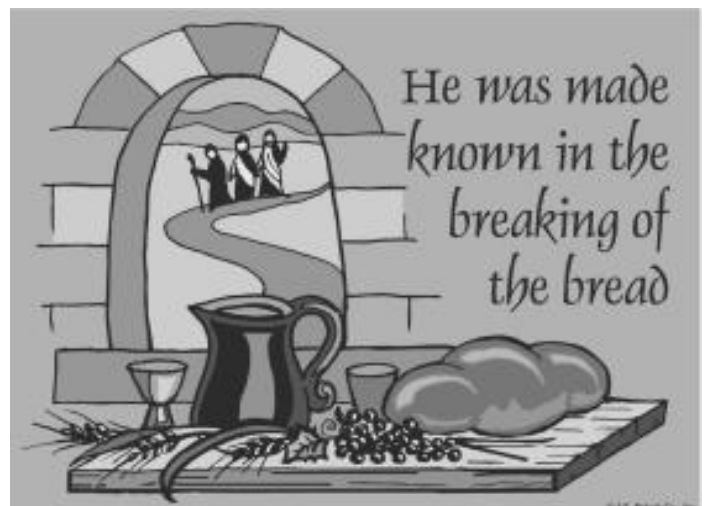
They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

These words taken from last Sunday's first reading at Mass, give us a glimpse into the church at its beginning, otherwise known as the "primitive church." We see its four marks, or characteristics. Notice the reference to "communal life," which is spelled out a bit a little later in the text. It tells us that these people were connected! Before internet, phones, e-mail, media, or anything else modern-day...they were tight - there were lines of support among themselves – they cared for each other – they made it their business to be this way. No wonder this quote emerged from that segment of church history: "*See those Christians, how they love one another!*"

Centuries later, it is easy for a parish to become no more than a gathering of isolated individuals with no support or connection among themselves. During the **Covid 19 virus time**, we have a **great invitation and opportunity** to renew and strengthen our parish community. For example, as one using e-mail and the internet, you might know of someone (or more) who may be cut off from many, if not all people – who may be struggling with loneliness and isolation. Reach out to them! Find out how they're doing, and if they may be in need of assistance of some sort, perhaps. If need be, advise me of their situation. It could be a game-changer for them, not to mention – you, and our parish as a whole! Your timely action could be a 2020 fulfillment of that ancient saying – "*See those Christians, how they love one another!*"



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St. Gianna Parish Events



STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord,
along the road of resurrection!
Explain for us, so slow to believe,
the things that Scripture says of you.
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
whenever we share our lives
with our brothers and sisters.
Stay with us
each time night approaches
and the daylight fades in our hearts!

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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

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many “Good Works” of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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 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 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

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

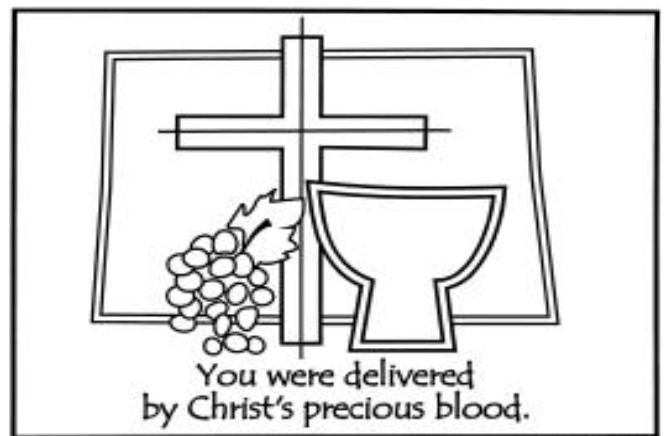
COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) – POLICY FOR ST. GIANNA PARISH

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!**



Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

You have made known to me the paths of life;

— you will fill me with joy in your presence.
— *Acts 2:28*



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel;

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday: St. Pius V

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday

Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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