

# SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

*Where Christ is Our Light*

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13



## Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

This weekend marks the official full reopening of the parishes in our Archdiocese. As I wrote about last week there will still be some regulations we will have to adhere to but for the most part we are back to pre-pandemic occupancy. While this is most welcomed news to many, it is also a cause of anxiety for others. We are in this together, we have been and we will be.



This is Pentecost Sunday and it is fitting that the bishops of Connecticut chose this Solemnity in the life of the Church to call us back to in-person celebration of the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, is such a fitting time for us to gather as the family of God to receive the gift of His Son in Holy Eucharist.

Do not get me wrong...I am not naïve and I do not believe that this announcement will be like flipping a switch and all of a sudden we are going to have the numbers at Mass we had pre-pandemic. I do believe we can get to those numbers but it is going to take ALL OF US to do our part to invite people back. So share the news! Help others come to understand the importance of coming together to be nourished by our Savior. Invite others to come back to in-person celebration of the Eucharist. Be like the first apostles who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, went forth from the Upper Room where they were locked in fear, and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Be like them, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and let the word spread that it is time for us to come together once again in each other's physical presence around the Altar of God's Word and the Altar of Sacrifice to be nourished so that we can *Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord*.

As I have written before, so I write again, if you can get vaccinated PLEASE do. It is an act of charity for your neighbor—the adult near you that is not vaccinated due to health reasons, the children in our parish who cannot be vaccinated due to their age. I really encourage you to consider the good of others as an inspiration to get vaccinated. That is why I got vaccinated—for the good of those I am here to serve—I did it for you!

I want you to think about the numbers. Say we had 250 people at a Mass. If all of the 250 were vaccinated we would be 95% protected. However, according to the science, 11-14 people would still be at risk of catching COVID-19, or potentially infecting other persons. But given the numbers of vaccinated individuals being reported, only 50% of the population is fully vaccinated, this means that potentially 131 of the 250 at Mass would be at risk of catching COVID-19, or again worse potentially infecting others. So please for the good of your neighbor, and fulfilling the call to love one another as Jesus has loved us, please consider getting vaccinated!



As we enter this time of no more requirements with regard to social distancing, it is more important than ever, I really cannot urge



you more—out of care, concern and love for others—to get vaccinated!

Please note the following as we gather this weekend and in the weeks to come!

1. No more signing up for Mass!
2. Masks will still BE REQUIRED per guidelines of the Archdiocese.
3. The barriers used to block off pews and the tape used to direct the flow of traffic will be removed.
4. We will continue to livestream the 10:30AM Mass for those who are unable to attend Mass in-person due to medical reasons.
5. We will continue to do drive-thru confessions each Saturday beginning at 3PM until heard in front of the school building. While it is possible to be together in the Church, for the time being as an extra precaution for our safety and yours, we will continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we have these past months.
6. The holy water fonts will remain empty. If you need holy water for your own bottle and use, please use the receptacle in the South Entrance.
7. Hymnals will be put in the pews and available on a cart for use during the Mass. Please remember that you MUST wear your mask at all times in the Church building, but you CAN now sing!
8. The offertory collection will resume the weekend of Pentecost with the use of the collection baskets with long extended handles.
9. There will still not be an offertory procession of the gifts of bread and wine for the time being.

10. The Sign of Peace CAN be announced and reinstated **but it is only to be exchanged without making contact with others.**
11. We will begin the use of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors, but, at this time, altar servers are still not permitted by directive of the Archdiocese. You can expect those distributing Holy Communion to continue to sanitize their hands prior to and following.
12. Communicants will receive the consecrated host in their hand, step to the side, lower their mask, consume the host, replace their mask, and return to their seat. **Per the guidelines from the Archdiocese....COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DISCOURAGED FOR THE SAKE OF THE HEALTH OF OTHERS.** Those who refuse to receive on their hand **MUST** come at the end of the Communion line after everyone else has already received.
13. Finally, the disinfecting that has taken place all these months will be replaced with regular cleaning in accordance with the update from the CDC on April 5th. We will continue to sanitize bathrooms following each Mass.

