



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

July 12, 2020

*The Fifteenth 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 11, 2020*

*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

## *Monday, July 13, 2020*

*8:30 AM* In Memory of Doris LaRocque—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Tuesday, July 14, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Carmelo and Angela Ragone by Their Sister-in-Law—SB

## *Wednesday, July 15, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Francesco and Maria DiTaranto by Their Family—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Thursday, July 16, 2020*

*8:30 AM* Antonia Michael Martucci by Her Grand-daughter—SB

*9:00 AM* Paul E. Marceau and Family, Living and Deceased, by Susan—SM

## *Friday, July 17, 2020*

*9:00 AM* SM

## *Saturday, July 18, 2020*

*8:30 AM* SB

*4:00 PM* SB

*4:30 PM* Ettore Spadola, 7th Anniversary, by Norma Spadola—SM

## *Sunday, July 19, 2020*

*8:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

*10:30 AM* Raymond Aneiro by the Aneiro Family—SM

*11:00 AM* Julia Nilsson and Eugene Melan by the Demanski Family—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

## **Resuming Sunday Masses in the Archdiocese of Hartford**

Continuing to follow the required Archdiocesan procedures and respecting the current limits set by Governor Ned Lamont, Sunday Masses can take place 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 resumed 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;
- Masks are required for all congregation members;
- 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 have resumed (8 June), with the same Covid-19 precautions mentioned above.

—Likewise, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions on Saturday afternoons are being 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...*

### UNITY

For example, we hear... *The United States of America  
One, holy, Catholic and apostolic church;*

Unity does not mean that everyone is exactly the same, or identical.

Unity tolerates and accepts differences in views and opinions.

Unity makes it possible for people to agree to disagree, and always be civil and courteous to each other.

*Charity* is the engine that drives unity.

# *St. Gianna Parish News and Events*

## **SPECIAL THANKS!**

On June 28, many parishioners heeded the call to help relocate furnishing from the SBSAS to St. Mark Parish Center. When I first decided to update the classrooms at St. Mark with furnishings from the St. Brigid/St. Augustine school, I thought it might just be my family and myself moving everything. To my great surprise, I was greeted with a crew of parishioners to help. Special thanks to Joe, Sue and Michelle Faenza, John and Karen Freda, Charlie Conaghan, Mike and Bertha Hill and family, Tom Merenda, Ed Czapl, George Graf, Marie Di Taranto, Glen Baldi, Father Joseph and of course my family, Hunter and Bill Everett and Dominic Rizzo. It was a hot and humid day and I was humbled at how upbeat everyone was during the move. After two truckloads, we were finally "moved in". Your commitment to the parish has renewed my commitment to the parish. Thank you!

## **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

This month's food collection at St. Mark is this weekend, July 11 and 12. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

## **2020 MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION**

The 2020 Mission Appeal Collection will be taken as a second collection next weekend, 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!

## **BOOK AWARD WINNERS**

St. Gianna would like to congratulate the winners of the 2020 Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award, Sophia Boudreaux, Matthew DeLutrie and Max Mega. May God bless all our applicants on their commitment to furthering their education. Their devotion to their studies is inspiring to us all.

## **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.

## **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 9-3. Thank you.





**Religious Education:** Currently we are planning to have in-person classes starting in the Fall! We have been very busy getting the classrooms reconfigured to better suit our children's needs and meeting the requirements for Covid-19 protection. This year due to the closing of St. Brigid/St. Augustine school, all classes will be held at St. Mark Parish Center and parents can choose if they would like to have classes meeting on Saturday or Sunday mornings. If your child was in the Sunday morning Religious Education class, you will receive an email next week asking you what day you would like to have for the fall. The Sunday Classes will continue to meet just before the 10:30 Mass at St. Mark and we will continue to have class Masses throughout the year.

We are excited to announce that we plan to follow the **Christ Our Life** series for this fall! This is an excellent curriculum which is engaging as well as informative. Our Confirmation youth will continue with the **DECISION POINT** series and the rising tenth graders need to **keep their book for classes in the fall.**

Also new this year will be a flat rate Religious Education fee of \$50.00 per family. As with any and all church fees, if you are unable to pay it—just let us know...no questions asked.

**Help needed!** Beginning the week of July 13, help will be needed at St. Mark Parish Center as we work on getting the classrooms ready for the fall. I am looking for a few friends to stop by anytime from 10:00-2:00 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday to help organize supplies and closets. If you would like to help, please call or text Sandy at 860-214-6557 or just stop by after the 9:00 Mass.

**Woodworker Needed--**Do you like to do woodworking? Would you like to leave a legacy at St. Mark Parish Center? I am looking for someone to make 14 shadow boxes to house the Stations of the Cross we would like to display at the parish center. Each box will be about 18" wide and 24" high by about 3" deep with a clear plastic front to protect the wood carving of the Station. The parish will pay for any needed supplies. Please contact Sandy at [sandy.st.mark@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.st.mark@gmail.com) or stop by the parish center during my office hours and we can discuss the specifics. I would love to have these ready to be displayed by the beginning of classes this fall.

**Catholic Biblical School 075 Making Sense of the Bible** will resume in the fall. Once we have confirmation of the dates and times we will email all the participants. We will continue to offer the classes on Sundays and Wednesdays after Mass.

**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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## **GOD'S WORDS**

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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## **SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)**

### **July 14**

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs’ Shrine, traffic’s roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri’s parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of “Christian” traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri’s faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young “Lily of the Mohawks” drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does “the aroma of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, and offer much needed assistance to the unemployed, as the Coronavirus has affected so many of our neighbors. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to 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.

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2020

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— *Psalm 65:12*

### LIVE TODAY

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

—Anonymous

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

### GOD WITHIN

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.

—St. Bonaventure

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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