



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

*May 2, 2021*  
*Fifth 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.

# Mass Schedule

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*Saturday, May 1, 2021*

*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 and Deceased Members of the Ladies Guild—  
SB

*10:30 AM* SM

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

*Monday, May 3, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Doris LaRocque, 1st Anniversary—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Tuesday, May 4, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Sally Stanwicks by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

*Wednesday, May 5, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Mother Mary Jennifer Carroll by Sister Barbara Allaire—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Thursday, May 6, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Maria Picciano by Anna Vincenzo—SB

*9:00 AM* SM

*Friday, May 7, 2021*

*9:00 AM* SM

*Saturday, May 8, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Diane DiNapoli by Her Family—SB

*4:00 PM* Frances and Joseph Formeister by Their Family—SB

*4:30 PM* SM

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*

*8:30 AM* Armando Serrano, Birthday Remembrance—SB

*10:30 AM* For the People of St. Gianna Parish—SM

*11:00 AM* Ruth and Harold Jameson by Their Family—SB

*SB=St. Brigid;*

*SM=St. Mark the Evangelist*

from Father Devine...

*Jesus said... "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

What or who keeps you going each day? It could be your i-phone, loved one, job, friends, the internet, prayer and faith...and so on. Anything that helps us to carry on, must, in one way or another, be connected to, or congruent (geometry students!) with Christ.

In this light, here's one for you...how and where does Jesus fit in among the things which keep you going? What is his role – his place? What would you like it to be?

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

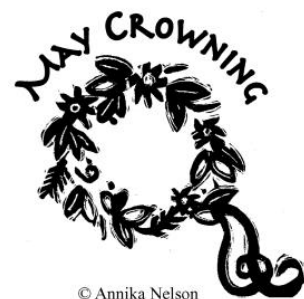
Effective this year, 2021, whenever one of the parish priests is away, whether for business, retreat, or vacation, there will be only **one daily Mass** in St. Gianna Parish. This Mass will occur at the church where the priest on duty is situated – be it St. Brigid or St. Mark. As always, the bulletin 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!



**Tonight—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. Edras 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

## 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.

## COME JOIN US!

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!

## 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!

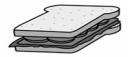
## MEAT LOAVES FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD

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.

## 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.

## 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!

## **BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS GENTLY WORN MATERNITY AND BABY CLOTHING**

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world. There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you to



## **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

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church's history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom's family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse's arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing.

With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing community to the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John's Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration.

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## **FEAST OF FAITH**

### **The Homily**

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God’s word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God’s word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

## **BEARING FRUIT**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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## **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** 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: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Monday: Ss. Philip and James  
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
Friday: First Friday



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5;  
Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10;  
Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12;  
Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5;  
Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48;  
Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16;  
Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.  
— 1 John 3:18

## HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.  
—St. Bridget of Sweden



## SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of  
the total harmony of the universe.  
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).  
**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).  
**Second Reading** — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).  
**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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