*In addition to preparing for this reopening we have had quite a bit happening around here these past few weeks!*

As you know, we are in the midst of our pew project and redoing the floor in Saint Brigid Church. Things are progressing well and I am getting excited to see what the pews will look like when they are back in place. **Something to look forward to for sure.**

We also have the CHALLENGE GRANT activity happening for St. Brigid School. **I am likewise very grateful to all who donated to the \$50,000 challenge gift.** The challenge is still on! We have raised \$22,610 as of the writing of this article on Wednesday. Thank you to those who have contributed and if you have yet to

make a donation, please consider doing so today! Every donation, no matter the amount, helps us raise that needle closer to meeting the challenge!



Can you help us move the needle higher and closer to meet the challenge! I know how much our parishioners support our parish school and I would love to see us meet this challenge before the end of May, but definitely by the end of the school year! I believe it is possible. **Will you help our school today?** Visit the site: <https://stbridgetschool.ejoinme.org/50k!!!> Thank you!



**Last, but certainly not least, I must share with you some bittersweet news, our own Sister Patricia Cigrand, ASCJ, will be receiving a new assignment.** Sister Patricia came to us in August of 2015 as we were establishing a new Pastoral Team to serve then Saint Brigid Parish, eventually both Saint Brigid Parish and Saint Thomas Becket Parish, and was instrumental in bringing the Catholic parishes of Cheshire together when we merged and created the Saint Brigid of Sweden Parish Family.

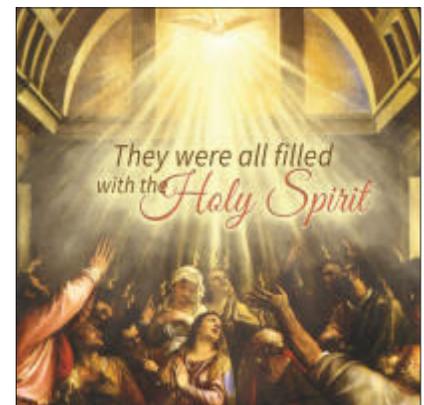
She has been a guiding light in our par-

ish family leading book studies, bible studies, video series, adult education evenings, working with the homebound, creating our Parish Visitor's Program, coordinating the Greeter's Ministry, running bus trips, assisting with Coffee/And Hospitality Ministry, and so much more. Personally, she has been a source of wisdom and insight at our weekly meetings of the Pastoral Staff through the years that I will miss. She will be leaving our parish family at the end of June and beginning officially her work with a Spiritual Life Center her Religious Community owns in Higganum, Connecticut. We wish her God's blessings during this time of transition and promise her our grateful prayers.

We will be holding a coffee/and on the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> as a way to provide the parish an opportunity to thank her for her years of service to the people of Cheshire and wish her blessings on her new endeavors.

**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 Brigid 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 Pentecost to you and your family!

*Father Roman*



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**Our collection for the week of May 16th**

Mailed-in/Dropped Off

- Offertory ..... \$10,781.00
- Ascension.....\$1,713.00
- Catholic Comm. Campaign..... \$1,291.00

**Mail your offertory donation to**  
**175 Main St, Cheshire, CT 06410**

Online

- Offertory ..... \$7,691.83
- Ascension..... \$55.00
- Catholic Comm. Campaign..... \$30.00

**Give Online at**  
[stbridgetcheshire.weshareonline.org/](http://stbridgetcheshire.weshareonline.org/)



**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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.



Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, here

in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Saturday, May 22nd

9:00 a.m. SBC	Charles & Catherine Hobson	The Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Jeffrey Pearce	The Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Joe Ferry, Sr.—1st Anniversary	The Family

