

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:45-46



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we continue on our journey through the weeks of the Easter Season I cannot help but reflect upon the idea of JOY. I have written about this topic in the past, but I think it is one that is good to reflect on each year during this holy time.



We are not only an Easter people but we are also called to be a JOYFUL and JOYFILLED people.

When we leave Mass, week after week, we should be reflecting the joy of what we just celebrated. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, is cause for JOY! The resurrection of Jesus is cause for JOY! So why don't we all come out of Mass with huge smiles on our faces? Of course, who can tell these days with the masks, but you understand my point. Perhaps that is a question for us all to ponder.

Why should we be joyfilled? Because this is the JOYFUL season of Easter.

I am drawn to this idea of Joy each year because of the Easter Prefaces (the prayer the priests says prior to the Holy, Holy). Each of the Prefaces of the Easter Season ends "therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim...Holy, Holy, Holy..."

We as Catholic Christians celebrate the fact that **Jesus passed over from death to life** and so enabled us to pass

over with him from an old way of life to a new and better existence, and to pass over from earth to heaven.

Now you might be thinking, "Sure, I'm joyful about Easter. But *overcome* with joy? Isn't that going too far?" Well we certainly don't look overcome with paschal joy when we are leaving Mass, but, shouldn't we?

Don't forget that we Christians have available *supernatural joy*, one of the fruits of the Spirit listed by Saint Paul (along with love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; Galatians 5:22).

With the Holy Spirit, our surroundings may be crumbling around us or threatening our plans, and we may feel some inner anxiety, but alongside it we can feel joy. Even in the face of the pandemic and all that came with it, as Christians we are called to feel joy! The gifts of the Holy Spirit do not diminish with our weaknesses, in our struggles. In fact, sometimes they shine more in us when we feel our lowest or weakest.

So, back to the question—how can we be "overcome with joy" here on earth, especially knowing that sorrow and suffering will always be along with it, as least to some extent? One way to be overcome with joy is to praise God. In fact, look at



the words in the Prefaces of Easter where it says, right after "overcome with paschal joy," that "every land, every people exults in your praise!" Praise the Lord!

I should also point out that we can praise the Lord outside of Mass too.

If we do so on a regular basis by taking our eyes off ourselves and putting them on God, we just might find ourselves getting closer to the kind of rejoicing known in heaven, and experience that feeling of being overcome with paschal joy.

Let's try it! If we all try it, maybe, just maybe, there will be more **JOY-filled** people around us each day!



SOME REMINDERS AS WE CONTINUE TO FACE THE PANDEMIC...as I urged in last week's article, please GET VACCINATED! See it as an act of love for your neighbors, family members, and all those around you!

While we are hoping and praying that the number of those vaccinated will continue to increase over the next few weeks, it is also important to not grow lax in observing the necessary guidelines and protocols that are in place when we come together to worship.

Here are a few reminders:

1. **MASKS MUST BE WORN.** Please wear it properly covering your mouth and your nose. PLEASE keep your mask on as you approach for Holy Communion!
2. At Communion time, please come forward single file, maintaining social distancing as outlined with the blue lines in the floor. PLEASE put your hands out as flat as possible to receive Holy Communion, step to the side all the way to where the blue X has been put on the floor, lower your mask there and consume the consecrated host. Finally put your mask back on, and return to your pew by the side aisle. PLEASE follow this procedure closely! Many are pulling down their masks right near the priests and we respectfully ask you to make sure you step all the way to the BLUE X before doing so for our safety as well as your own.
3. **MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING...** please only sit with those in your own household. Also please keep six feet between you and others while coming up for Holy Communion or chatting in the parking lot following Mass.

4. Remember the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has been extended through Sunday, May 23rd, and we will continue to livestream Mass (at 10:30AM) for those who are uncomfortable returning just yet. BY THE WAY...don't forget we are now offering another option for you to watch the 10:30AM Mass on your tablet in your car or listen to it on the radio at 89.5FM and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will bring Communion outside at the appropriate time in the Mass for you to leave your vehicle, receive Holy Communion, and return to your vehicle for the closing of Mass and final blessing. We hope that this might be a way for some who are still hesitant to come inside the Church to be present with us on the Church property and receive the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Registration IS STILL RE-

QUIRED for both weekday and weekend Masses due to the social distancing requirements imposed upon us. We are still limited as to how many we can have with us in church for each in-person celebration, but we hope as more and more get vaccinated these restrictions will be lifted as well.

