



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

First and foremost... on this Father's Day Weekend I offer to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, Godfathers, and all who fill the role of father in other people's lives a very **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Please know that each of you are in our prayers.

For some in our parish this is a difficult day; some may be alone on this day away from their children, others may be mourning the recent death of their father or grandfather, and others may be struggling with the reality of not being able to be a father. I assure all of you of our prayers as well.



This is a celebration that has great meaning for me as well, since I am not only godfather to my brother's children and my best friend's two children, but also as a spiritual father here in the parish. I take my fatherly role very seriously and pray that Saint Joseph helps me each day to make a difference in the lives of those I serve. I pray that, like my own father was for me, I can be a good example for the people of our parish family as I seek to put the needs of others before my own, and serve you with my whole heart.

May Saint Joseph, foster father to Jesus, pray for all of us. Happy Father's Day!

SOME REMINDERS!!!

1. As announced last weekend, with the recent change in the Archdiocesan Protocols, we are reserving the **RIGHT TRANSCEPT**, (the section closest to the priest's chair), AS



MASKS REQUIRED. This is to help those who may be apprehensive to sit among those not wearing masks, including parents of children who cannot be vaccinated yet! I am mindful that not everyone is comfortable being near people who are not wearing a mask, just yet, and so this will be available for them and for families as well. This will be for the foreseeable future, and will be closely monitored and adapted as things continue to evolve and regulations continue to loosen. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2. **SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, September 19th for our PARISH PICNIC.** I am so excited that we can begin planning for our Annual Parish Picnic. Not being able to gather for our Outdoor Mass and spend an afternoon together with food and friendship was something I really missed during the pandemic. We are also looking to schedule



an Outdoor Movie Night during the Summer, an Oktoberfest in the Fall, and of course many other programs and events. It is really a time of excitement to be

in a position that we can begin gathering, once again, to grow together both socially and spiritually as a family of faith.

3. We are very excited to be hold-

ing another poster contest! The artwork that has been submitted in the past has been quite impressive. We are blessed with some very talented young artists in our parish family. **This time we invite all school aged children to think of Christmas and send us their design.** The winner's artwork will be the cover of our parish Christmas card which is sent to all parishioners and friends of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish. All artwork must be submitted to the rectory by June 30th for consideration! We look forward to many submissions!

4. **The deadline is drawing near, can you help us? ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL needs your help to meet a CHALLENGE GRANT!!! We have TEN DAYS LEFT!!!** Our amazing parish school has a Challenge Gift of \$50,000. Thanks to the generosity of so many we are currently at \$37,770. **We can meet this challenge, but ONLY with your help!** Can you help us reach the top? Every gift, no matter its size, makes a difference and gets us that much closer to matching this challenge! Think about it for a minute if 100 people or families each donated \$123 toward this we would meet the challenge! Can you help us? Here is the link to donate: stbridgetschool.ejoinme.org/50k

5. **Last, but certainly not least, we invite you to join us NEXT Sunday, June 27th after all the Sunday morning Masses (Sunday ONLY not the vigil Masses) to wish Sister Patricia our best in her new assignment.** Sister Patricia has served our parish family well in a variety of roles and has helped us all to grow in the knowledge and love of our faith. Please join us for a *Coffee/And* to wish her well at her assignment in Higganum where she will be assisting with a Spiritual Life Center. We wish her God's blessings during this time of transition and promise her our grateful prayers.



EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE!!!

First, I am pleased to announce that after seeking candidates from both the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, we have hired a religious from the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist to become our NEW Pastoral Associate. Please join us in welcoming Sister Mary Rose Irvine.

Sister Mary Rose is a novice with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. She studied Management, Diversity, Language and Cultural Studies in the University of College Cork in Cork, Ireland in 2013, and then graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work with a Minor in Public Health. Her work experience has included serving as Office Manager and Flu Clinic Coordinator for the Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care in Meriden, and prior to joining the Sisters, she worked as an Office Assistant, Music Director, and Independent Musician.



Sister Mary

Rose joined the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and received her habit as a Novice in June of 2020 amidst the pandemic. She has spent the past year in her official canonical novitiate. During the past year, she has spent her time learning about the essential elements of religious life, the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, and community life.