## Sunday, May 23rd: Pentecost Sunday

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ed & Mary Bowman	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	In Living Prayer for the White Family	Preston & Louise White
9:00 a.m. SBC	Maria Ferrucci	Carmen & Tony Saracco
10:30 a.m. SBC	Francis Vizziello	Anthony & Debra Federico
12:00 p.m. SBC	George Finance	The Larkin Family

## Monday, May 24th: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 a.m. SBC	Francis Havrilla	Bill & Sandy Walsh
9:00 a.m. SBC	Bernard & Mary Wactowski	Daughter, Patricia

## Tuesday, May 25th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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## Wednesday, May 26th: Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 a.m. SBC	Raymond O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
9:00 a.m. SBC	Patrick Oliver O'Connell	His Children

## Thursday, May 27th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Brigham Metcalfe	Casey & Steve Downes
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## Friday, May 28th

7:00 a.m. STBC	Heather Duffy	Mary Catherine Meacham
9:00 a.m. STBC	School Mass—Joe and Bob O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo

## Saturday, May 29th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Joyce Ragozzino	Rebecca & Barry Berkowitz and Christine LeClair
4:00 p.m. SBC	Madeline & John Kranyak	Bob & Joan Roczynski
5:15 p.m. SBC	Marion Halpin	The Chamberlain Family

## Sunday, May 30th: The Most Holy Trinity

7:00 a.m. SBC	Amelia, Frank, Ann & Domenic Proto	Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Doris Borowy	St. Bridget of Sweden Women's Society
9:00 a.m. SBC	Paul Marasco	The Backman Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Chris Jackson	St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Staff
12:00 p.m. SBC	Dorothy Cadden	David Cadden

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.

## Marriage Banns

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

I Conor Walsh & Michelle Iovene



## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Having a diagnosis of cancer or being in remission can be a most difficult time in your life. We are offering a support group that we hope will be of help to you in the healing process. Sessions are held every Wednesday through May 26th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Father Frisbie Hall. Masks must be worn. Sign up at [bit.ly/3bY2Th1](http://bit.ly/3bY2Th1) to attend.



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



*The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for Robert Irving Requested by Peg Irving*

# In-Person Services THIS WEEK

## Masses this week:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday—7am & 9am in St. Thomas Becket Church  
 Tuesday & Thursday—7am in St. Thomas Becket Church  
 Saturday—9am, 4pm & 5:15pm in St. Bridget Church  
 Sunday—7am, 8am, 9am, 10:30am, & 12pm in St. Bridget Church



**Rosary** every Monday at 1:30pm in St. Thomas Becket 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. Thomas Becket Church



NOTE: Masking is required at all services, meetings & events.

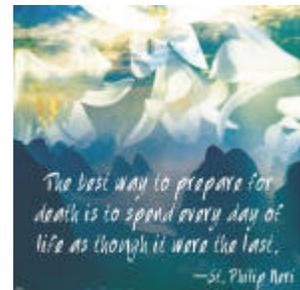
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# ONLINE SERVICES This Week



**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 **Saint Philip Neri**

### Resurrection Moments Video Series

Join us at 10AM every Wednesday and Friday through May 28th for a look at where God was in our lives during the past year.





## Today is Pentecost Sunday

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052321-Day.cfm>

In the Holy Spirit, God dwells not just among us but within us. Known as the Wonderful Counselor, Advocate, and Paraclete, which literally means, "he who is called to one's side". The Holy Spirit fulfills the Lord's promise to "never forsake you or abandon you". The Spirit of Truth, with us, forever. The one of whom Jesus said, "it is better for you that I go," because he will come, the one from whom we receive consolation, guidance, and who teaches us everything.

An advocate supports those who feel they are not being heard. In Romans 8:26, St. Paul teaches one of the incredible truths of how the Spirit works as a support in assuring God hears our prayers. "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

Even when we are at a loss on how to pray, the Holy Spirit perfects those fears, doubts, and desires nestled so deep in our soul we have no words and brings them to the Father for us. How many groanings has your heart murmured that the Spirit perfected and brought before the Lord?

