

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021



DIVINE
MERCY • SUNDAY

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCMS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

HAPPY EASTER! We continue to bask in the glory of what we celebrated last weekend, namely, the resurrection of Jesus Christ! He is Risen! Alleluia!

As we celebrate the eighth day of Easter, I take this opportunity to remind us all that we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus for the entire 50 days of Easter! We continue to bask in the glory of what we celebrated last weekend, namely, that Jesus Christ has Risen from the Dead. So, once again, Happy Easter!



As I reflect on the experiences of Lent and, in particular, Holy Week, I am filled with gratitude to so many who pitched in and helped enhance our celebrations. I wish to take a moment to express my profound gratitude:

1. **To Father Federico, Sister Patricia, and the entire Pastoral Staff.** I am so thankful to them for all of their work. The weeks of Lent and, in particular, Holy Week, are an intense time for collaborating to ensure our programs, activities, events, and, most importantly, our liturgies are prepared to best serve the people of our parish family and our visitors. I am so thankful for the many ways each of the members of our Pastoral Staff have worked to help make our journey a time in which we were able to realize that not only do we WANT



MORE, but by turning to Christ with increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, hopefully, we all came to realize that we are made for more! Thank you to our Pastoral Staff for all their efforts, which often go unseen, for all they do to discern the needs of our parishioners in our weekly meetings, and for their advice and counsel to me. I am especially grateful to each of them.

- 2. **To our parish staff...**we are truly blessed with a dedicated team who work so hard each day to best serve the parishioners of our parish, assist the clergy, and ensure our buildings and grounds are cared for and properly maintained. During this past year, they have adapted to the conditions of the pandemic and persevered in their work, and I say thank you to each of them!
- 3. **Thank you to Julia Atwood and all involved in our music ministry.** The music this Season of Lent and Holy Week was just so moving! I have received countless comments and emails from parishioners saying how beautiful the music was and how it really enhanced our celebrations. While we could not participate in communal singing at this time, hearing the songs and listening to the words truly moved the hearts of so many. We are also grateful for the choir

and the school chorus who have put together, in a COVID safe environment each from their own homes, choir pieces to share on our social media throughout the past year. I say thank you to Julia, our cantors, and all our musicians!

- 4. **Thank you to all those who helped in preparing our liturgies.**

Thank you, first and foremost, to **Jim Mitchell, Lynn Krieg, and the amazing team of volunteers** who have maintained a safe, sanitized, and orderly space for us to come together since our reopening in June and especially for our Easter celebrations!



Thank you, also, to our Decorating Committee who worked to make sure both of our churches were ready for the celebration of Easter! I am so grateful for their willingness to share their time and talents with our parish family.

Thank you to our Team Holy Spirit who were there throughout it all ensuring we were ready and able to livestream the liturgies of Holy Week. This has become a service so important throughout this pandemic. On behalf of all our parishioners who are still not able or not ready to be present with us "in-person" who benefit from the livestream, I say thank you!

- 5. **Thank you to those who sent cards and dropped off treats at the rectory.** Your kindness is much appreciated. We thank you also for your kind emails of support and your posts on social media. For your deep faith and the way you reach out to others day in and day out I say, "thank you!"



A special word of happiest congratulations to Nicholas Ritchie and Angela Spahi who were baptized at the Easter Vigil, and happiest congratulations, also, to Faith DeCrescenzo, Aidan Peterson, and Brooke Phillips who were received into the Holy Catholic Church at the Vigil as well. It was a very moving ceremony.

In fact, it was particularly moving for me this year. Halfway through the Vigil, I was doing the Sprinkling Rite and as I made my way through the Church I caught a glimpse of two people from my first parish. When I was a young priest, the husband expressed interest in becoming Catholic, but could not make the weekly RCIA meeting, so I offered to prepare him myself for the Easter Vigil. Weekly I would go to their home for dinner and his wife and I would share with him our faith. It was a very special experience. Then this past Easter to see him and his wife in our church for the Easter Vigil was very moving as well, as it brought back many happy memories.

I continue to hear from others who were present how it was especially moving for them, as well, given the realities of the pandemic this past year. What a blessing it is for us to welcome these new parishioners into the faith and especially into our parish family! Count on our continued prayers and please pray for us!

