



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

A traditional greeting of the Mass comes directly from our Second Reading today from Saint Paul:

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” This greeting reminds us that we come to praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons. Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship. But do we really understand what the Trinity is all about?



This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday...officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity." It is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery. By mystery the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately we will only know through worship, symbol, and faith. Theologians down through the centuries have spent countless hours trying to explain this mystery to no avail.

The Trinity is, always has been and always will be the greatest mystery of our Christian faith. In the Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 3 summarizes it

very well, saying, “We will not understand it until we reach heaven.” We can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. The three Persons of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided. Today we praise our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Witnessing the Renewal of Vows for Sister Mary Mercy, FSE...last Friday I celebrated the evening Mass for the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Father Federico and I celebrate their community Mass every Friday alternating based on our schedules. I lucked out that last Friday also happened to be the occasion for Sister Mary Mercy (daughter of Mary Alyce and Robert Lee) to renew her vows for another three years.



It was a special occasion for me, as her Pastor, to be present as I heard her renew her vows before Mother Miriam Seiferman, Mother General of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Here are the vows she spoke:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Sister Mary Mercy Lee, vow to God and into your hands Mother Miriam Seiferman, Mother General, to live for three years chastity, poverty, and obedience as expressed in the Constitutions of the Institute of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. I do this in union with Holy Mother the

Church, Saint Francis and Saint Clare, and Mary, the Mother of God.

It was truly powerful to witness this moment. The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist are an amazing religious order blessed with many young sisters who are excited to give their lives for the church and in service of the mission of restoring a sense of the sacred, especially the sacredness of human life, in a world that knows the rupture between the sacred and the secular. Father Federico and I consider it a true blessing to have this religious order so close to our parish, active in many ways in our community, serving in our parish school, and we consider it a personal blessing to be able to celebrate the Eucharist with them on a weekly basis. Please keep Sister Mary Mercy, a daughter from our parish, in your prayers as she continues in her formation and in her preparation for perpetual vows.

Pew Project Update...As you know, we are in the midst of our pew project and redoing the floor in Saint Bridget Church. Things are progressing well and I am getting excited that some of the pews will actually be back in the church this coming weekend. The gentlemen who removed the pews were kind enough to show me that, in fact, the glue holding our pews together was crystalized. It is a true blessing that we are doing this project now and not waiting any longer since it was only a matter of time before the pews would have caused a real problem for us. In this photo you can see on top of the leg of the pew where the pew would have been attached to the next section the glue looks like sawdust. Wow. I could not believe it.



The floor project continues as well. The main body of the church has been completed as of the time you are reading this letter and they have begun to work on the north side entrance and interior stairs. In the coming week they will continue to work on the side entrance, the votive candle area near



Before

After

Saint Joseph, and the sacristy. I am very pleased they were able to repair some of the large foundational cracks, fill them in with epoxy and stone, and make our floor look so much better after 60+ years of use. Here is a before picture of a foundational crack prior to the beginning of the floor project, and a picture of what that crack looks like today (prior to being shined) from this past Wednesday.

Don't forget ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL needs your help to meet a CHALLENGE GRANT!!! **I am very grateful to all who donated to the \$50,000 challenge gift.** The challenge is still on! We have raised \$22,660 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 more news regarding personnel. Our own St. Bridget School icon, Mrs. Judith Rowinski will officially be retiring. What can we say about Mrs.

Rowinski and all that she has done to make St. Bridget School the school it is today? Part of the original team that set out to reopen the parish school under the leadership of Father James Gunnoud and Father Brian Monnerat, Mrs. Rowinski has been a constant source of wisdom, strength, and vision through our now 26 year history.

Some of her fellow educators have shared with me the significant contribution Mrs. Rowinski has made through the years. She was instrumental from the beginning helping to choose everything from curriculum, to textbooks, to student uniforms. Her efforts were essential in making St. Bridget School the best Catholic School in our area.