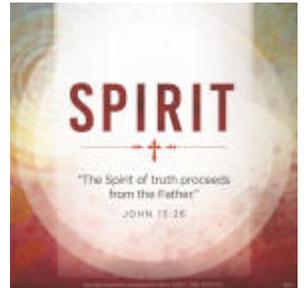
An advocate ensures a person has the tools to make an informed decision. In our Confirmations, we receive an outpouring of gifts to guide our Christian life. The gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord each provide the guidance we need to be responsive to the will of God in our lives. The grace from living in the Spirit opens our hearts to choose good, desire what the Father desires for us, even if not done perfectly, the devoted Advocate adequately equips us.

Jesus lays clear the Advocates work in our world, "And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned." How often has the Holy Spirit convicted our behavior, thoughts, or even our lack of action? How we respond indicates how willing we are to allow this Wonderful Counselor into our hearts.

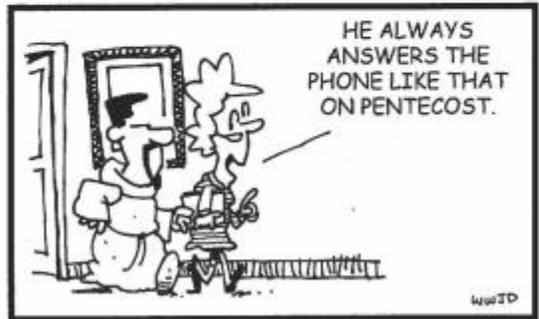
Do you wonder how to measure the magnitude to which you've allowed the Holy Spirit into your life? St. Paul shares the fruit of living in the Spirit is seen in the extent our lives are filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This incredible life Jesus promises with the Advocate, is just a simple prayer away, "Come, Holy Spirit."

On Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, that glorious moment the Holy Spirit "appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them." They heard and understood, more importantly, empowered by the Spirit, they proclaimed! With the Advocate at our side, let us go forth this Pentecost Sunday as ambassadors for Christ.

[www.4lpi.com/blog/power-of-pentecost/](http://www.4lpi.com/blog/power-of-pentecost/)



For more information to better understand the readings, [bit.ly/3hzuvMB](http://bit.ly/3hzuvMB)



**WE ARE HIRING!** Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish is creating a **NEW position in our Parish Office.** We are creating a Part-Time Position for Saturdays from 9:30a.m. until 12:30p.m. to be more accessible to our parishioners who are seeking Mass cards, sponsor certificates, or any other hosts of items. Applicants must be over the age of 18, have phenomenal interpersonal skills, basic computer skills, and have a desire to help others. Any interested persons are asked to email a resume to [rectory@stbridgetcheshire.org](mailto:rectory@stbridgetcheshire.org).



**BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS GENTLY USED MATERNITY AND BABY CLOTHING!**

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the **RIGHT** of every pregnant woman to give **BIRTH** and the **RIGHT** of every child to be **BORN**. There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you to arrange for drop off. Thank you.



# St. Bridget School Update

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

## Summer Camp Registration Forms Are Now Available!

We are offering Programs for PreK 3 through Grade 8! Full days or half days available! We have Theatre and Math Workshops for Grades 4-8 and weekly camps for students entering PK3-Grade 3. A new theme is planned for every week and lots of outdoor time! All programs are offered to St. Bridget of Sweden Parishioners and their friends. For **Registration Forms** and more information, please contact Christina Cummings at [ccummings@stbridgetschool.org](mailto:ccummings@stbridgetschool.org).

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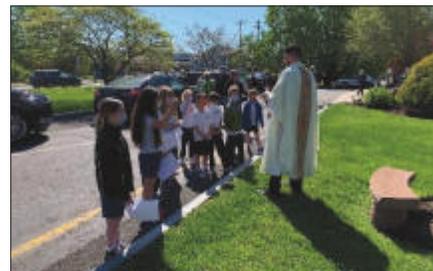
Last week, our 8th Graders performed their Vaudeville-inspired, late 1800s talent show in Mrs. Nott's History class. Acts ranged from magic shows, theatre skits, Impressionistic art paintings, comedy acts, miming and more. We are so proud of everything our students have accomplished this year!



