



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“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.” - Jn 15:5



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

Easter Readings and the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal...we are currently in the midst of the Easter Season of readings and the main weeks of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I mentioned in a previous article that as a priest, as a Catholic, and as Chairman of the Pastor's Advisory Committee for the Appeal, I really believe in the work the Appeal makes possible. By combining our monetary gifts, no matter their size, with those of thousands of others in the whole Archdiocese, we are able to accomplish things that simply would not be possible for any one parish to do.

- Every single day our Archdiocese is a support and a resource to the parishes of the Archdiocese.
- Our archdiocese offers counseling services, health care ministries, and educates young men for the priesthood, others for the diaconate, and lay people for ministry in their parishes.
- Every day, through the funds of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, the archdiocese supports organizations and non-profits in all of our communities who provide services to the sick, the elderly, the addicted, the hungry, and the forgotten.



I want to connect the Appeal with what we have seen in the readings of

Easter and our relationship with Jesus - the Risen Jesus. As we saw on Easter Sunday the empty tomb indicates that the Resurrection is more than Jesus' soul going to heaven. **No, he physically rises from the dead.** Jesus shows Thomas his hands and his side and invites him to touch the wounds. He underscores this physical reality by taking a piece of baked fish and eating it in front of them.

Because of his physical reality, Jesus becomes present in the breaking of bread - the Eucharist, the Mass. Pope Emeritus Benedict once wrote that "Jesus Resurrection represents an 'evolutionary leap' - a new dimension of existence." We participate in that reality by baptism, belief and the Eucharist.

This mysterious relationship can be expressed with various images:

- He is the Good Shepherd and we belong to his flock.
- He is the groom and the Church is his bride.
- Or as he tells us this Sunday he is the vine and we are the branches.

Joined to Jesus we have an intimate relationship not only with him, but also with each other. We depend on Jesus and we depend on each other. Please do what you can to support our brothers and sisters who depend on the Church in so many ways for help and hope and give what you can to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Donating to the Appeal shows that we understand the relationship we have with Jesus and with each other. Some members of Jesus' body are experiencing robust health. Others are going through hard times. We need each other. Those doing well need the prayers of those brought low. The Bible says God hears the prayers of the brokenhearted. Those experiencing diffi-

cult moments need the sacrifices of those doing better. Together, as an Archdiocesan family of faith, we can truly make a difference!

COVID — VACCINE — REOPENING...SO many people have asked, with the Governor's recent announcement, does that mean we will fully reopen the churches again? That is a great question, and as of writing this article, no definitive instructions have come from the Archdiocese, so stay tuned! As soon as we know, we will begin planning!

Thinking about the Covid Pandemic has made me realize that there is no one line of thought that has been accurate throughout the entire time. There have been hosts of ideologies that one could cling to and go with. Throughout the past fifteen months, I have tried to listen to a variety of medical professionals, watch various news sources, and have read countless articles on the pandemic to educate myself. One thing is clear regardless of what thought process you follow and that is that the Coronavirus is not going anywhere anytime soon but we are learning to deal with it the best we can.

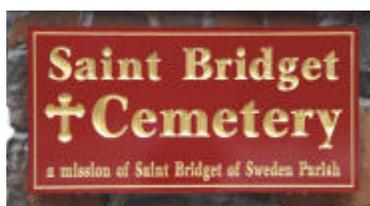


That said, again as I have the last couple of weeks, I urge you all to get the vaccine! A recent article in the Waterbury Republican-American, by our own parishioner Tracey O'Shaughnessy, pointed out that in the two largest health systems in our State of all those who died from Covid-19 only one person was vaccinated. This shows that the vaccine works! Her article went on to share the fact that those who were unvaccinated got sicker and were more likely to die than those who were vaccinated.

As we move closer and closer to a time of no longer requiring social distancing in the Churches, I really cannot urge you more—out of care, concern and love for others—to get vaccinated! One of our parishioners who is a doctor wrote me an email recently in which he said:

“Although the COVID-19 infectivity rate in Connecticut remained 2-5% for the past 1-2 months, the daily census of patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization (1 in 5 needing ICU care) persisted at ~ 200 patients or more across the YNHHS hospitals. More concerning, the majority (over 60%) of hospitalized patients were 20 to 50 years old, who were not vaccinated. The UK and NYC strains are more infectious and more likely to sicken unvaccinated young adults and children. The number of children sickened with COVID-19 is increasing...What about our children? You bless them as their parents receive communion. A vaccinated congregation protects children not yet eligible for the Pfizer mRNA-nanoparticle vaccine. We must persist in asking our parishioners to protect each other and our children by getting the free mRNA-nanoparticle (Pfizer & Moderna) vaccines. Ask and you will receive.”