She was the original first grade teacher, a position she held from 1994 to June of 2007. In 2007, she was honored by the NCEA and received the Distinguished Teacher Award for her hard work and dedication to Catholic education. Hundreds of students in her classes were lucky enough to have learned their prayers, addition and subtraction facts, how to read and write, and most importantly – how to be kind, caring Catholics.

In the summer of 2007, Mrs. Rowinski began as the school's first assistant principal. In this position, Mrs. Rowinski was able to enhance the strong faith community and academic excellence that our school is known for to this day. Each month, Mrs. Rowinski would plan a social ministry project to help our students understand their roles in helping the less fortunate.

Her role as assistant principal included helping faculty and parents as well as students. As a mentor and guide, she helped the teachers improve their skills. She was always available to help and encourage teachers to be their best selves and to be models of what a Catholic School educator should be. When parents had a question or concern, Mrs. Rowinski was always willing to speak with them at any time of day. Mrs. Rowinski was always very kind and respectful when dealing with teachers, students, and parents and has become a model for all.

She has always been a great supporter of our extracurricular activities. She

was visible at any and every event you can imagine; morning, noon, or night. In fact, when I first came here I was convinced she had a cot in her office and never went home. Whenever there was an event highlighting our students, Mrs. Rowinski was sure to be there. Her love of and dedication to St. Bridget School was evidenced in everything she did.

Most recently, this past year, we have been blessed with her continued support of our school in her new role as Campus Minister, helping to



coordinate the ministry of St. Bridget School and the many ways our students can help make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. We have been very fortunate that God has blessed all of us at St. Bridget School with one of his most precious gifts, Mrs. Rowinski.

In addition to honoring her at the school graduation this year, and our students being given the opportunity to say thank you to her and wish her well in retirement during the coming days, we will also be holding an evening for parishioners, alumni, and friends to come by on Friday, June 18th from 4-6PM. Come and help us celebrate Mrs. Rowinski and thank her for her amazing support of our parish school since its reopening in 1994. We thank you, Mrs. Rowinski, for your 26 years of dedicated service and commitment to our children and families, as a teacher, an assistant principal, and most recently a campus minister. We wish God's choicest blessings upon you and pray you have many happy years to enjoy a well deserved retirement.

As always, remember to pray for our parish family and ask God's blessings upon us all. 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!

Father Roman

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Our collection for the week of May 23rd

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Archbishop’s Annual Appeal
The Vicariate Outreach Program
“Reaching Out, Healing Together”

In the spirit of stewardship—Sharing God’s Gifts—the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal initiated the Vicariate Outreach Program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and her teachings.

The Archdiocese and the 2021 Appeal—**Reaching Out, Healing Together**—has received broad acclaim for sharing more than \$18M over the previous 23 years of this effort. With the support of all parish households, we remain enthusiastic about continuing and improving this vital outreach Program this year as well.

If you desire to suggest a worthy local charity for funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please contact the parish office. An outreach program of this scope requires following a time-tested process. If you make a suggestion it will be reviewed and considered for nomination—not all suggestions will become nominations as funds are limited. Please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible. Parish nominations are reviewed and confirmed by the Archdiocesan Vicariate Outreach Committee.

Thank you for your concern and generosity.



MEMORIAL DAY
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Monday, May 31st: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO 7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Bridget Cemetery	Eileen Grehl	Her Family
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Tuesday, June 1st: Saint Justin, Martyr

7:00 a.m. STBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, June 2nd

7:00 a.m. STBC	Eileen Havrilla	Bill & Sandy Walsh
9:00 a.m. STBC	John & Hannah O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Thursday, June 3rd: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. STBC	Francis H. O'Neill	The Family
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Friday, June 4th

7:00 a.m. STBC	Raymond O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
9:00 a.m. STBC	School Mass—Richard Cigrand	Sacred Heart Academy

Saturday, June 5th: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 a.m. SBC	Joe O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Josephine Iadarola—24th Anniversary	Her Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Joseph Ferry, Sr.	Ray & Pat Maratea

Sunday, June 6th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:00 a.m. SBC	Hugh & John McGovern	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Charles Triano—22nd Anniversary and Patricia Rasmussen—Birthday Remembrance	Mike & Nancy Rasmussen
9:00 a.m. SBC	Richard Barone	The Backman Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Winora Orcutt	Tim Orcutt



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

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.



