



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

May 9, 2021
Sixth 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. You may also speak to a parish priest or call the Administrative Center for more information.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, May 8, 2021

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

4:30 PM

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

Monday, May 10, 2021

8:30 AM Umberto Gallo, 1st Anniversary—SB

9:00 AM SM

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

8:30 AM Elvira Canora by the Saint Brigid Ladies Guild—SB

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:30 AM SB

9:00 AM SM

Thursday, May 13, 2021 --Ascension of the Lord

8:30 AM Zbigniew Mlodecki & Walter and Sophie Pastuszak by Frances Mlodecki—SB

9:00 AM SM

Friday, May 14, 2021

9:00 AM Leo Crombie by Carol Crombie—SM

Saturday, May 15, 2021

8:30 AM Richard and Doris Marsh by Maria Troy—SB

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

SB=St. Brigid;

SM=St. Mark the Evangelist

from Father Devine...

EASTER SEASON...DAY 36...God, mothers, and us

One lesson I've learned later on in life is a deepening personal awareness of my mother's impact on me. I know things now that I was not aware of before: my mother's wisdom sayings, her commitment to both professional and personal excellence, diligence in work, being a *go-to* person for family and others.

Terry Devine had some great gifts and qualities: hopefully I put them to good use.

What good things have you received from your mother?

****THIS EVENING** 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 Broadway selections. Please join us!



CONCERT

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CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

On May 22 and 23, 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.

St. Gianna Parish News and Events

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.

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!

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.

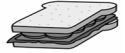
Interested? Call Keith Griffin at 860-965-9782.

DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

—George Washington

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.

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.

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!

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. 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!



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-

THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

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LITTLE THINGS

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

—St. John Chrysostom



FEAST OF FAITH—The Creed

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a “rule of faith” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is “we,” but it is also “I.” In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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NATIVE PEOPLES OF AMERICA AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join the Archdiocese of Hartford, Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry and Catholic Extension for a webinar about Native Peoples of America and the Catholic Church on 12 May, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be joined by Catholic Extension representatives, Catholic faith leaders, and women leaders in the Native American community throughout the country. This is the last monthly webinar in the “Opening Wide Our Hearts” series. For more information and registration, visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2021 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many “Good Works” of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John De Avila
- Wednesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras;
Eid al Fitr (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday); otherwise Our Lady of Fatima
- Friday: St. Matthias
- Saturday: St. Isidore; Armed Forces Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.
— *John 15:16*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

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