



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

*April 11, 2021*  
*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

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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](http://www.hartfordpriest.org). You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

# MassSchedule

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*Saturday, April 10, 2021*

*4:00 PM* Catherine and Paul Grimes by Sue Grimes—SB

*4:30 PM* Judy Armstrong, 2nd Anniversary, by the Bachteler Family—SM

*Sunday, April 11, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Victor D'Aquino, 1st Anniversary—SB

*10:30 AM* Melissa Toddy, Birthday Remembrance by Jo Monikowski—SM

*11:00 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

*Monday, April 12, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Blanca Rodriguez, Anniversary, by Martha Tobon—SB

*9:00 AM* Paul Emil Marceau, Birthday Remembrance, by Susan—SM

*Tuesday, April 13, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Rita Felice by Flora Rovella—SB

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Connie Samuelian, 1st Anniversary—SB

*9:00 AM* Rev. Francis Johnson, Month's Mind—SM

*Thursday, April 15, 2021*

*8:30 AM* For the Holy Souls in Purgatory—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Friday, April 16, 2021*

*9:00 AM* Nicole Freda, greatly missed by parents, by John Freda and Karen Noel-Freda—SM

*Saturday, April 17, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Charles Cattel, (wedding anniversary remembrance), by Anne Barry Priest—SB

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

*4:30 PM* SM

*Sunday, April 18, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Ray Shea by Joe Glowacki—SB

*10:30 AM* Mary Ellen Welch—1st Anniversary—SM

*11:00 AM* Francisco Nunes by His Wife—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

*from Fr. Devine...*

The Easter pattern in Faith...

When you look at the various Easter Gospel stories, there is a difficult circumstance or two woven into each account, be it fear, CHANGE, a new way of living and thinking, sharing one's witness to the risen Christ with doubting and troubled people, joy, accepting new responsibilities, and saying "I love you" to the Lord. Since the first Easter, these elements, among others have marked Christianity and commitment to the Gospel message.

In our day, you and I continue to write the story of the Church by our words, decisions, and actions.



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## **DOUBT**

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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## **POP TABS COLLECTION**

To everyone who collects pop tabs (from soda, soup, beer, pet food cans) - please continue collecting! Every 20 pounds of tabs collected houses a family for a night at the new Ronald McDonald House in New Haven! It's now located immediately across from Yale's Children's Hospital. Please leave them in the container in the back of St Mark's Church, or call Heather at (860) 232-8481 or Ann at (860) 521-7147 for pick up of a large volume. Thank you!

# St. Gianna Parish News and Events

## REV. JOSEPH G. MURPHY BOOK AWARD

Are you a St. Gianna parish member (of any age) who plans to continue your education at the undergraduate or graduate level this fall? Consider applying for the annual Rev. Joseph G. Murphy Book Award honoring St. Helena's founding pastor. This one time award is offered to persons who are active members of St. Gianna parish at the time of receipt of application. Applications are available on the tables in the vestibules of each church. The deadline for submission is May 3rd. A book award will be given. For more information contact the Administrative Center at 860 236-5965.

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The monthly food collection at St. Mark is April 10 and 11. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.





**Are you an adult in your 20s or 30s that wants to get more involved in the Pro-Life Movement but aren't sure how?**

Join Hartford for Life to help foster a vibrant Pro-Life Community in the Greater Hartford area. Events held every month!

### Contact Us

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## LADIES GUILD OFFICERS NEEDED

The Ladies Guild is looking for a few good women! We are looking to fill two positions on our Executive Board for the 2021-2022 year: 2nd Vice President and President. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Alison Goroshko at 860-402-3592 or email [kgoroshko54@comcast.net](mailto:kgoroshko54@comcast.net). Please consider joining this fun and lively group!

## STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY



The Sandwich Ministry collection is Wednesday April 14th in the parking lots of St. Peter Claver at 4:30 pm and at St. Mark at 5:00 pm. Can you make 10 simple sandwiches to help the Hartford shelters? If you would like to join this ministry please call Susan at 860-561-3648.

## PRODUCE PLUS FOOD COLLECTION Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>—10:30—11:30a.m.

A healthy diet can be a challenge for inner city families. There are no local chain grocery stores. Many of our food insecure neighbors rely on local food pantries for basic needs. While this helps, local food pantries have shared that fresh produce is a rare commodity for many.

To promote healthy eating habits, the St. Peter Claver Outreach Committee will hold a PRODUCE PLUS Drive thru food collection in the church parking lot. Donations will benefit The Catholic Worker and Hands on Hartford. We will continue to give staples to the W.H. Food Pantry. All CDC guidelines will be followed.

CONSIDER ADDING FRESH PRODUCE TO YOUR DONATION (No fresh tomatoes or grapes)



# EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS



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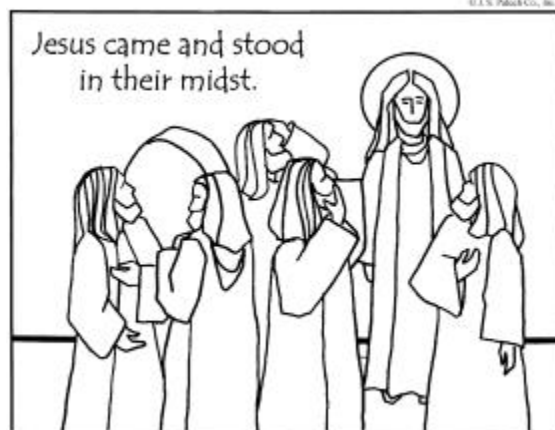
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Deceased Members of the Presutti, Zavarella, and  
Vivarelli Family; and Licia Ciogli

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of “Peace.” The risen Lord’s word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ’s gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ’s rising in our lives. – Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## **FEAST OF FAITH—The Psalms in the Liturgy**

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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**Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 11, 2021**

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God?  
— *1 John 5:5*



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);  
Julian Calendar Easter  
Monday: Ramadan (Islamic observance)  
begins at sunset  
Tuesday: St. Martin I  
Thursday: Income Tax Day

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9;  
Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;  
Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;  
Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;  
Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4,  
7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**CHRIST IS HERE**

Christ departed from our sight that we  
might return to our heart, and there find him.  
For he departed, and behold, he is here.  
—St. Augustine

**RISKS**

I risk being wrong if I trust too much.  
But I risk living in torment if I don't trust  
enough.  
—Anonymous

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — With great power the  
apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the  
Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).  
**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is  
good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).  
**Second Reading** — The victory that  
conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-  
6).  
**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not  
seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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