Please pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:
II Conor Walsh & Michelle Iovene



MASS IN ST. BRIDGET CEMETERY

The Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Bridget Cemetery on Monday, May 31, at 9:00am. There is NO 7:00am Mass that day.

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

*The Marriage of Stephanie Johnson & Aaron Nizam
Requested by Cee Cee & David Johnson*



The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for

*Tom DeLuca
Requested by Pat Dalton*

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.

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)

ONLINE SERVICES This Week



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

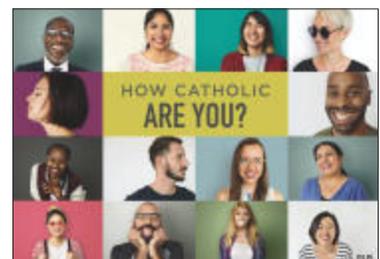
The television Mass is simulcast everyday at 10:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV WB20 and WCTX-TV MyTV9. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV. It can also be viewed online at <https://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>



Getting to Know Our Heavenly Family
 Every Monday at 10AM
 This week, learn about **Saint Monica**

How Catholic Are You?

Join us at 10AM every Wednesday and Friday Test your knowledge of the Catholic faith with these obscure facts and partially useful trivia about our faith and its history.



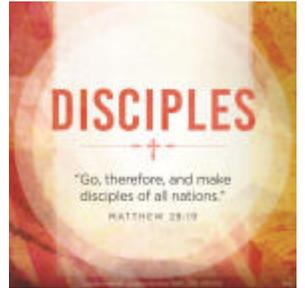


Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/053021.cfm>

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.



The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

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



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, June 4th, at 10:00am in Father Frisbie Hall**. Masks are required. Bring a friend!

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.

Frequently Asked Questions



I'VE BEEN ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You will need to provide a **Sponsor Affirmation Form** to the church of Baptism. In order to receive a Sponsor Affirmation Form for Baptism, you must be an active parishioner registered with Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish, at least 16 years of age, Confirmed, and, if married, married in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church. If in need of a Sponsor Affirmation Form, please call the Rectory Office well in advance of the ceremony.



St. Bridget School Update

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

Summer Camp Registration Forms Are Now Available!

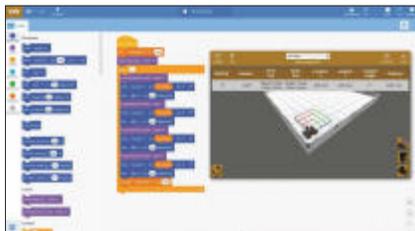


We are offering Programs for PreK 3 through Grade 8! Full days or half days available! We have **Theatre and Math Workshops** for Grades 4-8 and weekly camps for students entering PK3-Grade 3. A new theme is planned for every week and lots of outdoor time!

The weekly themes for our Pre K 3-Grade 3 camp program are as follows:

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| 6/21—Mickey Mouse Clubhouse | 7/19—Zoology |
| 6/28—Beach & Ocean Discovery | 7/26—Ocean Animals |
| 7/6—Jammin' Jungle | 8/2—Summer Fun! |
| 7/12—Space exploration | |

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.



Congratulations SBS Robotics!

The SBS Robotics Club submitted 5 programs to the Archdiocese of Hartford Virtual Robotics Competition in March, and all 5 won awards! Two Champion awards (1st place) and three Finalist awards (2nd place) were received.

