



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

May 10, 2020  
*Fifth 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.  
You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

*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)

*Monday, May 11, 2020*

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

*Tuesday, May 12, 2020*

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

*Wednesday, May 13, 2020*

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

*Thursday, May 14, 2020*

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

*Friday, May 15 2020*

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

*Saturday, May 16, 2020*

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

*Sunday, May 17, 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...*

***Good news! So far, so good!***

For the months of March and April, our incoming offertory receipts and donations were approximately 85% of ‘normal time’ levels! *Bravo!*

OUR THANKS to all of you whose financial giving includes your parish in these difficult times!

Also, whether thru emails, phone calls, or other personal contacts, we see your faith-based spirit of dealing with life’s realities, coupled with hope and perseverance. *Well done!*

May God bring to completion in you this good work which He has begun!

**NOT EASY**

Faith makes all things possible—it does not make them easy.  
—Anonymous

**LEGACY**

We want to give our children what we didn’t have; but let’s make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.  
—Anonymous

*Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.*

These words from today’s Gospel speak of our faith as a refuge. How appropriate for us to reflect on them at this time! In recent months, we have learned to celebrate our faith in new ways. Through our parish website and social media, we hope that it has helped to bring you strength and consolation during this time. If you are able to sustain your support for the parish, we are deeply grateful. You may sign up for online giving or take a donation to the rectory. The Hartford Bishops’ Foundation is helping all parishes in the Archdiocese through a “Support My Parish” campaign. The effort provides an additional opportunity for generosity by welcoming special gifts in the coming 90 days. These donations can be restricted to the parish, and 100% of the proceeds will go directly to our parish. For more information, or to give, please visit <https://www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org/emergency-response-fund>.

## *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.



### **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.

**THE HARTFORD BISHOPS' FOUNDATION**  
**ASSISTING PARISHES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
**APRIL 30, 2020**

As many of you know, the suspension of parish life has had a significant impact on thousands of families, students, educators, and staff who are served through the 131 parishes and more than 40 Catholic schools across the region, including our parish family.

In response to this crisis, the Archdiocese of Hartford and The Hartford Bishops' Foundation - an independent, lay-governed 501(c)(3) partner of the Archdiocese - are actively supporting our parishes during this time of uncertainty with fundraising and communications guidance, financial assistance, and emergency response efforts. Below is a brief summary of the three initiatives being led by The Hartford Bishops' Foundation that are now underway:

- An **Offertory Restoration Initiative** - Parishes are receiving help and support from Changing Our World, a philanthropic consulting company. Services are helping to set up online giving, social media outreach, and offertory programs.
- A **"Support Your Parish" Campaign**, which invites everyone to make a special gift to their parish to help make up for lost offertory. Through this "special gifts" campaign, everyone is encouraged to do what they can to help their parish. Gifts may be made directly to the parish or through the HBF website.
- HBF has established an **Emergency Response Fund (ERF)** to gather and distribute emergency funds in support of the operational needs of Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in response to the pandemic. These funds will be disbursed based on need, the availability of funds, and each parish's efforts to raise funds from parishioners. The Foundation is currently securing funds for the ERF as quickly as possible and will inform Pastors once the grant cycle opens and how parishes can apply.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

As we navigate our way through these challenging times together, please prayerfully consider supporting our parish in the following ways:

1. Stay connected by viewing our posted video Masses, reading our parish bulletin, and praying for all those affected by COVID-19.
2. Support us however you can through online giving, mailing envelopes to the Administrative Center, or through the "Support Your Parish" Fund on The Hartford Bishops' Foundation website.
3. Consider a special gift to support the greatest needs of our Archdiocese and its parishes by contributing to the Emergency Response Fund.

**For more information about The Hartford Bishops' Foundation,**  
**please visit: <https://www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org>**

Please contact the Foundation at [hbferf@aohct.org](mailto:hbferf@aohct.org) or call 860-913-2693 for more information about these initiatives.

## VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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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.

We continue to actively monitor the building for your safety.

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—may the Risen Lord strengthen you for the long haul.**

## **SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA’I (1840-1889)**

### **May 10**

In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka’i.

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi; Mother Teresa; and, though Williams’ film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien’s statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint’s universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders’ idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ’s light into Moloka’i’s bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: “We lepers,” he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them.

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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)

**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.



### MARY OUR MOTHER

What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab,  
21; Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5;  
Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8;  
Jn 15:9-17  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;  
Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5;  
Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16,  
20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;  
Mother's Day  
Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus;  
St. Pancras  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday: St. Matthias  
Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
Saturday: Armed Forces Day

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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