



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

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reverend Joseph Devine, Pastor

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

Reverend Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Robert J. Hilliard

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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, May 15, 2021

4:00 PM Doris LaRocque, 1st Anniversary, by the LaRocque Family—SB
4:30 PM SM

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:30 AM John Griffin by the Bouvier Family—SB
10:30 AM Louis and Henry Sam by Jo Monikowski—SM
11:00 AM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB

Monday, May 17, 2021

8:30 AM The Mitrione and Fontaine Family by Their Family—SB
9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:30 AM Norman Lagasse, 2nd Anniversary, by His Family—SB

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:30 AM SB
9:00 AM Fr. James Boyle by Sr. Barbara Allaire—SM

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory—SB
9:00 AM SM

Friday, May 21, 2021

9:00 AM SM

Saturday, May 22, 2021

8:30 AM Frederico Mirabelli, 10th Anniversary, by His Sister—SB
4:00 PM For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SB
4:30 PM Ettore Spadola by Norma Spadola—SM

Sunday, May 23, 2021

8:30 AM SB
10:30 AM Roland and Delia Gagnon by Their Family—SM
11:00 AM Deceased of the Devine Family—SB

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

NEW DIRECTIVES FOR LITURGIES IN CHURCHES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

In accordance with the latest directive from the Archdiocese of Hartford, the following changes now apply:

- As of Saturday, 22 May, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation is no longer in effect.
- Nevertheless, there are still excusing conditions:
 - Persons whose medical conditions make them more susceptible to Covid;
 - Persons who have tested positive for any contagious disease, Covid included;
 - Persons who are in quarantine, or residing with someone who is in quarantine;
 - Persons who are *afraid* to return to Mass at this time.
- Please note: for people able to safely attend, watching Mass online or on TV does not comply with the reinstated Mass obligation.

With respect to our worship spaces:

- Churches can reopen to 100% capacity with no need for any social distancing. Accordingly, pew barriers and tape will be removed.
- Mask wearing is still required at all times in accordance with state and CDC guidelines.
- Congregational singing is now allowed. Hymnals and missals are permitted in the pews.
- Church halls and spaces can be used, in keeping with any and all guidelines provided by the State of Connecticut.

With respect to Holy Communion:

- There is still to be no distribution of the Precious Blood at this time.
- Communicants will receive the consecrated host in their hand, step to the side, lower their mask, consume the host, and return to their pew.

Upcoming quiet time, adoration, and Evening Prayer opportunities...(SB)

Pentecost Sunday, 23 May	5:00 p.m. quiet time/reflection 5:30 Evening Prayer
The Most Holy Trinity, 30 May	5:00 p.m. quiet time/reflection 5:30 Evening Prayer
Corpus Christi, 6 June	12:00 – 5:00 p. m. Adoration 5:30 Evening Prayer

As always, all are welcome and encouraged to participate

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

****PLEASE JOIN US! NEXT SUNDAY!****

Monsignor Douglas Clancy will be celebrating his 50th ordination anniversary with St. Gianna Parish on May 23rd. He is celebrating the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Brigid and we will then host a reception in his honor at noon in McMahon Hall. Everyone is welcome but *please RSVP* to Barbara at 860 236-5965 so that we can plan for enough food. Thank you!

SBLG TRAVEL GROUP

Join us on a 4-day, 3-night trip to Maine, September 6 (Labor Day) to September 9. Per person costs are: \$410 double occupancy, and \$544 single occupancy. Included: Round-trip motorcoach transportation, three nights lodging, three breakfasts and three dinners, and driver gratuities. Fliers with details are available at the Rectory or from Betty and Sheila. For more information or reservations, call Sheila (860 232-6915) or Betty (860-233-3422). Payment in full will be due upon sign-up. Thank you.



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HELP DECORATE the ALTAR at St. MARK

Your help is needed in decorating the altar at Saint Mark with beautiful plants and flowers. We are putting together a group to share the work.