- **Meredith and Sidney won 1st place Cooperative Crystal Collection Challenge Champion (Elementary Division)**
- **Avery, Sarah, Katelyn, & Sophia won 1st place Cooperative Crystal Collection Challenge Champion (Middle School Division)**
- **Ben, Chris, & Luke won 2nd place Robot Dance Challenge (Elementary Division) and 2nd place Navigate the Number Grid Challenge (Elementary Division)**
- **Yewon won 2nd place Robot Dance Challenge (Middle School Division)**

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tine and all of our coaches for allowing us to continue this program. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful families!

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 and spacious campus.

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.

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

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Religious Education Schedule

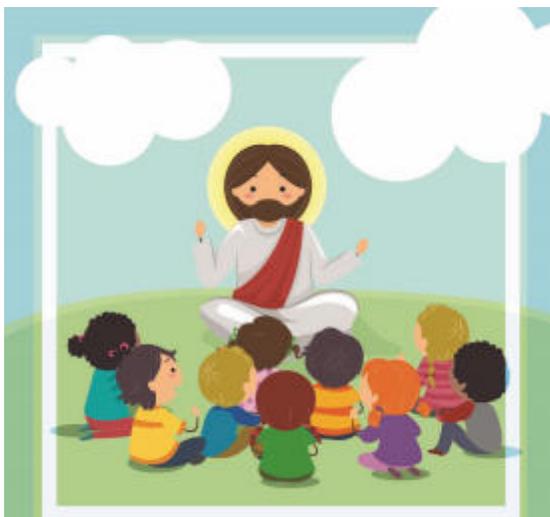
All classes have finished for the year. Please be sure your child completes all of their assignments.



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



Activities for this Week’s Liturgy

Word Search—bit.ly/3wBlx5P

Crossword Puzzle—bit.ly/3bSiOgf

Decoder Puzzle—bit.ly/34IMRZS

Coloring Page—bit.ly/3ujk9mZ

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Ask Father

Dear Father: Why does the priest wash his hands during the Mass?

Dear friend in Christ,

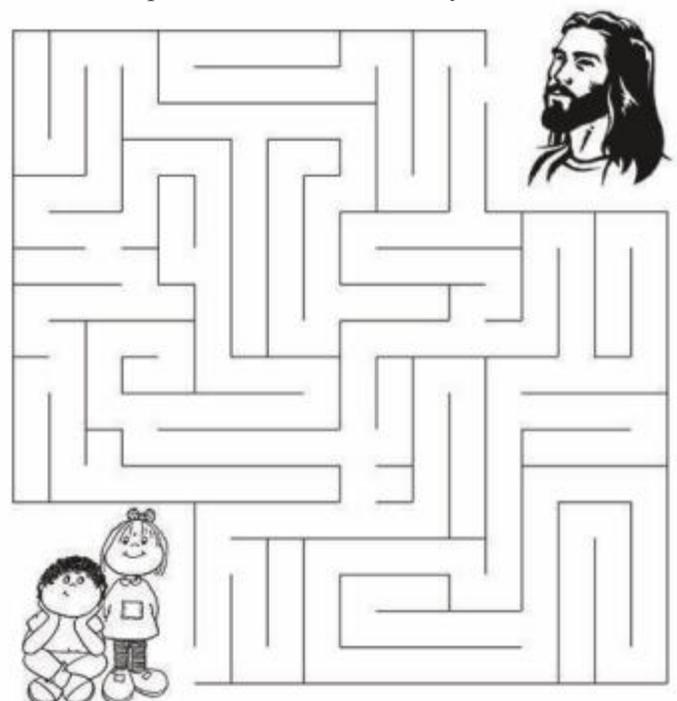
Great question. This is an ancient custom which derives from Jewish ceremonial washing and bathing rituals.

During the preparation of the altar, the acolyte will pour a little water over the priest’s hands and fingers as he says quietly “Lord, wash me from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sins.”