Sister Mary Rose will be joining our Parish Pastoral Staff on Tuesday, July 6th and will hit the ground running by organizing the various aspects of the Parish Visitors Program, working on our Adult Education Offerings, helping to coordinate the Bereavement Ministry, organizing the distribution of Holy Communion to our Homebound and those in Nursing Facilities, assisting those involved with the Greeters Ministry, and much more. She will serve as a liaison to the lay volunteers who assist in coordinating many of our ministries and be a source of support, en-

richment, and encouragement to all involved in the life of our vibrant family of faith.

I am confident having Sister Mary Rose among us will bring new ideas, exciting programs and a spiritual presence to so much that happens in our day-to-day life in our parish family. Welcome Sister Mary Rose!

We are also EXCITED to announce the assignment of our new Assistant Principal for St. Bridget School, Ms. Liz Plasky. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Elizabeth Plasky to St. Bridget School as the new Assistant Principal beginning July 1, 2021! Ms. Plasky comes to us from St. Mary School in Milford, CT, where she has served as an Assistant Principal since August of 2018. Prior to her time at St. Mary's, she taught sixth, seventh and eighth grade Math at St. Gabriel School in Windsor and Pre-Kindergarten at St. Anthony School in Winsted.



Ms. Plasky, a native of Milford, CT, holds a CT Teaching Certificate (Grades K-6), a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University. She also holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Kennesaw State University, Georgia, and certification as an Elementary Education Classroom Specialist and her Sixth Year Degree from Southern Connecticut State University. Ms. Plasky's anticipated graduation from the Ed. D. Program in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut University is May 2022.

Ms. Plasky will bring her many talents and experiences to the Assistant Principal position. She has volunteered and served on numerous committees during her twelve year tenure in the Archdiocese of Hartford and has successfully volunteered and completed other roles and positions such as Drama Club Director, Assistant Track Coach, Science Olympiad Coach, Yearbook Coordinator, Co-Camp Director, National Junior Honor Society Sponsor

and Robotics Club Coach. In her free time, Ms. Plasky enjoys traveling and training future lifeguards or teaching swim lessons at the YMCA.

Ms. Plasky hopes to share her IT expertise with our learning community by bringing more technology into the classroom via lesson planning, professional development and coaching. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Plasky to the St. Bridget School Family!

A word of gratitude from Father O'Neill. I received an email from Father O'Neill thanking us for the numerous boxes that have been arriving (12 in total!)...here is what he said:

Dear Fr. Romans,

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you and all the wonderful people of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish for your incredible generosity. Your packages have been flowing in over the past few days and the Airmen are thrilled! We couldn't do what we do without your prayers and support.

Gratefully yours, Fr. Philip O'Neill



A special word of gratitude to all of you who donated items and, of course, to our parishioner, Anna Satterfield, who took care of packaging it all up and sending it. Anna's son, Ryan, served our country overseas and she became an expert on how to ship care packages. Thank you Anna!

Finally, but just as important as anything I can write in these pages, we must address the Mass schedule. As you know, throughout the pandemic we have had a somewhat flexible Mass schedule and have changed it as needed by the pandemic and the changing in the restrictions. I thank you ALL for your constant cooperation, understanding,

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and flexibility as things continually changed. Now there are three IMPORTANT points to make for the future:

1. Weekday Masses will be moved back to Saint Bridget Church on Monday, June 28th. As the floor project concludes on Friday, June 25th, Saint Bridget Church is then ready to be used. The pew project will continue for a couple more months.
2. I have asked the Parish Pastoral Council to create a Mass schedule to be used from Labor Day through the end of the year. What this will be has yet to be determined. I have asked that, whatever our schedule is, it be such that one priest can celebrate all the Masses if need be.
3. I have also asked the Parish Pastoral Council to create a new Mass schedule for the 2022 calendar year. This is why the Mass intention book has not been opened yet for 2022. Thank you for your patience. We cannot sustain the number of Masses we had prior to the pandemic, nor did the numbers warrant that many Masses. Further, we do not know whether or not Father Federico will be replaced if and when he is reassigned, so I have asked the Parish Pastoral Council to create a schedule that one priest can manage that will accommodate the numbers of people who attend. What this will look like will be determined in the coming days and communicated in these pages as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



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 Romans



Next week we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 19th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Ralph Orcutt	Tim Orcutt
4:00 p.m. SBC	William Stachelek	Bob & Jeanne Schneider
5:15 p.m. SBC	Robert Murano—25th Anniversary	His Wife & Sons