**SBS Gazette** Virtual Edition

Edition #7 May 2021 Free!

We have so many wonderful articles that we couldn't just print one! Please visit our website at [www.stbridgetschool.org](http://www.stbridgetschool.org) to read this month's edition.



Our entire school was able to enjoy the wonderful day-long May Crowning on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our third graders who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, prepared a beautiful video of prayers and song to share with all of the classes to view prior to going out to present their beautiful flowers to our Mother, Mary. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of creating a different but fantastic version of this special event.



Check out our Facebook page to learn more about our wonderful programs and activities at SBS.

Our Facebook pages are  
**St. Bridget School, Cheshire** and  
**St. Bridget School Cheshire Alumni Page**



Last week, 6<sup>th</sup> graders did a stations gallery walk to read the ancient Chinese-inspired folk stories written by their peers. Very interesting!

### Register Now!

We are now accepting 2021-2022 Applications for Grades PK-3 & PK-4 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.

We offer Registered Catholic Grants, Sibling Grants, as well as Tuition Assistance. For more information or questions, please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Christina Cummings, at 203.272.5860 or [ccummings@stbridgetschool.org](mailto:ccummings@stbridgetschool.org).

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Donna Yatcko, DRE  
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203.272.6504

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

## 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](mailto:Dcnrw.stbridget@gmail.com) or  
Donna Yatcko at [dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org](mailto:dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org)



## Ask Father

*Dear Father: What is the significance of speaking in tongues and how is it important for Catholics / Christians today? There are so many references to it in the Bible: Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46, 1 Cor 14:2, 1 Cor 14:23, Mark 16:17, etc. Years ago I attended Charismatic events where they spoke about being “Slain in the Spirit” and “Baptism of the Spirit”. And then there are the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Wow, that’s a lot! Can you help clarify?*

Dear friend in Christ,

Yes! Speaking in tongues is a real, legitimate, biblical practice. I know many people who speak in tongues and I trust that it is authentic. As you pointed out, speaking in tongues comes from the Bible. It is one of the many *charisms* or gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are always given by the Spirit **for the good of the Church**. They are not meant for the individual and they are certainly not rewards for good behavior. Charismatic gifts are the normal way the Holy Spirit wants to operate in the lives of those who place their trust in him.

One way we can discern the legitimacy of a person’s charismatic gift is to see if they use it for the betterment of the Church or to draw attention to themselves. If it is only for a show, it is certainly not an authentic gift of the Spirit.

Every Christian has been given charismatic gifts, so few of us use them. As we approach Pentecost, each of us should ask the Holy Spirit – “what is my gift?” The Holy Spirit desires to shower us with gifts and blessings that will build up our homes and our Church. Ask and you shall receive!

## Frequently Asked Questions



### CAN MY CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. It does not matter if the parents are single or married outside the Catholic Church. ALL CHILDREN no matter what, are welcome to the baptism of the Lord, as long as they will be raised Catholic. If you need more information, please contact the parish office at 203-272-3531.



# Cheshire K of C KNIGHTS KORNER

by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —  
jason\_molitierno@yahoo.com

## Our Recent Membership Drive

Last weekend you may have noticed many of us at a tent on the east side entrance to the church with a variety of literature and hand-outs during a membership drive. Frs. Romans and Federico encouraged us to hold to bolster our ranks and serve the parish and community better. While we didn't double our number, the drive was a success given the difficulty all Councils have in recruitment (after all, 50% of the population can't join the Knights; there is the Columbiettes, but more about that at a later time). It never ceases to amaze how long one can be a parishioner and still meet fresh faces at such an event.