We promise you that we will continue to be responsible, diligent, and cautious as we move forward...I humbly ask your cooperation as well.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS! As announced here and in the Cheshire Herald back in March, we have updated the Rules and Regulations for St. Bridget Cemetery. These are available on our website:

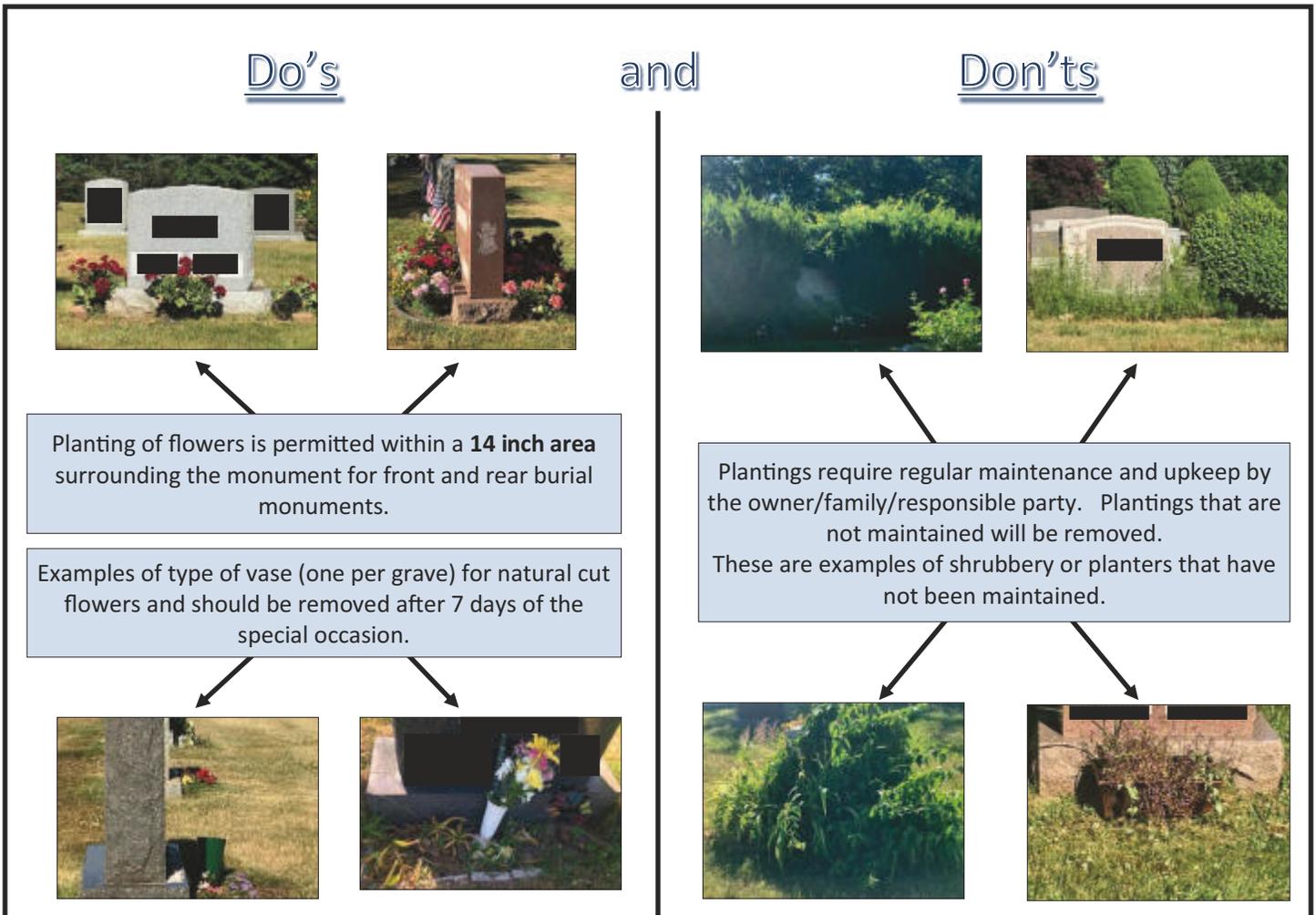
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or in brochure format at the cemetery. Over the next few weeks I will share some examples of Do's and Don'ts according to the new rules and regulations (see inset below).