This weekend we celebrate, as we do every year on the Sunday following Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday...This devotion was initiated through the writings of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun, who sought to remind



others that God is merciful and forgiving and we too must show mercy and forgiveness. Her writings call us to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. In fact, her prayer, *Jesus, I trust in You*, is one I often ask penitents to pray repeatedly as it is a good reminder that Jesus is always willing to give us the grace we need!



This Sunday from 2:30-3:30PM in St. Bridget Church we will have Eucharistic Adoration during which I will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Through the hour, Father Federico and I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The holy hour will conclude with Benediction and veneration of the relic of Saint Faustina. Please consider joining us for this devotion invoking God's mercy.

A word of encouragement regarding the vaccines...back on March 14th there was an article in the New York Times, which a parishioner shared with me as soon as it was available, titled *Clergy Preach Faith in the Covid Vaccine to Doubtters*. In this article, the author shared with her readers that with widespread immunity essential to the ending of the pandemic, clergy of all faiths were and are successfully urging their people to get the vaccine shots. Her main point was that the people in their houses of worship trust their clergy more than they trust

the health officials.

My friends, I know there are a lot of conspiracy theories out there, I know there are a lot of mixed views on the vaccines, I know there is misinformation about Catholic moral teaching, and I know there is hesitation in the minds of even some of you, but I urge you to get the vaccine! I did!



Archbishop Blair has declared in official statement that “Catholics should feel free in good conscience to receive any of the vaccines currently available...for the sake of their own health and the common good.” My friends, all three vaccines have proven to be safe and effective in combating COVID 19, and only by being vaccinated in great numbers will we realize the herd immunity that is essential to ending this pandemic.

So my message to all of you is very simple...it is not a sin to receive any of the vaccines...in fact it is an act of charity that could help protect others whom you encounter each day! Get vaccinated...it is an act of love!

As always, remember to pray for our parish family and ask God's blessings upon us all in this time of pandemic. With the gracious intercession of Saint Bridget of Sweden, our Patroness, and Blessed Michael McGivney, and united in the Eucharist, may we be united with one another in prayer and reflect the presence of Jesus to the world! Please pray for me and know that I am praying for you! Continued prayers for you all to know and experience the joy, the peace, and the hope of the Risen Christ! A Blessed Easter Season to you and your family!

Father Roman

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Our collection for the week of April 4th

Mailed-in/Dropped Off

Easter Offertory \$14,783.30
 Easter Gift to the Parish \$15,749.00
 Good Friday \$3,469.00

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Intentions for the Tabernacle candle are available. To reserve the candle at either church for a living or deceased loved one, call the rectory at 203-272-3531.

The Tabernacle candle offering is \$25.

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MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, April 10th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Phyllis Tarini—10th Anniversary	Sandra & Vin Fuoco
4:00 p.m. SBC	Charles Milot—28th Anniversary	His Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Joseph Ferry, Sr.	Ray & Pat Maratea

Sunday, April 11th: Divine Mercy Sunday

7:00 a.m. SBC	John & Mary DiMugno	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Sal Scoopo	The Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Francis H. O'Neill	The Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Frank & Mary D'Amato	The Beaudette Family
12:00 p.m. SBC	Mary Calaluce	Jude DiGidio

Monday, April 12th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Barbara O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	John & Philomena Mongillo	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Tuesday, April 13th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, April 14th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Rosemary Mensching	The Higgins Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Edward LaFrance	The Family

Thursday, April 15th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Theresa Flynn	The Flynn Family
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Friday, April 16th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ray Burele	Patti Flynn-Harris
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—Fr. Brendan Michael O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance	His Family

Saturday, April 17th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Edward Rahn & Kay Slisher	The Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Rita Veiga	Paul & Jill Veiga
5:15 p.m. SBC	Mary Malick	Her Daughter, Elizabeth DiTuri

Sunday, April 18th: Third Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. SBC	David Olsen	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Julius Zembruski	Wife & Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Edward & Kathleen Fitzpatrick	The Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	John Larkin, Sr.	The Larkin Family
12:00 p.m. SBC	Joseph Mazzacane, Sr.	Clare & Megan Bernard

Welcome

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following families to our Parish family!