New faces, old faces, it doesn't matter - we're looking for men interested in prayer, volunteer work or both, and the amount of time spent with us is totally up to the individual. Our annual dues is one of the Lord's lightest yokes, and the first year is free to those joining before the end of our Fraternal Year (June 30th).

New members can look forward to attending the annual Silver Rose Ceremony in October, flipping pancakes at our first post-pandemic pancake breakfast, or sneaking a Grab 'n Go meal in the Parish Center (as long as Dave DeLancy, our Treasurer, isn't watching - bottom line, always the bottom line!). We will be in need of judges for the upcoming scholarship program and that could be your first duty as a Knight, as long as your son or daughter isn't an applicant.

Visit <https://kofc.org/join> to sign up for the Knights of Columbus and enter Council 2978.

So if you've been thinking of joining us in the past, now may be the time to start the future, and the future is now as a Knight of Columbus.



## MOVING?

Please call the rectory at  
203-272-3531 to update our  
parish registry.

## *Sister Patricia's Corner*

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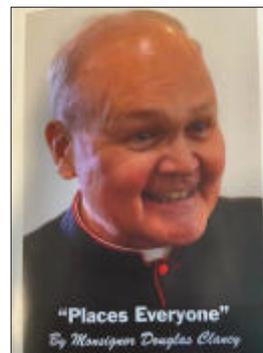
It has been a blessing to minister in St. Bridget of Sweden Parish these past six years. I have been touched by your generous service in visiting both the homebound and those in nursing homes through the Parish Visitor Program. You have also served so many in bringing them weekly communion. Your deep faith and spirituality was evident in your attendance and in what you shared at the Spiritual Book Clubs, the Seasonal Retreats and the many Adult Education Programs. Your willingness to serve as greeters, and to lead support groups always edified me. There were persons who took leadership roles in the various ministries and I was privileged to work with these teams. I could never thank you enough for the many ways you supported and worked in the many ministries. In the future I will be working with another sister in creating and running a Spiritual Life Center in Higganum, CT. I am ever grateful for your presence in my life. I will miss you and hold you and your family in my prayers. I trust you will also keep me in your prayers.

Wishing you the fullness of His Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost!

*Sr. Patricia*

## Msgr. Douglas Clancy's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield, will be hosting a celebration to honor Msgr. Douglas Clancy on his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination.



Msgr. Clancy served Epiphany Church from 1978-1983. All are invited to join in the celebration from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Sacred Heart at 860-242-4142 or ([sacredheartblct@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartblct@gmail.com))



**Activities for this Week's Liturgy**

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## **Apologetics 101: The Sunday Obligation**

*Praise God! The Archbishop has lifted the Sunday Mass dispensation for those for whom it is safe to return! This weekend, we reflect on the "obligation" of attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist.*

- Attending the Mass is a privilege, not obligation!
- Do we visit our best friend complaining of the burdensome duty? Do we visit to check a box? Or do we delight in being able to visit with the one we love?
- What is your mindset toward attending Mass? Is it a privilege or a burden?
- How do you think Jesus, in his humanity, feels when a soul comes to Mass begrudgingly?
- Watching the Mass on a live-stream was a great way for folks to stay connected to the parish during the pandemic. It is not a substitute for receiving the Living God in the Eucharist!
- This is not a return to normalcy – this is a return to the supernatural experience which transforms our lives!
- This is a beautiful invitation for our entire Catholic family to reunite with each other in the Lord's house as one family of faith.
- If you struggle with coming to Mass out of obligation or find Mass boring, check out our video on Facebook and YouTube about how to change your experience!
- See you at Mass!

## **OUR LADY** *of the Rosary*

Our Lady's Rosary Ministry is meeting on Mondays at **1:30pm** at **St. Thomas Becket Church** to pray the rosary.

Attendees are required to wear a mask.