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring your family plots are in compliance with the new updated Rules and Regulations by May 15, 2021. Stay tuned for more examples of Do's and Don'ts in upcoming bulletins.

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 11th



Thank you for your
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Offertory \$10,869.86

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Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2021 Appeal literature! Organizations such as **Cheshire Community Food Pantry** right here

in our own town received funding from the Appeal’s Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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.



St. Bridget School HSA will be taking orders for Flowering Hanging Baskets just in time for Mother’s Day!

For details and ordering information, see our website or contact Mary Beth Chamberlain at 203-233-9181 or mbchamberlain907@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Monday, April 19th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Robert & Dorris Wright	Dr. Maria Stack
9:00 a.m. SBC	Harold O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Tuesday, April 20th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, April 21st

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ernani Wanderley	Gerard Bertrand
9:00 a.m. SBC	Eugene & Elizabeth Heggerty	Family

Thursday, April 22nd

7:00 a.m. SBC	John Harris & Eileen Flynn	Patti Flynn-Harris
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Friday, April 23rd

7:00 a.m. SBC	Louis Ricciuti	John & Marge Palmeri
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—The Barrett Family	Gig McHugh

Saturday, April 24th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Zofia Wozniak	Anna Wozniak
4:00 p.m. SBC	Nancy Agnes Craig	Her Best Friend
5:15 p.m. SBC	Dolly Maratea	Family

Sunday, April 25th: Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. SBC	Martha Barchfeld	Rosalie & Bob Fountain
8:00 a.m. SBC	Sylvia Murray	St. Bridget of Sweden Women's Society
9:00 a.m. SBC	Kathleen Minore	The Romania Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Patricia Welch Ward	Her Family
12:00 p.m. SBC	John Douglas McCarthy	The Family



*Got questions about our
Catholic faith?*

*E-mail your question to
office@stbridgetcheshire.org
with the subject line "Ask Father" or
mail it to "Rectory—Ask Father,
175 Main St, Cheshire, CT 06410."*

*Questions will be answered in the
order they are received.*



*Michael Robert Biondi
Shania Lynn Boatwright
Jude Ryan Goletz
Olivia Lynn Imbimbo
Reese Constance Lahey
Ryan John Lahey
Gabriella Rose Waldron*



*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.

*The Tabernacle candle at
St. Bridget Church
shines this week for
Rosemary & William Mensching
Requested by the Higgins Family*



*Tabernacle candle at
St. Thomas Becket Church
shines this week for
Lee Bailey
Requested by Jo-Anne Bailey*

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

Mass in Your Car!
 Tune in to FM 89.5 and listen to 10:30am Mass in your car in our parking lot! An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will bring Communion outside at the appropriate time in the Mass for you to leave your vehicle, receive Holy Communion, and return to your vehicle for the closing of Mass and final blessing.



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.

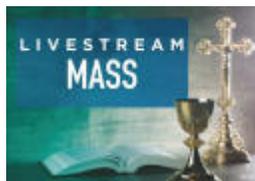
Adoration every Friday, 1-2pm in St. Bridget Church—sign up at bit.ly/Signup-Adoration



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

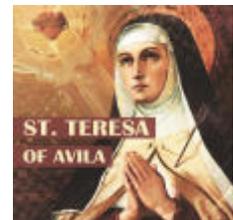
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ONLINE SERVICES This Week



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. Teresa of Avila**



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 the Third Sunday of Easter

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041821.cfm>

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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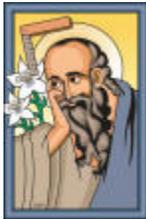
For more information to better understand the readings, bit.ly/3tgbQsg

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Prayer to Saint Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*here make your request*). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.





St. Bridget School Update

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



*Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus
"Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Winners!*

Miranda Machado, Kindergarten
Meredith Berkun, Grade 5
Chloe Retuya, Grade 8

*Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for
organizing this wonderful initiative.*



SBS is pleased to announce that we will have a summer camp for children entering PK-3 through Grade 3 from June 21st-August 6th. We will have a different theme each week with lots of outdoor fun and activities.