This is a great family project. It's also a way to share your green thumb with the parish community.

Interested? Call Keith Griffin at 860-965-9782.

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. Please consider joining this fun and lively group!

Hartford for life



A PRO-LIFE FUTURE CHAPTER

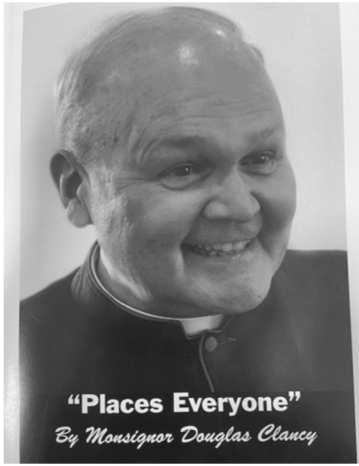
Are you an adult in your 20s or 30s that wants to get more involved in the Pro-Life Movement but aren't sure how?

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

Contact Us

hartfordforlife@gmail.com

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MSGR. CLANCY HAS WRITTEN A BOOK!

Monsignor Clancy spent his time productively during the Pandemic: he wrote a book of short spiritual and inspirational

vignettes that many of us here at St. Brigid and St. Helena might recognize from the time when he was with us. He will have a sample with him during his reception. Books are available by calling or emailing Sacred Heart at 860-242-4142 (sacredheartblct@gmail.com.) They are \$20/ proceeds go to the Priest's retirement fund.

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-

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are plenty of "treasures" in our tradition that if resurrected today would cause anxious moments for bishops! Many concern marriage. There was a time when the church "consecrated" both virgins dedicated to prayer and charity, and brides dedicated to husband and family. Virgins were blessed in the sanctuary of the church, and brides in the sanctuary of the home. The custom of blessing the bride in the marriage chamber was standard in England, Ireland, Spain, and France until the eleventh century.

If the groom (the groom's side planned the wedding) chose from the full menu of liturgy, there would be a blessing of the bridal room, solemn evening prayer on the eve and morning prayer on the day of the wedding, a blessing at the church door of the spouses, and then in the church for the wife alone during Mass, and Communion. After the feast, a priest would represent the bride's father in presiding over the legal process by which the bride transferred from her father's clan to her husband's. Some enduring customs harken back to these days when marriage was seen as a contract between men (the bride's father and the groom) and was not so much about living out one's baptismal call, and certainly not about the equality of the spouses in Christ. Happily, this baptismal focus has been restored and unhelpful customs set aside by today's marriage rite.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Courage International

Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality.

Through this faithful apostolate, people who experience same-sex attraction receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support, and fellowship.

Courage support groups, under the spiritual direction of a priest appointed by the local bishop, exist throughout the US and in several countries. Members use first names only and honor confidentiality. Check here for chapters and resources: <https://couragerc.org/>

Phone: (203) 803-1564

We ask you to pray for us.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as **the Archdiocesan Burial Assistance Fund, the Catholic Worker House and The Town that Cares Fund, West Hartford** right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Shavuot (Jewish observance)
begins at sundown

Tuesday: St. John I

Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and
Companions

Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia;
Vigil of Pentecost

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd,
6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,
20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30,
33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a,
5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,
16-20b or

Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;

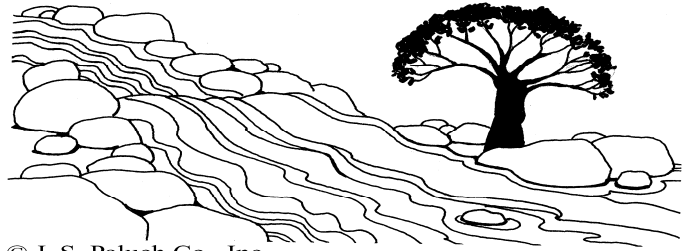
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,

27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24,
29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23

or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

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