Joseph & Adriana Beaudoin

Leslie Chudoba

Michael & KC Dal Zin

Ryan & Colleen Donegan

Theresa Essig & Loretta Motz

David & Stephanie Genest

Evin Leclerc & Brittany Kramer

Jason & Therese Lombardi

Ronald & Sandra Nadeau

Andrew Narcisco

Robert & Kathleen Perez

Owen & Caron Quantick

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Donations accepted in the bins outside the Rectory and Religious Ed offices 4/5-11 and after all Masses 4/10-11

Contact Regis O'Neill for more information

The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for Mary Malick, Requested by Her Daughter, Elizabeth DiTuri



Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for Souls in Purgatory

In-Person Services THIS WEEK

Masses in St. Bridget Church this week:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday—7am & 9am

Tuesday & Thursday —7am

Saturday—9am, 4pm & 5:15pm

Sunday—7am, 8am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12noon

To attend Mass, sign up at bit.ly/SBoSMassSign-Up



Rosary every Monday at 1:30pm in St. Bridget Church

Cancer Support Group every Wednesday thru May 26th at 6:30pm in St. Bridget School Library—sign up at bit.ly/3bY2Th1

Drive-thru **CONFESSIONS** available every Saturday at 3:00pm until heard. Drive up to the St. Bridget School entrance and a priest will come out to hear your confession.



Adoration every Friday, 1-2pm in St. Bridget Church—sign up at bit.ly/Signup-Adoration

NOTE: Appropriate masking, social distancing, and occupancy guidelines must be followed at all services, meetings & events.

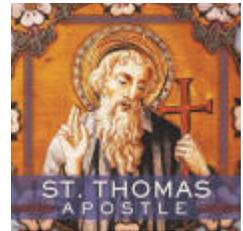
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ONLINE SERVICES This Week



Every Sunday our 10:30am Mass is livestreamed. Join Us!

The television Mass is simulcast everyday at 10:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV WB20 and WCTX-TV MyTV9. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV. It can also be viewed online at <https://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>



Getting to Know our Heavenly Family
Every Monday at 10AM
This week, learn about **St. Thomas the Apostle**



Resurrection Moments Video Series
Join us at 10AM every Wednesday and Friday during this Easter season for a look at where God was in our lives during the past year.



Adoration is livestreamed every Friday from 1-2pm

NOTE: The dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the archdiocese by the Archbishop has been **extended through Sunday, May 23, 2021**. Those in high-risk categories are encouraged to continue staying home, even as others begin to return to Mass. The decision to attend is yours. Please use prudence and good judgement in considering if you should attend a public Mass at this time.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

The readings for today can be found at

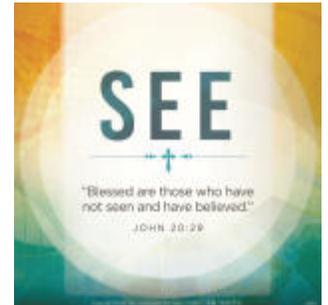
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Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



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In 2015, when God called our family to move from Chicago to Connecticut (which is another faith story), I had one lingering concern—my parents. I'm an only child, and my parents lived in San Antonio, Texas. My parents didn't understand why we were moving so far away, and I didn't have any answers at the time, except for one—this is God's plan. Two months after we moved, cancer returned to my Mom's body. She had been a breast cancer survivor for 20+ years, and that same cancer had returned to her body on a bone.

In October 2018, when a group of pilgrims from St. Bridget of Sweden Parish were traveling to Lourdes, my Mom's health declined. The cancer had spread to her brain. I asked the pilgrims to pray for physical healing of my Mom, but a greater miracle occurred.

My Mom was not at peace with God. She didn't accept that our move to Connecticut was God's idea. She constantly worried that I would not be able to visit her. She also had been told by several priests on separate occasions that she had been cured, but, for some reason, she hadn't believed them. I felt called to talk with my Mom about her relationship with God, but I didn't know how or when to do this.

While the pilgrims were at Lourdes, my Mom was admitted to the hospital. I was able to get on a flight the next day and be with her. God gave me an opportunity to talk with my Mom. The Holy Spirit worked through me to say exactly what needed to be said. My parents finally understood that my move to Connecticut was not my choice, but God's will. My Mom saw that when she needed me at her side, God made that happen. Later that night, my parents and I prayed the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet as a family; I'm pretty sure that was the first time we ever prayed those prayers as a family.