In addition, we will also be offering two Theatre Workshops for students entering Grades 4 through 8 (the weeks of June 21st and June 28th) as well as two Math Fun Workshops (the weeks of July 12th and August 2nd).

For more information, please contact Christina Cummings at ccummings@stbridgetschool.org.

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.

**St. Bridget School
22nd Annual Auction**

Come Together

May 8, 2021
Livestreaming starts at 7pm

Please contact the Home and School Association at auction@stbridgetschool.org for more information about this exciting event!



Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the ION Bank Community Awards Program!

We were awarded a generous grant for the seventh year in a row!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Office of Religious Education — Donna Yatcko, DRE

dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org

203.272.6504

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Religious Education Schedule

Grade 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6

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

First Communion Classes

Virtual Class

Sunday, April 25th at 8:30 AM

Middle School 7th and 8th grades

Classes are finished for the year.

Please be sure your child completes the written assignments.

Confirmation Program

9th grade

Virtual Class

Sunday, April 25th at 5 PM

10th grade

Please be sure to submit all paperwork as soon as possible.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Virtual Class

Tuesday, April 20th at 4PM

Tuesday, May 4th at 4PM



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

Daytime session: Tuesdays, April 20, 27, & May 4, at 10:00am in Fr. Frisbie Hall

To register, contact Sr. Patricia at 203-272-3531 ext. 1312 or srcigrand@stbridgetcheshire.org

Looking for a new ADVENTURE?

Chronicles of Narnia Book Club
for grades 4-8

- Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm
- April 22 - June 3
- Father Frisbie Hall at St. Thomas Becket Church
- Sign Up: stbridgetcheshire.org - Click on "Sign Up for Events"

The St. Bridget School HSA Presents
Family Eat Out Night



Panera Bread
365 Queen St, Southington, CT 06489
Monday, April 19th
4pm – 8pm

Dine-in or Take-out.

The restaurant will donate a portion of all proceeds back to our school. Show the flyer (on our website) at the café to ensure SBS gets the proceeds or order online and enter code PRFUND at checkout .



Cheshire K of C KNIGHTS KORNER

by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —
jason_moliterno@yahoo.com

Christmas In April?

You see folks, it's like this: we had our Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest on time back in December and announced our winners at the height of the holiday season, but the pandemic didn't allow us to award the winners when we wanted and then **BINGO** two of our winners won the competition for the whole State of Connecticut! Our Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno, displaying exceptional Knightly wisdom, decided it was high time we presented these budding young artists to you at last:



Miranda Machado

Flanking Miranda is Fr. Romans, our Deputy Grand Knight Bob Shemo, Grand Knight Jason and school Principal Dr. Nancy Testa. Miranda won the Age 5 to 7 category for the parish and followed it up with the state award.



Meredith Berkun

Meredith was our champion in the Age 8 to 10 competition.



Chloe Retuya

Our second double award winner, Chloe won the Age 11 to 14 category for both the parish and the whole State of Connecticut.

And there you have it folks, three very talented, and now accomplished young ladies. Here's hoping they will enter the competition again this year!

VIRTUAL REQUEST CONCERT

Featuring our
Director of Music,
Julia Atwood

THURSDAY, APRIL
22ND AT 6PM

LIVESTREAMED ON
FACEBOOK AND
YOUTUBE

Marriage & Banns

Please pray for this couple as they
prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:

I Don Prete & Chloe Higley

Ask Father

Dear Father: I am having a hard time understanding the Book of Revelation. Any tips on how to make sense of it

Dear friend in Christ,

Yes, the Book of Revelation is often difficult to understand. One thing that has helped me is understanding the context of when John gets these visions. Look what he says in chapter one, verse 10: "On the Lord's Day, I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet...."

What do you think he means by being 'in the Spirit' 'on the Lord's day'? He is referring to celebrating Mass. Here is one of the 12 Apostles who has just received the Eucharist and begins to receive these visions. Revelation is a detailed description of what the heavenly liturgy looks like, the one that we imitate each time we come to Mass on earth!

