



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

May 24, 2020
Seventh 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, May 23, 2020

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

Sunday, May 24, 2020

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

Monday, May 25, 2020

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

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

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

Thursday, May 28, 2020

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

Friday, May 29, 2020

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

Saturday, May 30, 2020

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

Sunday, May 31, 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.

For your information...re: (video-posted) Pentecost Vigil Mass (next weekend)...

*On the vigil of Pentecost, encouragement should be given
to a prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a vigil,
Whose character is not baptismal as in the Easter Vigil,
But one of urgent prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit...*

With these words of the Church in mind, a special, more solemn celebration of our Vigil Mass will occur next weekend, as it has in recent years, designed to take advantage of the importance of this moment in the Church year. The Church thus encourages us to *take some extra time to try to appreciate the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church* - then and now! Prayer for the entire Church is particularly appropriate as we continue to face and work through challenging problems of our day, of which there are obviously PLENTY! Mindful of these, consider once again these traditional verses to the Holy Spirit...

*Come, Holy Spirit!
Shine within these hearts of yours, and our inmost being, fill!
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew...
Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill,
guide the steps that go astray...*

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP BLAIR...

In order to plan for the reopening of public worship in the Archdiocese I have appointed the Director of Worship, Father Michael Ruminski, to chair a committee of pastors made up of Monsignors Donnelly and Matera and Fathers Jimenez and Donahue. They are charged with making recommendations to me as to how we can best meet the challenge of reintroducing public worship while observing all the necessary medical precautions!

Finally, it is my intention to maintain the dispensation from the Sunday obligation for everyone once we resume public worship. I would not want someone genuinely fearful for his or her health, especially the elderly, to be troubled in conscience about their Sunday Mass attendance.

***We currently wait for the committee's actions/recommendations, which should be forthcoming in the near future.**

St. Gianna Parish Events

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL MEMORABILIA

Rebecca Goddard, the Principal of the St. Brigid-St. Augustine Partnership School has reached out to the St. Brigid community as the time for closing the school is approaching. She states that there are old banners, sports trophies, and framed class photos at the school that alumni might wish to have. If you have questions about these items, or would like more information, please call Mrs. Goddard at 203 836-7060 or email her at rgoddard@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net. She will be happy to send along photos to you as well.



HEAVEN

The world is only peopled to people heaven.
—St. Francis de Sales

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, in the words of a well-known song, *though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand!*

A Reminder re: Confessions 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.

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 or call 860-913-2693 for more information about these initiatives.

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 (already taken ... Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	
Altar wine (already taken – Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	
Altar candles (partially taken ... Thank you!)	\$ 3,800	parish annual cost
Easter/Paschal Candles (already taken ... Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	
Missalettes/hymnals (already taken – Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	
Sanctuary/tabernacle lights	\$ 500	parish annual cost
Incense (already taken – Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	
*Church flowers/plants	\$ 2,500	parish annual cost
Palms (Palm Sunday) (already taken ... Thank you!)	\$ 0 remaining	

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 PASCHAL CANDLE DEDICATION

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

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PASCHAL CANDLE DEDICATION

This year’s Paschal Candle at St. Mark burns in memory of Ann and Bill Cullinane

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Faith-Filled Friends Food Drive—St. Mark Church is planning a food drive for the end of the month. We are still working out the details. If you are a Confirmation Prep Student and would like to help, please email Mrs. Everett. More details will be sent out to the kids once we have a specific date and time.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In June, after years of study, one man is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During the years of preparation for his vocation, he was supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

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/>



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“They have kept your word.”
— *John 17:6b*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5,
7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24,
35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-
39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31,
34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi;
Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at
sunset
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Paul VI

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

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