Sunday, June 20th: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. SBC	Amelia, Frank, Ann, & Domenic Proto	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Joseph Triano—6th Anniversary & Adeline Triano—Birthday Remembrance	Mike & Nancy Rasmussen
9:00 a.m. SBC	Greta & Jerome Romania	The Romania Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Albert & Margaret Devine	Bob, Jerry & Lois Devine

Monday, June 21st: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00 a.m. STBC	Ognjan Petroff	His Children
9:00 a.m. STBC	John Kuzmak	Wife, Patricia

Tuesday, June 22nd

7:00 a.m. STBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, June 23rd

7:00 a.m. STBC	Victoria Tomaso	The Chamberlain and Hale Families
9:00 a.m. STBC	Mary Malick	Her Daughter, Elizabeth DiTuri

Thursday, June 24th: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 a.m. STBC	Raymond O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
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Friday, June 25th

7:00 a.m. STBC	Marilyn Gerace	Karl & Lynn Krieg
9:00 a.m. STBC	Salvatore & Mary Mascia	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Saturday, June 26th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Helen K. O'Connell	Her Children
4:00 p.m. SBC	Mary Milot—30th Anniversary	Her Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Paula Wempe	Chamberlain Family

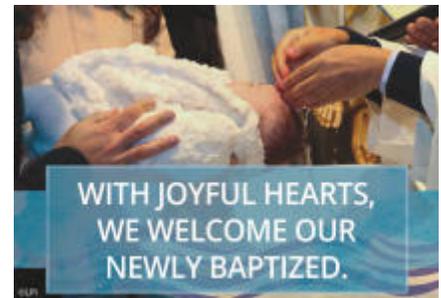
Sunday, June 27th: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. SBC	Peter & Lucille Fitzsimmons and Matthew Fitzsimmons	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Patricia Perrotti Weiler	Bob & Jeanne Schneider
9:00 a.m. SBC	Edward & Ellen McNeil	The Backman Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	James Patrick Dempsey, Jr.—1st Anniversary	The Dempsey Family



Marriage Banns

Please pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:
III Charles Lehner & Marisa Baranauskas



Noah Nelson Bolduc
Owen Ryan Donegan
Dove Aria Donlin
Nathan Harold Gomes
Madison Mae Johnson
Sarah Bernice LaRosa
Madelyn Demi Morton
Grace Patricia Piccirillo
Natalie Kate Tarnowicz
Rose Marie Tarnowicz
Emma Grace Tellmann

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



*The Tabernacle candle at
St. Thomas Becket Church
shines this week for
Lindsay Kate Cunningham
Requested by the O'Neill Family*

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 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 for non-vaccinated persons and optional for fully vaccinated persons.

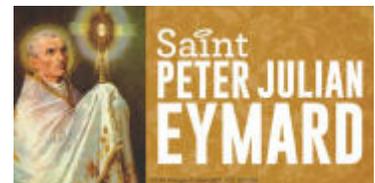
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ONLINE SERVICES This Week



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

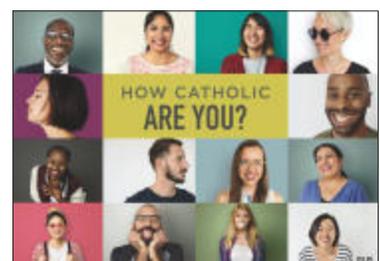
The television Mass is simulcast everyday at 10:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV WB20 and WCTX-TV MyTV9. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV. It can also be viewed online at <https://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>

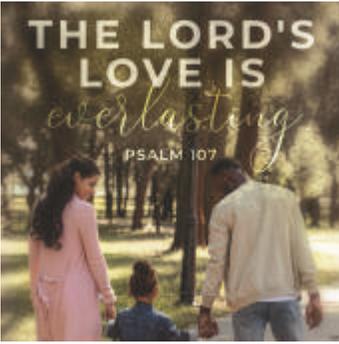


Getting to Know Our Heavenly Family
 Every Monday at 10AM
 This week, learn about **Saint Peter Julian Eymard**

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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062021.cfm>

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.



As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

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For more information to better understand the readings, bit.ly/3wi5KJw

Ask Father

Dear Father: What is an oblation? I noticed the priest mentions it a lot in the Eucharistic prayer.

Dear friend in Christ,

Looks like someone is paying attention during the Eucharistic Prayer!

