



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

July 5, 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, July 4, 2020

4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

4:30 PM Albert Lemire by the Nguyen Family—SM

Sunday, July 5, 2020

8:30 AM Angelina and Francesco Biancamano by Their Family—SB

10:30 AM Fr. William Hilliard, 12th Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

11:00 AM SB

Monday, July 6, 2020

8:30 AM Ezio Antolini by His Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:30 AM SB

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

8:30 AM Giuseppi and Giovanni Biancamano by Their Family—SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM Albert Lemire by the Nguyen Family—SM

Friday, July 10, 2020

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, July 11, 2020

8:30 AM Beatrix (Trixie) Daly, 2nd Anniversary, by Jo Monikowski—SB

4:00 PM —SB

4:30 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

Sunday, July 12, 2020

8:30 AM —SB

10:30 AM Elizabeth Hilliard, 16th Anniversary by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

11:00 AM Special Intentions—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SH=St. Helena;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

Resuming Sunday Masses in the Archdiocese of Hartford

Churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford are able to reinstate the celebration of public Sunday Masses beginning this weekend, July 4 & 5, 2020.

Continuing to follow the required Archdiocesan procedures and respecting the current limits set by Governor Ned Lamont, Sunday Masses can take place beginning this weekend either indoors with a maximum of 25% of the church capacity or 100 total persons, whichever is less, socially distanced, or outdoors with a maximum of 150 persons, socially distanced.

While Sunday Masses are resuming during the weekend of July 4 & 5, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the Archdiocese by the Archbishop will continue to extend through Sunday, September 6, 2020. The elderly, the sick, and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable remain encouraged not to attend at this time.

--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, and

Communion in the hand, please

--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 on Saturday afternoons. Confessions will occur in a private area in church, but one that is a bit less closed-in than the traditional confessional space.

--All church door handles and pews continue to be regularly sanitized.

--SMILE! The path back to normalcy is continuing along quite well! :)

from Father Devine...

Social justice cannot be obtained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create.

St. John Paul II

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak.

Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

Happy 234th, United States!

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

OFFICE HOURS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

Beginning Monday July 6, we will be open on our regular schedule, which is Monday-Thursday from 8-4 and Friday from 9-4. Thank you.

St. Gianna Religious Education Thank You

Many thanks to the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus Council members, who dedicated their time and strength to moving furniture and supplies on Saturday, June 20th from my office at St. Brigid/St. Augustine School, to my new office at the Pastoral Center at St. Mark. Not only did they move everything, and in the heat I might add, but they set up all the furniture in my new office, hanged the bulletin board outside my office, as well as various pictures in my office. I greatly appreciate the efforts of these dedicated men, who know the true meaning of serving their parish and community! Well done, good and faithful servants! ~ Mathew 25:23

~ Donna Wolcott, CRE

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Now in *both of our churches*, we are equipped with a hearing assistance system for use during the celebration of Mass and other liturgical services. Equipment is available for loan/use—just ask for a receiver.

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!)



2020 MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION

The 2020 Mission Appeal Collection will be take as a second collection the weekend of July 18 and 19. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the missionaries are not able to be with us this year; however, although physically distant, we have the opportunity to be present to them through our spiritual and financial support. The ministries of the Piarist Fathers will benefit from St. Gianna's generosity. Our assistance will help them provide basic support for people in Cameroon including digging wells for drinking water near 10 of their schools, educational and food support for students, seminarian formation, and support for thousands of people in the area displaced by civil strife. Our sharing in response to Christ's call that we "love one another" will bring His hope into the lives of many. We ask your generous response. Checks may be made out to the Catholic Aid Mission Office. On their behalf, thank you!

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.

SHARE THE BURDEN

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

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SAINT MARIA GORETTI (1890-1902)

July 6

Does anything match a mother’s pride in her children? First Communions, confirmations, graduations, weddings: how these delight a mother’s heart! Imagine, then, Assunta Goretti, the only mother ever to attend her child’s canonization! In poverty-stricken rural Italy, widowed Assunta tended fields for the Serenelli family, whose eighteen-year-old son, Alessandro, propositioned her barely twelve-year-old Maria; then, when she resisted, crying, “It is a sin! God forbids it!” he stabbed her fourteen times. As she lay dying, Maria assured the attending priest, “Yes, I forgive Alessandro! I want him to be in Paradise with me someday.” Imprisoned, unrepentant, Alessandro changed after dreaming that a radiant Maria had offered him fourteen lilies. “I’ve kept my promise,” she smiled. “You’ll be here with me someday.” Upon release, he rushed to beg Assunta’s forgiveness. “Jesus has forgiven you,” she replied, “my Maria, too. How can I refuse?” Next morning, mother and murderer walked arm in arm to church and knelt side by side for Communion.

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

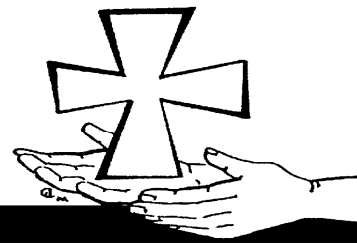
Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and thru the generosity of the Catholic people to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal it was possible for Archbishop Leonard Blair to allocate additional emergency Vicariate Outreach Program grants that were made in May to 91 community-based organizations. These groups provide direct assistance through soup kitchens, food pantries, food banks, and shelters. The additional grants totaled \$322,000.

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2020

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

— *Matthew 11:28*



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THE RIGHT DIRECTION

If we walk one step toward God, God will run ten steps toward us.

—Anonymous

GOING HOME

Life is a voyage that's homeward bound.

—Herman Melville

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22;
Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10;
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7;
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b,
15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-
14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom
8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Monday: St. Maria Goretti

Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong
and Companions

Saturday: St. Benedict

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O
Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes
(Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised
Christ from death will give life to your
mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew
11:25-30).

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