Like most sacramental aspects of our faith, the gesture is an outward sign of an invisible reality. The priest is not physically cleaning his hands – he is readying his soul to confect the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Son of God. Notice how the priest must take personal responsibility for his life: “wash **me** from **my** iniquity; cleanse **me** from **my** sins...” It is a powerful moment because it reminds the priest how astonishing his responsibility is.

The Great Commission Maze

Help the friends find their way to Jesus!





Cheshire K of C KNIGHTS KORNER

by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —jason_molitierno@yahoo.com

Motorcade Through Town To Honor Our Veterans

Today (Sunday) beginning at one o'clock, our town will honor our Veterans for Memorial Day Weekend in a different way than in many years past. Because of the pandemic, our annual town parade had to be cancelled again this year, but a wonderful substitute honor will take place. It starts on the Town Green with a wreath laying ceremony at the War Monument, the national anthem, pledge of allegiance, brief comments, and then all Veterans who volunteered to participate will get in vehicles and begin a motorcade throughout the town.



The route through town is listed on our website (cheshirekofc.org) and several other sites and newspapers, but for our parish the best place to view the motorcade is in front of the St Thomas Becket campus on North Brooksvale Rd. Each car being escorted by Cheshire's Finest will have signs with the names of the Veterans on the sides of each vehicle and if you plan to attend feel free to shout their name and cheer as they go by.

Our council is proud to have two Veterans in the parade and to save your voices have agreed to ride together in the same car. Bruce Humiston (left) and Vin Masotta (right) will be in a light blue Mercedes convertible waiting to acknowledge your cheers.



We hope as many of you as possible will turn out to honor Bruce and Vin and all their fellow Veterans on a very special day.



TRINITY SUNDAY



St. Bridget School
22nd Annual Auction

Come Together

Thank you for your support

Thank you for your generous support of the first ever virtual Auction that took place on May 8th.
The event was a huge success!

The \$50,000 Matching Gift Challenge is extended through the end of the school year. A generous donor has pledged to match all donations raised up to \$50,000!

Let's DOUBLE our dollars! Show your support for St. Bridget School and help us meet this challenge! No donation is too small!

Visit here to donate:
<https://stbridgetschool.ejoinme.org/50k>



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.

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**ST. BRIDGET
 WOMEN'S SOCIETY**
 Members' Annual Mass and Dinner



**JUNE 8TH
 5-8:30PM
 ST. THOMAS BECKET CHURCH**

Apologetics 101: Talking to People about Sin

It's difficult to have conversations with our loved ones about their choices and behaviors, especially when those conflict with the teachings of the Church. This week, we offer some advice and practical tips to have that conversation the way Jesus would.

The first thing to remember is that we have very little ground to speak to others about their sin if we are not diligently working on clearing the sin from our own lives.

- 1) Pray! Do a novena! **Talk more to God about the person than you talk to the person about God.**
- 2) Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the right words. Then surrender the outcome of what happens. Your only job is to speak the truth and plant the seeds. It's the Lord's job to convert hearts.
- 3) Do you remember the story of Jesus saving the woman who was caught in the act of adultery from being stoned? Read it again and watch what the Lord does. (John 8:1-11)
- 4) He said to her two things which we must imitate in our conversation with other people about their sin:
 - **"neither do I condemn you"** – if Jesus Himself did not condemn this person who was caught in the actual act of sin, then we can't condemn the people in our lives. Our desire to see them change **must be motivated by charity**, by a loving concern for the well-being of their souls. Check your intention. We are not their judge.
 - **"go and sin no more"**: Jesus did not accept her sin. He did not allow her to persist in it. According to the world's standards, He was not being very nice, inclusive or tolerant! **Instead, He loved her enough to call her to be her best self.** Don't give up on your loved ones! Do not compromise the truth. Loving them does not mean accepting their sin, it means choosing their good and doing what you can to lead them to the truth.
- 5) Offer fasting and sacrifice. These are such powerful ways of praying for people's conversion. These kinds of prayers lend physical weight to the prayer for the person. Do not despair! Never give up hope! Their conversion will occur more from your prayers than from your words to them.
- 6) Invoke the Blessed Mother. The first line of the *Memorare* reminds us how often she failed to help when she was asked to: *Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known...*

I truly believe God has a plan for each of us and it slowly unfolds throughout our lives. I think that what we might chalk up to coincidence is actually God's hand at work.

