



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

June 7, 2020
The Most Holy Trinity

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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.

Mass Schedule

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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)

Monday, June 8, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

8:30 AM SB

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

8:30 AM Giovanni, Antoinette and Giancarlo Galatro by Antoinette Ragone—SB

9:00 AM SM

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

Thursday, June 11, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

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

Friday, June 12, 2020

9:00 AM SM

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

Saturday, June 13, 2020

8:30 AM JoAnn and Ken Martinson by Their Family—SB

8:30 AM Syro-Malabar Mass—SH

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

Sunday, June 14, 2020

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

*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:

- social distancing 6 feet, per the Governor’s order, as anywhere else at this time;
- maximum limit of 100 people;
- all congregation members must wear masks/face coverings;
- Communion in the hand, please.

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

- Social distancing mentioned above does not apply to members of the same house;
- Use of personal hand sanitizers is strongly encouraged;
- Communion line...maintain distance as you would in a store checkout line.

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

--Baptisms, Marriages, and Funeral Masses can resume (8 June), with the same Covid-19 precautions mentioned above.

—Likewise, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions on Saturday afternoons will be held at their accustomed hours in our churches. Confessions will occur 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! :)**

TRINITY SUNDAY

John 3:16...

<i>God</i>	the greatest lover
<i>so loved</i>	the greatest degree
<i>the world</i>	the greatest company
<i>that he gave</i>	the greatest act
<i>His only-begotten Son</i>	the greatest gift
<i>that whosoever</i>	the greatest opportunity
<i>believeth</i>	the greatest simplicity
<i>in Him</i>	the greatest attraction
<i>should not perish</i>	the greatest promise
<i>but</i>	the greatest difference
<i>have</i>	the greatest certainty
<i>eternal life</i>	the greatest possession

Although written a number of years ago, this has a certain timeless quality to it!

(from Leaves of Gold, Williamsport, PA.: Coslett Publishing Company, 1964)

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

BELATED HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

St. Gianna Parish wants to wish Rev. Francis Johnson a belated “Happy Anniversary.” He passed the celebration of his 60th Anniversary of Priesthood in quarantine May 26, 2020. Ad multos annos!

Sunday 14 June—(SB)

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord/Corpus Christi

12:30-5:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament/Adoration
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer/Vespers

THANK YOU!

You may recall receiving a postcard from St. Gianna recently. Thank you to those parishioners who updated their information via the link on our web site (saintgiannaparish.org) or by emailing Karla. As we are reaching out in various ways, we are discovering that our parish database is not correct. Please let us know if you have moved—or please register if you have joined the parish! It helps us to keep in touch in times like these (although we hope that there are no more of these times in our future!)

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 of the items 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.

THE HARTFORD BISHOPS' FOUNDATION ASSISTING PARISHES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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.

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.

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.

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

April 16

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernardette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her.

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GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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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.

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

—John Lubbock

The Most Holy Trinity June 7, 2020

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

— *John 3:16a*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8;
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 5:13-16

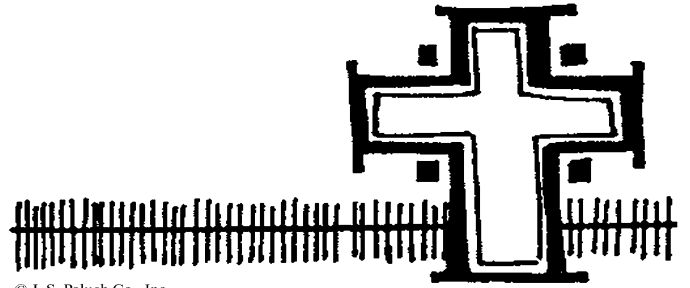
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4,
5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:
10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:
7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5,
7-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-
15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17;
Jn 6:51-58



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity;
Julian Calendar Pentecost

Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Ephrem

Thursday: St. Barnabas

Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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