**Information on Covid-19 and the Vaccinations**  
**Thursday, May 27th at 7PM**  
**St. Thomas Church**  
**99 Bristol St, Southington, CT**

Doctor Kevin Diekhaus, Infectious Disease Specialist at UConn Health Center, has graciously agreed to speak about Covid-19 and the vaccines being used. He will speak addressing the medical issues at hand and answer people's questions about Covid and the vaccines. There is a great deal of information and misinformation circulating. Doctor Kevin Diekhaus will share his insights with us through his specialty of medical treatment for infectious disease. There will be time for questions and answers.



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My story of faith goes back almost forty years but still inspires me even to this day as to how prayers are answered. Until now, I'd shared my faith story with only a few.

In 1982, I was laid off. Getting that bad news that day is still very vivid to me. I remember calling my wife and could barely get the words out. We had a three-year-old son and one on the way, a monthly mortgage, and all the rest that comes with being a young family.

Then, because of the job market, my search for employment did not go well. Also, I wanted to get out of the industry I had been in—time for a different industry and some new horizons.

Months went by and then two interviews suddenly yielded success. One local company made an offer; only problem, the same industry I was trying to avoid. The other offer was an engineering position of significant responsibility; basically, a promotion with a much better title and salary. Nothing is free however, the conditions were extensive travel to their factories, primarily in South America.

I had already received the local offer when the recruiter called with the good news of a second job. He told me that my interview had gone well and the company was in the process of putting together the details. He said he would call back in an hour with more information.

I went outside to our backyard to think this through. My dilemma was this: staying local doing more of the same or making a career advancement, but with travel. My wife was far more in favor of the former, with myself leaning toward the latter.

I said a quick prayer, asking God, "just tell me what to do, show me the way."

About five minutes later I heard the phone ring and my wife answer it. Cordless phones were in use then so she brought it outside and said it was the recruiter.

Why was he calling so soon? In a very confused and apologetic tone, he said, "I cannot explain what has just happened, and this has never happened before, but I am sorry to have to tell you, that all of a sudden, they have decided not to make you and offer." I calmly listened to what he was clearly having a hard time saying, and after he started to repeat everything for the third time, I said, "It's ok, I know what happened."

"Thy will be done." That call brought peace into my life, not turmoil. The stress of being unemployed was over; a new adventure began, one with treasures unknowable at the time.

"Jesus, I trust in you." Prayer works; it brings us to where we need, not want, to be.

-David Basconi

Submit your Story of Faith at [office@stbridgetcheshire.org](mailto:office@stbridgetcheshire.org)



## Youth Ministry

Regis O'Neill, Youth Minister [roneill@stbridgetcheshire.org](mailto:roneill@stbridgetcheshire.org)  
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### Upcoming Events

Summer is the perfect time to try something new, especially with Covid restrictions easing! All eighth graders and high schoolers are invited to this week's meeting of the Next Generation of Disciples. We'll meet this Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30pm in the SBS gym. No worries if you need to come late or leave early! We'll have games, snacks, and a lot of great community. See you there!

### Verse of the Week

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

### Saint of the Week

Saint Justin Martyr

Feast Day: June 1<sup>st</sup>

Bio: St. Justin Martyr, born around the year 100, spent a large part of his early life studying various pagan philosophies. He was a principal devotee of the school of Plato, but he eventually came to realize that Christianity offered better answers to the questions of life than secular philosophy. Upon his conversion, he continued to practice philosophy but through a Christian lens, thus making him the first ever Christian philosopher. Justin took the best elements of Greek philosophy and married them with Christianity, describing philosophy as "an educator that is to lead one to Christ." He was also an apologist, one who defended Church teachings against pagan attacks. This got him into hot water with the Romans, who eventually beheaded him in 165. Saint Justin Martyr, pray for us!





## Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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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](mailto: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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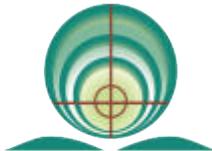
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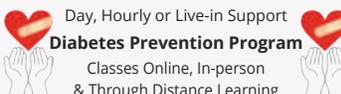
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