My mother grew up in a Kosher home. She married an Episcopalian who died within a year of my birth. Eventually she remarried and my stepfather, a Catholic adopted me. I remember my Baptism (when I was 6) as it was the same time as my younger sister's not long after she was born.

Interestingly, my mother was the one who helped us learn our religious education lessons and listened while we memorized various prayers.

I married my high school sweetheart, an Episcopalian, in a Catholic church with officiants from both our religions. My husband quite often attended Mass with me. We had one son and eventually a change of job assignment had us move to Cheshire. Out of the blue one day, my husband told me that if I died, he would never remarry. I was startled, but for some reason did not make the same promise back to him. Not long after that, at the age of thirty-six, my husband died suddenly, leaving me and our ten-year-old son.

I can still remember the Chaplain at the hospital telling me that my husband had died. Within a few hours I was back at home and felt driven to attend the late Saturday afternoon Mass. As I sat in the pew, I felt a presence next to me and, turning, saw that my son and I were alone in the pew. I believe that the Holy Spirit was there next to me comforting me and giving me the strength to use in the difficult days ahead.

The people of Cheshire, and most especially of the church we attended, rallied around us and went out of their way to help us. We decided to remain in Cheshire because it felt more like home to us than where I had grown up.

One day my son told me that he and his wife planned to name their first child after my son's late father. On the twenty-first anniversary of his grandfather's death, my grandson was born (this still gives me goose bumps). He was named after his deceased grandfather and his birth turned what had been a sad date to a joyous one.

I have since remarried. My husband is Catholic. In our chats getting to know each other, we discovered that many times in our adult lives we had been at the same place at practically the same time, but had never met. He was divorced, but his previous marriage was not recognized by the Church so he was free to marry in the Catholic church.

I could have been raised in the Jewish or Episcopalian faith, but my religious education was as a Catholic. I could have married a person who did not respect my faith, but I married one who attended Mass with me when he did not have to. I could have promised to never marry and my second husband might not have been free to marry, and we would have missed out on the over thirty years of marriage that we have shared. If I were not still living in Cheshire, I would have missed out on all that the priests and people of St. Bridget of Sweden have done to enrich and support our faith and help us all stay connected.

Coincidences? No. I believe these are God's plan unfolding.

-Anonymous

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Upcoming Events

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Verse of the Week

Mark 2:27

"And he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.'"

Saint of the Week

Saint Boniface

Feast Day: June 5th

Bio: St. Boniface was born around the year 675 in England. Not much is known about his early life, but we do know that he went to Germany as a missionary in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Sadly, he found a land rife with paganism and shoddy Christianity (mainly due to uneducated, lazy, and rebellious clergy). He reported these conditions to the Pope in 721, who instructed him to reform the German Church. Boniface was made a bishop and authorized to organize the whole of German Catholicism. While he met with much difficulty due to lay interference in the selection of bishops, materialistic priests, and a lack of papal control over the area, he was incredibly successful. Boniface's final mission ended in martyrdom as he was preparing a group of converts for Confirmation. He left behind a legacy of papal obedience, persistence, and a great group of religious communities to ensure the faith would not lapse in Germany. Saint Boniface, pray for us!

Patron Saint of Germany





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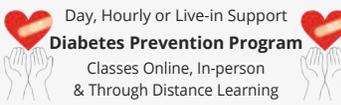
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