



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

*April 18, 2021*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

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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 17, 2021*

*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

*Monday, April 19, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Tuesday, April 20, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Michael and Maria Mariano by the Teti Family—SB

*Wednesday, April 21, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Thursday, April 22, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Friday, April 23, 2021*

*9:00 AM* SM

*Saturday, April 24, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Nunziata Abbatemarco by Rosa Corpaci—SB

*4:00 PM* Catherine Mary Byrne by Her Family—SB

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

*Sunday, April 25, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Mildred Dubiel, 14th Anniversary, by Her Family—SB

*10:30 AM* Jon F. Eiswerth by Sonia Chhoy—SM

*11:00 AM* Francisco Gomes, 1st Anniversary—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

*from Fr. Devine...*  
It bears repeating...

*Receive the Holy Spirit...  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained...*

Familiar words, of course... We normally connect them to ordained bishops and priests. *But don't sell yourself short!* Consider how **YOU** can be a force for forgiveness and reconciliation in today's society and culture!

Is there a person or group in your life who needs to be forgiven?  
Forgiveness does not mean agreement with what the offender(s) has done.  
It does mean consciously wishing the best, God's Peace for the offender.  
According to Jesus, this has to be done over and over again – no limit!

*Make me an instrument of your Peace...where there is hatred, let me sow...*



**Sunday, 2 May — 5:00-6:00 p.m. (SB)  
Holy Hour, Evening Prayer and  
Crowning of the Blessed Mother**

Our normal monthly holy hour/ vesper service will on this day include a special rite to give honor to the Blessed Mother. Wine, cheese and refreshments downstairs afterward. Please join us!



## **FULFILLMENT**

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

# *St. Gianna Parish News and Events*

## **Mass for Deceased Members of the Ladies Guild**

Please join us on Sunday, May 2nd, at the 8:30 Mass at St. Brigid in honor of the deceased members of the Ladies Guild. We will have a socially-distanced, mask-wearing coffee and baked goodies gathering directly afterwards downstairs in McMahon Hall. Or if you prefer, 16 seats will be reserved outside at Effie's Place for breakfast. Please call Alison (860 402-3592) or Sharraine (860 841-1711) to RSVP for the Effie's Place breakfast seats **since they are limited**. Hope to see you there!

## **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!



## **MANY THANKS**

We would like to thank the St. Gianna Parish for their outpouring of prayers, support, kindness and generosity. A special thanks to Natasha Ulyanovsky, Karla Dalley, Fr. Joseph Devine, Fr. M David Dawson, Fr. Joseph Pullakattil & all of the pastoral staff that we have had the honor to work with over the past 11 years. St. Brigid has been our family and we will miss you all dearly. God bless you!

Love, David, Kelly, Sophia, Luke & Henry Boudreaux

## **LOVE AND DEATH**

Unhappy is death  
without the love of the Savior;  
unhappy is love  
without the death of the Savior.

—St. Francis de Sales

## **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.

## SAVE THE DATE

The St. Peter Claver Outreach Committee in conjunction with the American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at St. Peter Claver parish hall, 47 Pleasant St., W.H. on Thursday, May 13th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Sign up today at 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). All FDA and CDC guidelines will be followed. Since a person can donate whole blood only once every 59 days, mark your calendar for our upcoming SPC Blood Donation day. Your blood donation is CRITICAL during this pandemic!



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## St. Brigid Petal Pushers Brighten up the Church with flowers

The St. Brigid Ladies Guild Petal Pushers are responsible for purchasing and caring for the Church's beautiful plants and flowers that you see on the Altar and around the Church. Each month a different team or person has signed up to decorate the Church by buying the flowers and or plants if needed and to water them once a week throughout their month. There is no cost to the people who do this. After buying the plants and flowers you simply give the receipts to the Church for reimbursement. You don't have to be a Ladies Guild member to join the group. We are looking for a few more teams or persons to help out. If you would like to help please call me at (860) 521-1231. Thank you. Penny Hickey

## 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)

## Reaching out to St. Brigid/St. Mark's/ St. Gianna Parishioners

### Please help *Elmwood Bloom Again* in 2021!

For the past several years, parishioner Charlie Hilborn, has been trying to get merchant and community support for planters along New Britain Avenue. The result was that during the summer and into the fall season, a trip down the Avenue in the Elmwood section of West Hartford was more vivacious and colorful with many floral planters. There were 67 in 2019 and 51 last year despite the pandemic. In fact, in 2020 several parishioners as well as the Knights and Ladies Guild made contributions ranging from \$15 to \$215 each-- enough to put planters at both St. Brigid and the rectory.

The *Elmwood Blooms Again* program is on and Charlie will be contacting local merchants over the next few weeks. Today we are reaching out seeking your help to make 2021 the best planter year ever! "I understand that these are still challenging times for some and am so proud and humbled by the opportunity to work on this project again," Charlie said. "We are hoping those who can, will consider participating as every single donation will help contribute to the purchase of another planter. Thank you very much for your generosity to help bring more splendor to Elmwood and please continue to stay healthy, neighbors!" Knox is also helping by keeping the price (\$215 per planter) the same as last year for planters purchased before April 28th.

If you are able, please join the Elmwood businesses to help beautify our neighborhood. You can mail checks, (**made out to Knox Inc.**) directly to **Charlie Hilborn at 65 Park Place Circle, West Hartford, CT 06110** by April 28th.

Or you can drop them off at Sheehan Hilborn Breen. These planters will be distributed along the Avenue including in front of the church and the rectory.

For more information please contact Charlie Hilborn at 860-559-8722 or email questions/ideas to charlieandpamela@gmail.com

Thank you soooo much!

### **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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You alone, O LORD,

bring security to my dwelling.

— *Psalm 4:9*



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Anselm;

Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

### NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

### MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading** — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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