So I am asking! Will you please get vaccinated?



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 that go into effect on May 15th!

See page 4 for some more Do's and Don'ts according to our updated Rules and Regulations!

St. Bridget School Auction **COME TOGETHER...**please JOIN US LIVE on FACEBOOK Saturday,



May 8th from 7-8:30PM for this year's Annual School Auction... **Father Federico, Dr. Testa, and I will be emceeing the event LIVE! Won't you join us?**

The St. Bridget School Auction, presented by the Home & School Association, has become the largest fundraiser for the school with all proceeds directly benefiting our children. The funding raised at this event in past years has been instrumental in expanding educational technology, improving safety and security with additional cameras throughout school grounds, as well as bringing exciting and important educational school programs for our children to enhance their learning environment.

Each and every day, children pass through our doors, enter our classrooms and learn about life, about the world around them, and are formed in mind, body, and spirit. Even a pandemic did not stop us from educating and forming our students, albeit remotely for the Spring of 2020. But since the beginning of this school year we have proudly been open every day with in-person learning! In addition to the educational excellence our school offers, students of St. Bridget School also learn the importance of living out the great commandment *to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, and all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself.* They learn to integrate their faith into their lives and thereby beginning – we hope and pray – a lifelong relationship with God and His Church. As I have said before, our students enter to learn and leave to serve the parish and wider community and truly make a difference in the world. Won't you help to support us in our mission?

We have some amazing prizes to be auctioned off! Tons of baskets, such as a basket filled with over \$500 in gift certificates to local restaurants, another with tons of lottery scratch tickets and \$150 in cash, and so much more. We have \$2,000 in gifts cards to Viron Rondo Osteria for auction. And we have unique, priceless, and fun experiences like a Surf & Turf Dinner for 8 persons in the rectory prepared by me and served by Father Federico, or an evening out and about at Cheshire Craft Brewing with Father Federico sampling some of their finest wares, or the opportunity for up to 10 children to join Father Federico and myself for Duckpin Bowling and Pizza at Johnson's Duckpin Lanes in Hamden!

Registration and bidding for this awesome Virtual Auction will open on May 3! Instructions for how to register can be found on this website starting on May 3:

<https://stbridgetschool.ejoinme.org/sbsauction2021>,

Please join us and support our amazing parish school!

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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St. Bridget Cemetery Do's and Don'ts




Palm Sunday/Easter
Artificial flowers or Palms may be used but must be removed within one month after Easter Sunday.

Borders
Stone outlines (see left photo) are acceptable provided they are seated in the ground and not more than 14 inches from stone. Plastic borders (see right photo) are not acceptable.




> 14" from monument

Plastic border

Upright Monuments:
Planting of flowers is permitted within a 14 inch area in front of the monument for a front-side only burial monument. So the front of this upright monument is OK. The shrubs on the sides would be removed due to difficulty of lawn maintenance.




Please DO NOT park or drive on the grass.

Even if family graves are near each other, stone outlines can only be 14" from the front of the monument stone. Going outside that length causes maintenance issues.





Flush Markers:
Government Marker (Veteran Stones) must be placed right above the Flush Marker butted against the stone. Markers are not to be moved. This one is placed below and not butted against the stone.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. SBC	Chris Hennelly	The Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Mary L. Szeglowksi—1st Anniversary	The Argiro Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Doreen Festa	Cousin, Laura

Sunday, May 2nd: Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ann Iovieno Piombino	Janet & Dwayne Beale
8:00 a.m. SBC	Theodore Zdonczyk—9th Anniversary	His Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Ann Piombino	Michael & Elaine Keller
10:30 a.m. SBC	Edward M. Daley	His Family
12:00 p.m. SBC	Maria Ferrucci	Tony & Carmelina Mongillo

Monday, May 3rd: Saints Philip and James, Apostles

7:00 a.m. SBC	Beatrice Kassouf	Sheila & Ron McReavy
9:00 a.m. SBC	Francis H. O'Neill	The Family

