



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

June 21, 2020
The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 20, 2020

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Monday, June 22, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Theresa Rita Marceau, 3rd Anniversary, by Susan Marceau—SM

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

8:30 AM SB

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

8:30 AM Lucia and Pasquale Peluso by Michael and Rosa Peluso—SB

9:00 AM Richard White and Richard White Jr. Repose of the Soul by Frannie and Charlie Conaghan—SM

Thursday, June 25, 2020

8:30 AM Joseph Guerrera—Birthday Wishes, by Angela Mancini and Donna Wolcott—SB

9:00 AM Roland Veilleux, Happy Birthday, by His Wife—SM

Friday, June 26, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, June 27, 2020

8:30 AM Joseph Hoan Van Nguyrn by His Family—SB

Sunday, June 28, 2020

*SB=St. Brigid;
SH=St. Helena;
SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

Opening Churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford – Our next Steps

--As of Monday, 8 June, the celebration of daily/weekday Masses has resumed. We have returned to our normal weekday schedules at both St. Brigid and St. Mark. 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 are 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 and pews continue to be regularly sanitized.

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

from Father Devine...

A COMPARISON

Sadly, violence never seems to go away...

Violence is a temptation...for nations, groups, and individual persons...

It can be an easy way out...too easy!

Conversation, dialogue, and negotiation are **not** easy ways out: they often demand time, energy, and commitment, ... with end results which are more satisfying and enduring, (ask marriage counselors!).

If you have a problem with someone -

--ask them to call you,

--have the courage to ask to speak with them if/when you happen to be with them,

--do not form opinions and sentiments without having taken the time and initiative

--find out the facts, as well as ***their side of the story***...

anything less is not worthy of our faith, not to mention - our Lord!

I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

(Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*, stanza 4)

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

OFFICE HOURS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

As we begin to resume normalcy, we are beginning to resume somewhat regular office hours at the Administrative Center. We will be open Monday-Thursday 8-4 until July 2. Beginning July 6—or when Sunday Masses resume, whichever is sooner—we will be open on our regular schedule, which is Monday-Thursday from 8-4 and Friday from 9-4. Thank you.

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 fast 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.



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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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.

ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

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SAINT JOHN FISHER (1469-1535) AND SAINT THOMAS MORE (1477-1535)

June 22

From Robert Bolt's classic *A Man for All Seasons* to *Showtime's* edgy *The Tudors*, Thomas More endears himself still: lawyer-statesman of impeccable integrity, remarried widower and affectionate father delighting in a lively household—four children, a pet monkey, even a paid jester! And challenges still: humanist-reformer, yet champion of Catholic faith and papal primacy. John Paul II named him Patron of Statesmen and Politicians, citing More's generous work, both as a lawyer and in government service, on behalf of the poorest and most marginalized people of his time, as well as his promotion of education for all sectors of society. More's decision for principle over politics, conscience over convenience prompted his final words: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." Alone among England's bishops, John Fisher dared challenge Henry VIII's divorce and repudiation of the papacy. When the Pope named the imprisoned Fisher a cardinal, Henry thundered: "Don't bother sending Fisher's red hat here; I'll send Fisher's head to Rome!" Whose "good servants" are we first? Isn't a right conscience worth the pain of standing alone?

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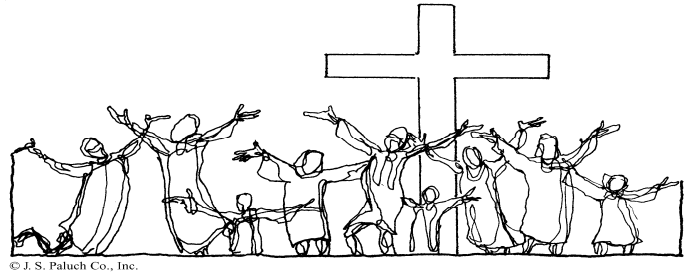
ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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.

FATHERHOOD

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2020

Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor.
— *Jeremiah 20:13*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Father's Day
Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John
the Baptist
Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria;
Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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