



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

*May 3, 2020*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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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](http://www.hartfordpriest.org).  
You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

*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)

*Monday, May 4, 2020*

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

*Tuesday, May 5, 2020*

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

*Wednesday, May 6, 2020*

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

*Thursday, May 7, 2020*

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

*Friday, May 8, 2020*

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

*Saturday, May 9, 2020*

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

*Sunday, May 10, 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...*

Fear of failure, fear of virus infection, fear of terrorists, fear of pain, being hurt, being unloved, serious illnesses,  
Fear that what I believe and hope in may not be true  
Fear of pandemic, war, and of course, death...

Think and ponder these...

**RESURRECTION** strips fear of its power and place in life.

Christ is risen, having been through the worst.

Fear is toast – unless you decide to live that way.

**COUNTING SHEEP**

When at night you cannot sleep,  
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

—Anonymous

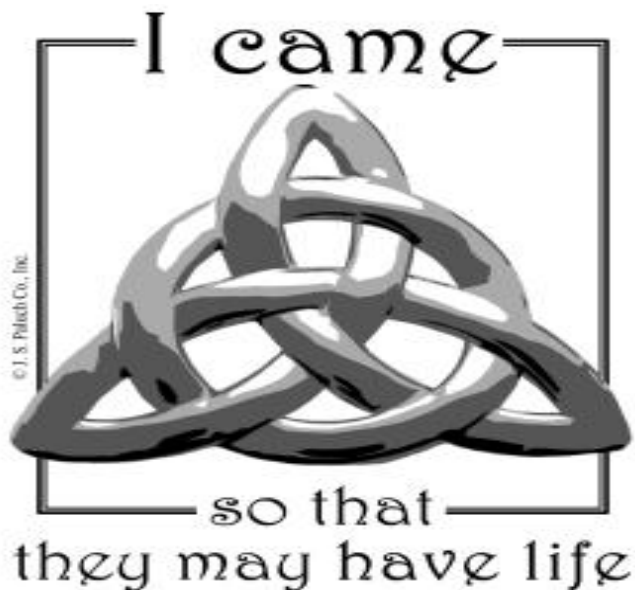
**ENTRANCE**

How else but through a broken heart  
May the Lord Christ enter in?

—Oscar Wilde



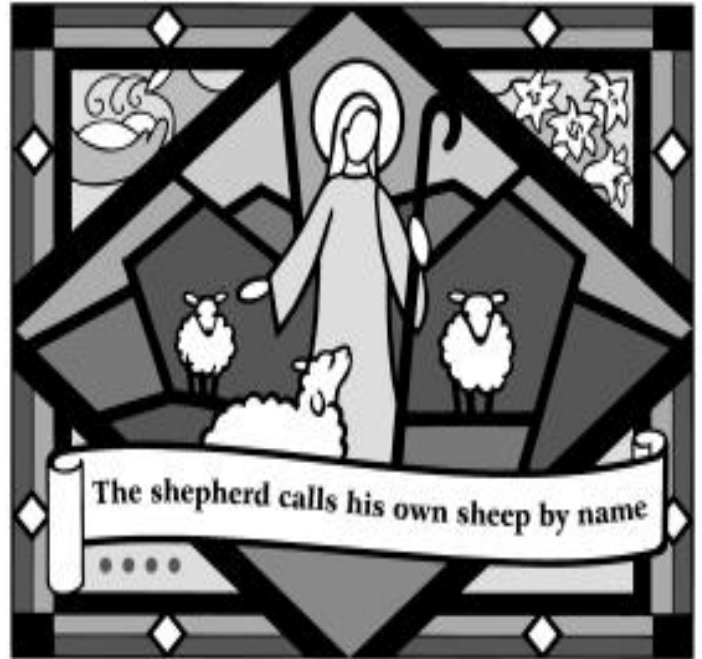
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## *St. Gianna Parish Events*

### **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 17th. A book award will be given. For more information contact the Administrative Center at 860 236-5965.



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### **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 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 Foodshare, House of Bread, and The Town that Cares Fund—West Hartford right here in our area received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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

## **IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD**

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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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!**

## **SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

**May 3**

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARK

**Sacramental News:** We are currently waiting to reschedule the sacraments of first Reconciliation and First Communion for our third graders until we have more information on the government timeline with reopening our state and churches. Parents are encouraged to finish the religious education books with their children and it is our hope to hold a review for the children before the sacraments. Updates will be available in the bulletin and via email. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Sandy Everett at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com)

**St. Mark the Evangelist Feast Day!** The feast day of St. Mark was April 25th. The Gospel of St. Mark is the shortest Gospel in the Bible and many consider it to be the first Gospel written. It was written with a type of urgency which makes it an easy and quick read. Prayer cards for St. Mark the Evangelist are on the tables in the church. Feel free to take one and pass it along to a friend.

**CBS 075 Making Sense of the Bible:** Unfortunately we are going to need to cancel the last few classes of CBS 075 due to the Coronavirus. We will finish this course in the fall. We hope to keep the same days and times.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— *1 Peter 2:24a*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;

Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;

Jn 10:22-30

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 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized

(Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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