God did not answer my prayer of physical healing for my Mom, but He gave our whole family spiritual healing. For the remainder of my Mom's life, every time she needed me, I was able to be there with her. She wanted to die at home, and God provided a way by giving me the opportunity to stay with my parents for a month and care for my Mom. During that time, we grew as a family by openly sharing our thoughts and praying together. In her final days, my Mom woke up each night with fears and worries, and, with guidance from the Holy Spirit, I found words to comfort my Mom and ease her fears. Hours before she died, I knew my Mom no longer feared death and believed God would take care of the family she was leaving on Earth.

I am grateful God answered my prayer in a different way than I had hoped. My Mom would not have done well in this Covid world, and my Dad and I now understand why God called her home in January 2019.

-Helen Tine

Submit your Story of Faith at office@stbridgetcheshire.org



St. Bridget School Update

Principal: Dr. Nancy Testa
Director of Campus Ministry: Mrs. Judy Rowinski



Congratulations to William Atwood, Madelyn Lundquist, Darius Delgado and Grady Lewis for their winning entries for the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. Every year, we have a number of winners and this year was no exception! Great Job!

SBS Gazette—Edition #6 Employee of the Meow-nth Ace the Hines Hardware Cat by Allison Fowler

If you've ever visited Hines Hardware on Maple Avenue, you must have quickly realized there's a key member of the store that sets it apart from any other hardware store - Ace the cat. I spoke with Mrs. Terry Bowman, the office manager at Hines, to learn more. Having a cat in the store isn't a new idea. Having an "Ace" is a tradition that dates back about fifteen years. Hines has had four Aces along the way, and some cats that lived in the barn as well.

This Ace has been a part of the Hines family since he was six weeks old and the store rescued him. Mrs. Bowman says that Ace is very curious, and enjoys walking over keyboards and watching over the customers. Ace takes his job very seriously, but sometimes, he enjoys taking naps. He likes the big window out front, where he can sleep in the sunlight.

"Ace loves to sleep in his bed near the sweatshirts or on the back register, both places allow for him to see what is going on in the store," Mrs. Bowman says. He still watches the store on his breaks, though.

Customers and employees alike love Ace and enjoy seeing him in the store. "Our customers love the cat, in fact we have several that bring him little gifts, like catnip. One woman has brought him in several blankets to keep him warm," says Mrs. Bowman. He likes the customers and staff, too - especially when they bring him treats!

Ace is a welcome Cheshire tradition at this point, and I hope we will always have an Ace at Hines Hardware.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, we are very excited to announce that Sister Francesca Silver took her final vows in March.

Please join us in celebrating her and this blessed event.

We thank all of our Grade 7 students and teachers, Sister Francesca and Mrs. Nott, for their beautiful Stations of the Cross live presentation. This was truly a gift for all of our students to participate in.



Classes are filling!

We are accepting 2021-2022 Applications for Grades PK-3 through Grade 8.

Visit our website for our Virtual Open House or call us to set up your in-person tour of our beautiful campus. All tours are one family at a time, offering you a safe way to visit and the privacy to ask whatever questions you may have.

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Religious Education Schedule



Grade 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6

Virtual Family Meetings

Sunday, April 11th at 9 AM

Monday & Tuesday classes have finished for the year. Please complete the work in the textbooks with your children.

First Communion Classes

In Person Class

Sunday, April 11th at 8:30 AM

Virtual Class

Sunday, April 25th at 8:30 AM

Middle School 7th and 8th grades

Virtual Class

Sunday, April 11th at 10AM

Confirmation Program

9th grade

Virtual Class

Sunday, April 11th at 5 PM

Sunday, April 25th at 5 PM

10th grade

In Person Class

Sunday, April 11th at 5 PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Virtual Class