The moments immediately after receiving Holy Communion are when God speaks to us the most but so many of us are not present to God then so we don't receive anything. We kind of look around absentmindedly. Perhaps if we prayed in the Spirit, we would receive revelations like Saint John!

Apologetics 101: Resurrection of the Body

A parishioner told us recently that she had never heard that our bodies will rise from the dead as well as our souls. Let's look at the Church's teaching on this fascinating subject.

- Touch your elbow. Touch your nose. Touch your wrist. This is your body. It has been given to you as a gift from God for your time on earth – and beyond!
- The Catholic Church teaches that we are not just our souls and we are not just our bodies – the human person is a body and a soul joined together.
- The body and soul are fused, in a sense, at the moment of our conception and they are separated at the moment of our death. And then they will be reunited in heaven!
- This same body will be resurrected and glorified in heaven!
 - Think about this. Your body will be restored, glorified and perfected in every way.
 - * **If we have bodies, that means heaven will not be merely a spiritual or supernatural experience, but must have a physical component as well!**
 - * If physical pleasure feels so good in this life, can you imagine how good it will be in heaven!?
- We recite this belief every Sunday in the last lines of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting, amen."

A complete breakdown of the Church's teachings on the resurrection of the body is available here:

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p123a11.htm



MINISTRY OF
Praying Hands

The Ministry of Praying Hands knits prayer shawls for those in need of prayer and comfort. If you would like to share your knitting talent to help others, please join us! Our next meeting is **Friday, May 7th, at 10:00am in Father Frisbie Hall**. Masks and social distancing is required. Bring a friend!

Cancer Support Group

**Wednesdays
Through May 26th
6:30-7:30pm**

Father Frisbie Hall

**Sign up on the
parish website!**

NGD Cemetery Cleanup



New Saint Bridget Cemetery
Saturday, May 15th
2:00-4:00PM





Tickets for the Knights of Columbus Raffle are available for purchase in the rectory. Ten cash prizes ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 will be awarded. Drawing will be held on Friday, April 30th at 9pm. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Ticket price is \$10.00. Proceeds to benefit the CT State Council Knights of Columbus.



In a school year that has looked like no other, St. Bridget School would like to invite you to join us as we *come together* for a SBS Auction that will look like no other!

Participate from the comfort of your own home! Bid on items through our Greater Giving App (as used in previous years).

Watch LIVE on the St. Bridget School Facebook page at 7pm.

Children can attend for the first time! Friends and family in other states & countries are welcome to join the fun!

A generous gift of \$50,000 will be given to St. Bridget School if we can raise money to match this challenge gift! A link to donate will be available along with auction items for bidding!

Masters of Ceremonies are Dr. Testa, Father Romans, and Father Federico!

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!



Verse of the Week

Matthew 22:14

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Saint of the Week

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Feast Day: April 19th

Bio: St. Gianna Beretta Molla was born in Magenta, Italy as the tenth of 13 children in 1922. She became involved with her faith through various groups at an early age, and enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She worked her way through school, earning degrees in medicine and surgery (eventually specializing in pediatrics) from the University of Pavia. In 1955, she married engineer Pietro Molla. They had 3 children together in the next four years, named Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. During her fourth pregnancy, her doctors discovered a tumor in her uterus. While she consented to having the tumor removed, she declined the complete hysterectomy her doctors recommended, as it would have resulted in the death of her unborn child. Gianna Emanuela Molla was born 7 months later, but her mother sadly died due to complications during childbirth. This witness of respect for life and self-sacrifice serves as a tremendous example for us all. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us!



Youth Ministry

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Upcoming Events

1. All high schoolers **and eighth graders** are invited to join us for the next meeting of the Next Generation of Disciples high school youth group this Wednesday, April 21st from 6:30-8:30pm in the SBS gym. We look forward to welcoming the latest class of NGD members a couple of months early!
2. We will be helping to clean up the New Saint Bridget Cemetery on Saturday, May 15th from 2-4pm. Join us in helping to make our cemetery as clean, peaceful, and reverent as it can be!



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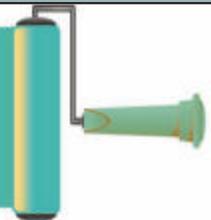
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