Tuesday, May 4th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, May 5th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Paul Michalowski—1st Anniversary	His Wife
9:00 a.m. SBC	John & Hannah O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Thursday, May 6th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Vincent Liberti	Wilma Buckman
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Friday, May 7th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Anna Bodnar	Bill & Sandy Walsh
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—Denise Matera	St. Bridget School Family

Saturday, May 8th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Joe O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Barbara Pronovost—28th Anniversary	Her Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Joseph Ferry, Sr.	Ray & Pat Maratea

Sunday, May 9th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. SBC	Charles Gardinier	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Cecilia Cavanaugh	Kathleen Huntley
9:00 a.m. SBC	Greg Schena—11th Anniversary	The Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Maria Montano & Theresa Manzelli	Ray & Linda Manzelli
12:00 p.m. SBC	Healing Mass for Veronica Doneski	Clare & Megan Bernard & Joan McMahon

Hartford for Life

A PRO-LIFE EDUCATIONAL 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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

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. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for Souls in Purgatory



Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for All Young People of the Parish

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.

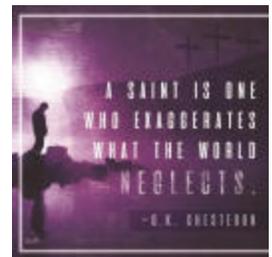
Online Services can be viewed on the homepage of our website at www.stbridgetcheshire.org, on YouTube <https://bit.ly/SBoSYTChannel> or Facebook [@stbridgetofswedenparish](https://www.facebook.com/stbridgetofswedenparish)

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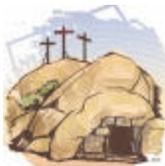


Every Sunday our 10:30am Mass is livestreamed. Join Us!

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. Remigius of Reims**



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.

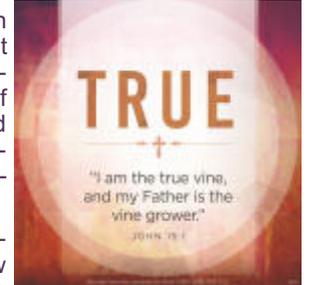


Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050221.cfm>

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.



Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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



Our collection for the week of April 25th

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Offertory..... \$9,199.75

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Online

Offertory..... \$8,238.92

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Thank you for your generosity!



Activities for this Week's Liturgy

Word Search—bit.ly/3xz9pDS

Crossword Puzzle—bit.ly/2S30071

Decoder Puzzle—bit.ly/3gSYaQz

Coloring Page—bit.ly/2ShG2pv



St. Bridget School Update

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

Classes are filling for 2021-22!

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.



The St. Bridget School's Robotics teams were awarded and presented their trophies and key chains on April 20th by Val Mara and Laura McCaffrey from the OEEC for their successful completion in the AOH's OEEC's first-ever virtual Robotics Competition!

Congratulations to the team and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Tine, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and all of the coaches for allowing us to keep our Robotics Club this year. We cannot thank you enough for all you have done!



Another thank you shout out goes to Father Santiago, Father Curran and the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish for allowing us to speak at their April 23rd weekend Masses. Everyone was so welcoming and interested in information regarding our K-Grade 8 program. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!



Summer Camp Registration Forms are Now Available!

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. A different theme is planned for each week that will offer our campers a variety of outdoor fun-filled activities and learning experiences.

In addition to our camp we will 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).

The camp and workshops are available to all age/grade appropriate SBS students, their siblings as well as all parishioners.

For **Registration Forms** and more information, please contact Christina Cummings at ccummings@stbridgetschool.org.

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Religious Education Schedule

All classes have finished for the year. Please be sure your child completes all of their assignments.



Come and journey with us.

The process by which adults come into full communion with the Catholic Church is known as “The RCIA”, which is short for: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you feel God is calling you to this conversion of heart, please join us on this journey to a closer relationship with God and His Church. For more information, or if you have a friend or family member who might benefit, please contact:

Deacon Wilber at Dcnrw.stbridget@gmail.com or
 Donna Yatcko at dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org

IMPORTANT

VIRTUS UPDATES NEEDED
Virtual Training available

The Office of Safe Environment has directed that any parishioner who submitted a background check before January 1, 2011 needs to submit a new background check in order to continue volunteering in the parish. Please contact the Religious Education Office, 203-272-6504, Dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org or PTodman@stbridgetschool.org, so we can make arrangements for you to submit a new background check and receive the new Archdiocese of Hartford Policy and Codes of Ministerial Behavior booklet and acknowledgement page.