Tuesday, April 20th at 4PM

Tuesday, May 4th at 4PM

Apologetics 101: Divine Mercy Sunday

- Divine Mercy Sunday is a feast of the Church which always takes place on the Sunday after Easter. It's based on the revelations of the Lord to Saint Faustina, which anyone can read in her book, *The Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*.
- This is a special opportunity for the **forgiveness of all our sins** for those who ask the Lord for mercy on this great feast of His Mercy.
- ***A Plenary Indulgence is the complete remission of all punishment that we owe due to our sins – both in this life and purgatory! Think about that!***
- The Catholic Church has been given the keys to the Kingdom by Jesus.
 - **In other words, Jesus gave the Church the authority to forgive sins and dispense mercy in any way the Church wants and Plenary Indulgences are one of the ways the Church does that.**
- The Plenary Indulgence can be offered for another person and even for someone who has died.
- Here is how to receive the Plenary Indulgence:
 1. **Have a firm desire to be detached from all sin, even the smallest sins**
 2. **Go to Confession**
 3. **Receive the Eucharist**
 4. **Pray for the intentions of the Pope!**
- If you are unable to participate in person but desire to receive the plenary indulgence, you can do steps 1 and 4, with the firm resolution to do steps 2 and 3 as soon as possible. You might say the following prayer: *“Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I’m unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I’m unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.”*



Cheshire K of C KNIGHTS KORNER

by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —jason_molitierno@yahoo.com

Our Lenten Grab & Go a Huge Success, Or Was It?

Yes it was the biggest Grab & Go meal we've had to date; we did raise a lot of money for the St Bridget School HSA; and parishioners did get a great meal highlighted by veggie lasagna from Vespucci's. But something didn't happen. Two of our number volunteered to deliver meals free of charge to those in quarantine or otherwise unable to drive. At our March Council meeting the idea was greeted with enthusiasm and we were prepared to have as many as four teams available for deliveries to those in need. What didn't happen was the response: only one family (of two) requested home delivery.

Last March, the Knights of Columbus established the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* initiative nationwide, calling on all members to serve those in need in their communities while adhering to social distance guidelines during the pandemic. We have done our best as Council 2978 to *Leave No Neighbor Behind* as we reached out to our parishioners with Grab & Go meals, collected for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry, and coordinated a blood drive to give the gift of life!

As COVID-19 restrictions begin to loosen across the United States, the Knights plan to continue their Helping Hands program to continue to help people with disabilities, the elderly, and all who are isolated.

During this pandemic, the Knights of Council 2978 have also served the parish in a variety of ways. We look forward to our next Grab & Go dinner and will offer free delivery once again to those in quarantine or otherwise unable to drive.

Ask Father

Dear Father: I am curious and wondering when the title of PRIEST began being used as the new church, the Catholic Church was formed. I'm certainly familiar with the title being used in the Old Testament and Jesus became High Priest and victim in the New Testament. However, I do not see or hear references to the apostles being referred as priests. Could you clear that up for me? Thanks so much!

Dear friend in Christ,

Ah, great question. Look closer!

There are dozens and dozens of references in the New Testament to the "elders" who have been chosen to minister to the people of the emerging church. The letters of Paul, the Acts of the Apostles, even the Book of Revelation all make reference to these elders.

For example, 1 Timothy 5:17 reads: "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

The word that's used for elder in the original Greek is *presbyteros*, or in English – "priest." The spiritual leaders of Christianity have been referred to as priests since the very first days!

Here is a handy link for a succinct summary of this topic from a Vatican document: bit.ly/3rYnV3J



The film *Roe v. Wade* was released on April 2, 2021 in limited theaters and on online streaming services. The movie portrays a series of events leading up to the 1973 United States Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion nationwide. The historical film shows how the *Roe v. Wade* case came about and how political organizations and Hollywood influenced public opinion and possibly the Supreme Court decision. The stories of two passionate physicians on opposite sides of the abortion debate, Dr. Mildred Jefferson and Dr. Bernard Nathanson, are detailed in the film. Dr. Mildred Jefferson was the first African American woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School. Beginning in 1970, she worked to educate people about the reality of abortion at a time when the medical science of human development was not broadly known. She later became a founder and president of the National Right to Life Committee. Dr. Bernard Nathanson was an abortionist and a founder of NARAL. He championed the cause of abortion rights before later having a change of heart. He is famous for his 1984 documentary, *The Silent Scream*. He converted to Catholicism in 1996. Visit <https://www.roevwademovie.com/> for more information.