An oblation is anything that is presented as a gift or a sacrifice to God. So in the Eucharistic Prayer when we hear " **Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, ...**"

This means that when the Eucharist is transubstantiated, the Father looks at the Host and sees not only His Son, who offered His life for ours, but also **our** oblation: the struggles, difficulties, inconveniences and pain that we have patiently accepted in our lives and brought to this Mass as an offering to God!

This is why preparing our hearts for Mass is so important. When we take a moment to bring our intentions to each Mass, it gets joined to the great oblation of the Son of God on the Cross!



St. Bridget School Update

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

Happy Retirement Mrs. Rowinski!

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, we thank Mrs. Rowinski for her years of service, dedication and love, and pray that she has a wonderful retirement filled with fun and excitement!



Mrs. Rowinski will always be a queen in our hearts!

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.

Spaces are Still Available!

Register now for our Fun Summer Programs

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 **Summer Camp** for students entering PK3-Grade 3 the weeks of June 21 and August 2.

All programs are offered to St. Bridget of Sweden Parishioners and their friends. For **Registration Forms** and more information, please contact Christina Cummings at cummings@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

CONGRATULATIONS!

The St. Bridget of Sweden Men's Club is pleased to announce Hayden Curello as the recipient of this year's \$1,000 College Scholarship award.

Hayden is a Cheshire High School graduate and involved in many community service activities including our religious education program, Cheshire Sea Dogs Swim Club and the Eli Whitney Museum. He was recently named as a Connecticut Swim Scholar athlete.

Hayden will attend Central Connecticut State University in the fall.

Congratulations Hayden!



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Farewell, Sister Patricia!

A Special Coffee/And

After all Masses on Sunday, 6/27

St. Bridget Parish Center

Apologetics 101: Setting the Table

- ✚ The Mass is primarily a meal. It is a preview of the party in Heaven which never ends. This is why Jesus usually describes Heaven with images like banquet, feast and supper.
- ✚ Because the Mass is a communal meal, we need to set the table to eat. This week, we look at the sacred vessels which the priest uses during the Feast of the Lamb.
- ✚ The **altar** is the table from which the banquet will be served. It is covered with the **altar cloth** which reminds us of a table cloth.
- ✚ The **paten** is a plate on which the celebrant's Host rests.
- ✚ The **ciboria** is a bowl in which all the other Hosts are contained.
- ✚ The **purificator** is used like a napkin and for purifying the sacred vessels.
- ✚ The **corporal** is like a placemat which is used to collect any crumbs of the Eucharist.



paten



ciboria



purificator



corporal

I was born and raised in the Catholic Church and always considered myself a pretty obedient Catholic. Attended Mass on Sundays/Holy Days, raised my children Catholic, tried to be a good person and recited my "grocery list" of prayer intentions to God every night. My relationship with God was definitely a one way street...a lot of "asks," but not a lot of thanking or listening, until five years ago, when something really bad happened.

In 2015, my beautiful sister and lifelong best friend was diagnosed with late stage cancer at 42 years old. Watching a close friend go through this a few years earlier, I knew there was no cure and that she had 18-36 months at best, to live. My daily "ask" of God quickly changed from, "please watch over so and so" to "can you PLEASE conjure up a miracle so my sister could live long enough to raise her two young children?" My thoughts ranged from..."How could God do this?" to "Maybe there really isn't a God???" Then, a friend suggested daily Mass, so, with limited options and in a very dark place, I decided to try.

At first, daily Mass felt like a huge chore. I had so many things I could be doing at that hour and it was really hard to quiet my mind and focus. Family and friends suggested different Novenas and Saints that I could petition for prayers. I added this to my daily routine, but it sort of felt like I was just spreading my "grocery list" around Heaven, but I wasn't really changing.

After a while, the daily routine of going to Mass, contemplating the readings and the homily, receiving the Eucharist and talking to God became something I looked forward to. My family was relying on me, but the one place that I could turn to for renewed strength, peace and hope, was God. I would try and spend at least 10-15 extra minutes after Mass, not only contemplating the lessons he was trying to teach me that day, but actually talking to him, every single day. Slowly, I could feel a transformation, and as I sat quietly after Mass, I could feel him talking back. I started to see his Graces all around me, despite how sad I was, they were there.

My sister lost her courageous battle to cancer last year but God's Graces were sprinkled throughout her entire battle, even in her final hours. I thought her Eulogy would be such a challenge to write. How do I honor her, grieve this tremendous loss and summarize the gift of 47 years? God wrote it for me, it was filled with all of his Graces!