At the present time the Virtus Training can be done online. If you have not completed this training or are interested in attending a virtual training session, please contact Donna Yatcko.



Remember to pray for the U.S. military service members on our military prayer list on page 13.

Congratulations to our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. May God continue to bless you as you grow in your faith!



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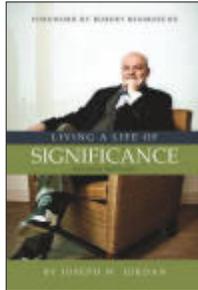
by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —
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A Webinar Invitation for Prospective Retirees

From time to time our Supreme Council (or headquarters) produces Webinars for Knights all over the world to educate us on timely topics concerning local Councils, our communities or life in general as it affects the modern Catholic.

One such Webinar will take place this coming Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm and is entitled "Stress Free Retirement Planning" for those of us approaching that milestone. But wait - this one is different, this one is open to all interested parties not just Knights alone! It is being presented by Joe Jordan, a veteran of 47 years in the business.



Here's a brief rundown on what he plans to cover:

- The importance of "Living a Significant Life" that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- The importance of having a plan
- Why long-term care doesn't have to be a financial nightmare
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

If you would like to join us remotely, you may register* with Zoom at www.cheshirekofc.org/retire. Or join us in-person** Monday night (that's night without a "K") at the St. Bridget Parish Center. Knights (with a "K") will be there to direct you to the school art room where we can view the presentation on a large screen TV. We may be able to have a K of C State Official there to answer questions. See you Monday evening?

*If you register to view at home, use our Council number #2978

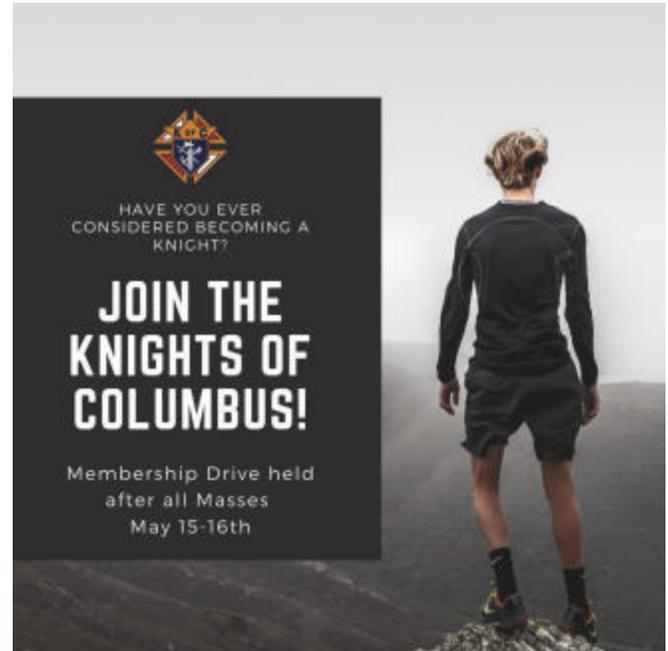
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Saturday, May 8th 12-2pm.



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Saturday, May 22nd at 4:30pm-6:30pm

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**Meal includes: Pulled Pork
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Meals are \$12.



Advanced meal orders must be placed by May 16th.

Please order by going to the website
www.cheshirekofc.org.

Pickup is on Saturday, May 22nd
from 4:30 to 6:30 in St. Bridget Parish Center.

Free contactless delivery for those in quarantine or
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See details on the order website.

Apologetics 101: Receiving the Eucharist

Our recent conversations about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist have sparked lots of change! It's great to see people genuflecting again and profoundly thanking God after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. This week, we take a look at the meaning behind the way we receive the Host.

