



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

*May 31, 2020*  
*Pentecost Sunday*

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*Reverend Tuan Anh "Andy" Mai, Pastor, St. Andrew Dung-Lac*  
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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 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)

*Monday, June 1, 2020*

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

*Tuesday, June 2, 2020*

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

*Wednesday, June 3, 2020*

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

*Thursday, June 4, 2020*

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

*Friday, June 5, 2020*

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

*Saturday, June 6, 2020*

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

*Sunday, June 7, 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*

## **Opening Churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford – Our next Steps**

--Beginning Monday, 8 June, the celebration of daily/weekday Masses can resume. We will return to our normal weekday schedules at both St. Brigid and St. Mark at that time. However, for any Mass at this time:

--maximum limit of 50 people

--all congregation members must wear masks/face coverings

--Previously-scheduled Mass intentions for 8 June onward will be observed on their requested days. If a change is desired, please contact us.

--Other basics for Covid days to keep in mind and observe:

--Social distancing of 6 feet or more, except for members of the same house

--Use hand sanitizers, as needed

--Communion line...

--maintain distance as you would in a store checkout line

--Communion in the hand

--Baptisms, Marriages, and Funeral Masses can resume (8 June), with the same precautions mentioned above. Likewise, the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confessions at their Saturday afternoon accustomed times in our churches...

--Confessions will be held in a private area in church, but one that is a bit less closed-in than the traditional confessional space.

--re: Sunday Masses... we anticipate and hope these will resume in the near future

--all church door handles, pews, and hardcover hymnals continue to be regularly sanitized

--**SMILE! The path back to normalcy has begun! ;)**

*from Fr. Devine...*

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

*Newness – new things – new ways:* the Church is quite accustomed to these! Among many examples, just look at her history at the very beginning, right after Jesus. It was all brand new – uncharted and unexplored on the frontiers of faith.

It is not too much of a stretch to say that apart from the core beliefs, the early Church basically had to make it up as they went along!

Emerging from Covid-19, likewise there will be much new – uncharted and unexplored, new ways whether temporary or more lasting. We have been here before –

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

## **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](mailto:rgoddard@stbstapartnership.eduk12.net). She will be happy to send along photos to you as well.

## **A message for all the members of our Saint Brigid Ladies Guild**

To insure the safety of our members and friends and to remain in compliance with directives from Governor Lamont there will be no meeting in June.

The following members of the Executive Board have agreed to remain for the 2020-2021 year:

President-Alison Goroshko -- 860-561-9629

1st Vice President-Maureen McClay

2nd Vice President-Elizabeth Donaghey

Secretary- Jackie Rozza

Treasurer-Beverly Scharper--860-313-1498

We are looking for someone to fill the 3rd Vice President slot. There are chairwomen in place for all the committees associated with this position.

Also if anyone is interested in continuing the practice of calling members on their birthday, this is also open. Gilbette Anderson started this and made it her mission for many years, followed by Camilla Hynes and Ann Murphy. This may fall by the wayside if we do not find a volunteer. Interested angels for any of the above can call Alison or Beverly. Phone numbers are listed above

Perhaps we will be able to have some sort of an informal outdoor get together over the summer. Please stay healthy and keep our Sister Guild Members in your prayers.

## **SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (martyred 1886-87)**

### **June 3**

“Master of Pages,” reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenaged boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being “those who pray.” But these royal pages were the king’s male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his “unreasonable demands.” Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King’s lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbagwa, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity’s African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope’s words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response?

**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.

**ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION...for those unable to be at Mass, or receive the Eucharist for whatever reason....**

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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## **Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center**

Throughout this pandemic, Holy Family has been providing daily Messages of hope, including some musical selections from our renowned music ministry.

In June, we are offering programs for targeted audiences – Young Adults, Men, Women, Mothers and Seniors & Grandparents – with our *Together We Rise* Series. Check our website for more information and to register at [holyfamilyretreat.org/together-we-rise](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/together-we-rise).



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## **THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT**

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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## 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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide critical funding needed to feed the hungry, counsel those in despair, offer much needed assistance to the unemployed and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will continue these and other vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need. 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.



### PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself,  
then you can also bring peace to others.

—Thomas à Kempis

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;

Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4,  
10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;  
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10,  
14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160,  
161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6;  
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab,  
16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;  
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church;  
Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions

Friday: St. Boniface; First Friday

Saturday: St. Norbert; First Saturday

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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