I am so thankful for the gift of my Faith. This whole experience has truly helped me to embrace the words of Padre Pio, which are "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry," God will take care of the rest. He really truly will, event in our darkest hours.

-Vivian

Submit your Story of Faith at office@stbridgetcheshire.org



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by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —jason_molitierno@yahoo.com



DONUTS FOR DAD!



Yes folks, it's Father's Day, and that means Donuts for Dads to honor the man of the house on his special day. The oh so predictable Cheshire Knights of Columbus once again have Krispy Kreme donuts to bail out parish families who forgot to get the big man a little something. And, at \$7.00 a dozen, they're a real steal as well.

And, to make your purchase as painless as possible, we will be taking credit/debit card payments at one of the church doors after Mass (Father will mention which one before you leave.) Now if you're reading this at home and didn't get your donuts because you had no way to pay, just call 203-271-1289 and one of us will take your order and deliver them later in the morning or early this afternoon. Just write us a check.

Ah, Donuts for Dad, a great way to celebrate and another holiday out of the way for \$7.00 a pop! What more could you ask for?



Our collection for the week of June 13th

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PRAYER LINE

The St. Bridget of Sweden Prayer Line Ministry is available for all those in need of prayer and support. We also welcome anyone interested in becoming part of the Prayer Ministry. We know that life is hectic. You want to volunteer, but are not sure how. This ministry is something that you can do from your house, your office, or in the car. All we ask is that you pray with us to lift up the specific intentions submitted. Prayer requests and requests to join the ministry can be submitted online through our parish website or via email to: StBridgetPrayerLine@gmail.com.

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Verse of the Week

Matthew 7:5
"You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Upcoming Events

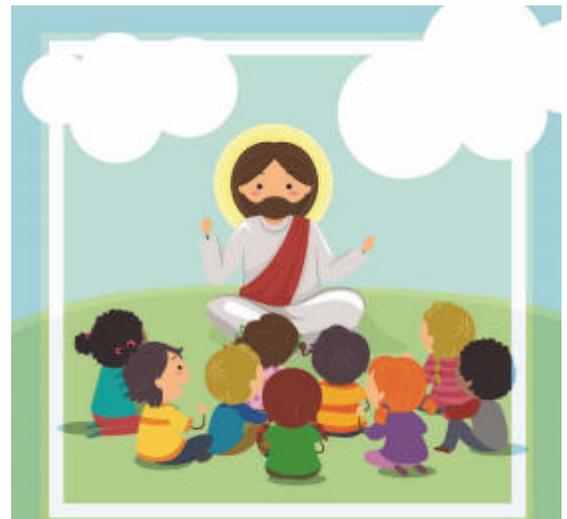
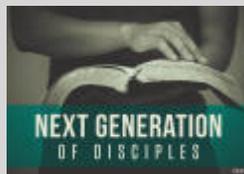
There will be no NGD meeting this week due to our every other week summer schedule. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 30th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Father Frisbie Hall. All high school students, including rising freshmen, are welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship!

Saint of the Week

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Feast Day: June 21st

Bio: St. Aloysius Gonzaga was born into Italian nobility in 1568. His early life was filled with royal courts and army camps, as his father wanted him to be a military hero. At the age of 7, however, he was granted an accelerated development of faith by God. He went to Florence to be educated at age 9, and by age 11 was already teaching catechism classes. When he was in his early teens, he read a book about Jesuit missionaries in India, and he soon felt compelled to leave his courtly life for the rigors of the Society of Jesus. His father fought his vocation for 4 years until Aloysius was finally allowed to renounce his right to succession and enter the Jesuit novitiate. In the novitiate, he was called to lessen his rigidity, eat more, recreate, and only pray during designated times. His spiritual adviser was St. Robert Bellarmine. In 1591, a plague struck Rome, where Aloysius was stationed. The Jesuits opened a hospital where he ministered to the sick. Aloysius caught the disease and died just 3 short months later during the octave of Corpus Christi. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for us!



Activities for this Week's Liturgy

Word Search—bit.ly/3wBNHxR

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Got questions about our Catholic faith?

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

Questions will be answered in the order they are received.



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 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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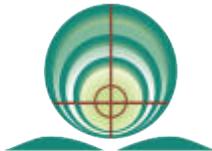
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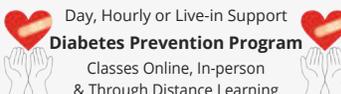
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