- Imagine a beggar, a person begging on the sidewalk. When someone walks by, imagine how they stretch out their hands to ask for something.
 - Their hands seem to say – *please. Help me. I need you. I can't do this by myself anymore.*
- This has to be our mindset when we come up to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. **The reason we receive on the hand is because that's how beggars receive gifts from benefactors.** We stretch out our hands like beggars before the Lord.
- Humbly receiving the Eucharist with the attitude of a beggar frees us from the number one thing that inhibits most folks at Mass: receiving the Host casually.
 - **Or worse, like the Eucharist is something that is owed to them!**
 - * **Or even worse, coming up like the Eucharist is something that they have earned!**
- Instead, we receive the Eucharist with the attitude that the Living God is freely giving himself to me in the most astonishing gift of love and I am so unworthy to receive this generosity but I most gratefully accept it!
- We are not worthy of the Eucharist! We do not and cannot earn God's love. And yet Jesus comes to us anyway; **not because we are good but because he is good!**
- Remember what we remind ourselves of at Mass just before we go to receive the Host: *"Lord, I am **not worthy** that you should enter under my roof [come into my body] but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."*
- Change your attitude when you receive the Eucharist! Come up like a beggar instead of one who is entitled to something and watch what the Lord will do to honor that humility!

*"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is **not a prize for the perfect** but a powerful medicine and nourishment **for the weak.**"*

-Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47



Verse of the Week

Genesis 32:30

"I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Saint of the Week

Saint Rose Venerini

Feast Day: May 7th

Bio: Rose Venerini was born the daughter of a doctor in Viterbo, Italy in 1656. She got engaged at a young age, but her fiancé sadly died. She then entered a convent, but came home shortly thereafter to care for her mother after her father died. As a way to socialize, Rose invited the neighborhood women to come recite the rosary in her home. She soon felt intensely called to education, and opened a free school for girls. Her local cardinal appointed her to oversee the training of teachers and school administrators in her diocese, and she was even asked to organize schools in Rome. She was often met with strong opposition, but was never deterred from her mission. She died in Rome in 1728, was beatified in 1952, and canonized in 2006. Her rosary group grew into a religious congregation after her death and is now known as the Venerini Sisters. Saint Rose Venerini, pray for us!



Youth Ministry
Regis O'Neill, Youth Minister roneill@stbridgetcheshire.org
203-233-848

Upcoming Events

1. All high schoolers **and eighth graders** are invited to join the Next Generation of Disciples for our next Faith in Film movie night this Wednesday, May 5th, from 6:30-8:30pm in the SBS gym! Pizza and drinks will be provided as we relax with a great movie and discuss some of its themes. We look forward to seeing you there!
2. We will be helping to clean up the New Saint Bridget Cemetery on Saturday, May 15th from 2-4pm. All eighth graders and high school students (and their families) are invited to join us in helping to make our cemetery as clean, peaceful, and reverent as it can be!



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**

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We look forward to **coming together** with you on May 8th!

Marriage & Banns

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

III Don Prete & Chloe Higley

Ask Father

Dear Father: When are the times during the year when we can receive a plenary indulgence other than Divine Mercy Sunday? Are the four requirements the same?

Dear friend in Christ,

According to the laws of the Church, you can receive a plenary indulgence once per day! The requirements are the same.

In the section of the *Apostolic Penitentiary* which deals with indulgences, we read:

A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.

Remember, you can apply the indulgence to yourself or offer it to God for the soul of someone who has died.

Connecticut United Ways, a partnership of all United Ways in the state, launched the Connecticut United Ways COVID-19 Response Fund in response to the statewide lock down to provide cash assistance to individuals/families struggling financially.

Recipients must meet one of the following criteria as a result of COVID-19 to be eligible for the program: Loss of job/wages; Loss of childcare; or Homebound due to Coronavirus or caring for someone with Coronavirus.

The Cheshire Human Services Department is administering this program for the Cheshire community. If you feel you or someone you know may be eligible for assistance, contact Michelle Piccerillo, Director, Cheshire Human Services at (203) 271-6690 or cheshirehumanservices@cheshirect.org



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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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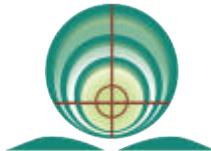
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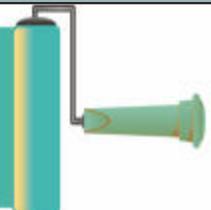
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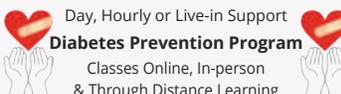
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