



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

*April 25, 2021*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Reverend Joseph Devine, Pastor*

*Reverend Tuan Anh "Andy" Mai, Pastor, St. Andrew Dung-Lac*

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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 24, 2021*

*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

*Monday, April 26, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Mark Cabral, 50th Birthday Remembrance, by His Mom—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Tuesday, April 27, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Frances Sascente Varchetta by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

*Wednesday, April 28, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Thursday, April 29, 2021*

*8:30 AM* SB

*9:00 AM* Maxim and Pauline Sam by Their Daughter—SM

*Friday, April 30, 2021*

*9:00 AM* Bob Courneen, 1st Anniversary, by Bob and Pat Hilliard—SM

*Saturday, May 1, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Jerry Nardi Sr., 22nd Anniversary, by His Wife and Family—SB

*4:00 PM* Ray Shea, Repose of the Soul, by Alison Buckley and Mark Evans—SB

*4:30 PM* The Marceau Family, Living and Deceased, by Susan Marceau—SM

*Sunday, May 2, 2021*

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

*10:30 AM* SM

*11:00 AM* Anthony Valdati, Jr., 1st Anniversary—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

from Fr. Devine...

*We will survive this trying time. The Church and our faith are stronger than the strongest adversary that can plague them...We will once again move forward, sadder and wiser for what we have learned. May God enable us to gain that vision that recognizes where our faith is anchored - not in fallible human beings, but rather in the grace and Providence of God.*

Fr. Rodney Copp, priest of the archdiocese of Boston

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***For your information...a change for our parish...***

Effective this year, 2021, whenever one of the parish priests is away, whether for business, retreat, or vacation, there will be only **one daily Mass** in St. Gianna Parish. This Mass will occur at the church where the priest on duty is situated – be it St. Brigid or St. Mark. As always, the bulletin will clearly spell out the schedule for such weeks. As such, this change now puts us more in line with practices adopted by other parishes for such circumstances. We thank you in advance for your understanding, good will, and cooperation!

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**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!



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**Sunday 9 May—5:00 p. m. (SB)**

**Organ and Vocal Concert**

Come enjoy a concert of organ and vocal music by St. Brigid organist Natasha Ulyanovsky, St. Brigid cantor Justin Callis and visiting organist Elena Udras, artistic director of the Odessa International Festival of Organ Music and composer. Ms. Udras will perform some of her own compositions as well as those by Vivaldi, Gershwin and a duet with Ms. Ulyanovsky by Vivaldi. Ms. Ulyanovsky will perform works by Franck, as well as the previously mentioned duet.

Mr. Callis will perform “Ave Verum” by Mozart as well as works by Bach, Gounot and Rogers and Hammerstein. Please join us!



**CONCERT**

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# *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!

## **STREET SANDWICH MINISTRY**



The Sandwich Ministry collection is Wednesday May 12th 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.

## **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!

## **MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD**

We are again collecting meatloaves for the House of Bread. This month's collection will be May 4 & 5. Also requested besides previously wanted items are any kind of energy bar that can be passed out to their clients. Deliver all items to 130 Overbrook Drive. If you have questions call 860-521-8342.

## **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 May 8 and 9. Your contributions are important and make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

## 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.



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

See what love  
the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
— 1 John 3:1

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort  
Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena  
Friday: St. Pius V; National Arbor Day  
Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker;  
First Saturday



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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;  
Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,  
5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,  
25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab;  
Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4;  
Jn 14:7-14  
or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 —  
2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.  
— St. Irenaeus

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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