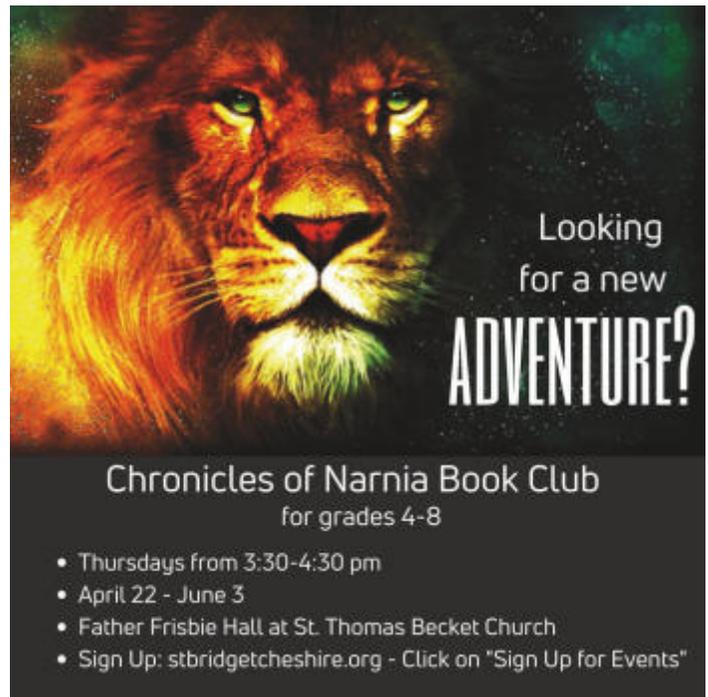
Do you want to get more out of the Mass? Have you often wondered what were the deeper meanings of the words and the gestures used throughout the Mass? The Catholic Catechism says that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of our faith.” We know how important it is to attend the Eucharistic Liturgy, but do we understand the biblical roots of the words and gestures in the Mass? Author Edward Sri takes us on a walk through the Mass helping us understand the profound significance of all that is said and done. This will certainly enhance and deepen your love and understanding of the Eucharist. This three-part DVD series includes a book of the same title. Either the parish will order the book or you can order the book from Amazon.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say And Do In The Liturgy by Edward Sri

Evening session: Mondays, April 19, 26, & May 3, at 6:00pm in St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Center

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Verse of the Week

Proverbs 17:22

“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

Saint of the Week

Saint Bernadette Soubirous

Feast Day: April 16th

Bio: St. Bernadette Soubirous is most well-known for her involvement with Our Lady of Lourdes. Born dirt poor in southern France in 1844, the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the Gave River near Lourdes on February 11th, 1858. In fact, she received many Marian apparitions – 18 in total! While she was initially met with skepticism, soon large crowds of believers flocked to Lourdes to meet with Bernadette and visit the spot of the apparitions. Mary asked her to have a chapel built on the spot of her appearance and to encourage the faithful to bathe in and drink from the water there. The Church confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862, and Bernadette lived the rest of her short life in convents. She was hounded by the public and civic officials, and she suffered from asthma, but she always kept a strong devotion to Our Lady. Bernadette died in 1879 and was canonized in 1933. Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us!

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Upcoming Events

Want to help out your local community? Join the Next Generation of Disciples high school youth group this Sunday night from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Bridget School gym to assemble Bags of Hope care packages for our homeless brothers and sisters at the Saint Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury! Come help us make a positive impact in our own backyard. All high schoolers are welcome!





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Our goal this year is to *Come Together* to support the fantastic students at St. Bridget School. Can we count on you to help us reach our goal?

Go to <https://stbridgetschool.ejoinme.org/sbsauction2021> for information on how to join the auction, make a monetary donation or become a sponsor.

If you would like to donate anything toward this year's auction, please send us an email to auction@stbridgetschool.org.

Thank you for your generosity and for your support. We look forward to *coming together* on May 8th!

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If you have a name to place on our U.S. Military prayer list, please contact Mary Beth in the Rectory at 203-272-3531 or office@stbridgetcheshire.org with the names of family & friends who are on active duty. Please provide name and branch of service. In this way, our whole parish community can help bring them home safely by our prayers.

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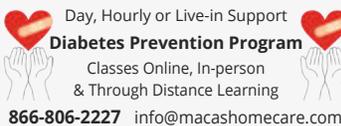
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