

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

13th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:39



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

EXCITING NEWS...we are privileged to be the FIRST stop on the inaugural pilgrimage of the first-class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney. A first-class relic (a small piece of bone) of Blessed Michael McGivney, the parish priest of Hartford and founder of the Knights of Columbus who was beatified in October of 2020, will begin a pilgrimage of Connecticut parishes on July 1 RIGHT HERE at Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish, starting at 6 PM!



PLEASE JOIN US for a special Mass on Thursday, July 1st at 6PM in Saint Bridget Church and have the opportunity to venerate the relic of Blessed Michael McGivney. The faithful are asked not to kiss the relic due to COVID concerns, but they may touch religious articles, such as rosary beads, medals and holy cards, to it. (Pictured is a relic from the Beatification Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph back in October).

A Connecticut native born of Irish-immigrant parents, Father McGivney was born in Waterbury, served as a priest in New Haven and Thomaston, and was beatified (named Blessed) last October in the Hartford cathedral. He needs one more miracle through his intercession to be declared a saint.

I hope many from our parish will come and venerate his relic. I suggest bring-

ing some rosaries to touch to the relic which you can then give to family and friends. Hope to see you there!

HELP ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL MEET THE CHALLENGE!!! The deadline is WEDNESDAY, can you help us?



ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL needs your help to meet a CHALLENGE GRANT!!! We only have a few days left! Our amazing parish school has a Challenge Gift of \$50,000. Thanks to the generosity of so many we are currently at \$43,352. **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 \$66.48 we would get there, or 50 people gave 132.96, or 25 people gave 265.92, toward this we would meet the challenge! Can you help us? Here is the link to donate... donate today!...if you can help us, and know of our gratitude....<https://stbridgetschool.ejoinme.org/50k>

As I announced last weekend in the bulletin, we are changing our Mass schedule. As we continue to emerge from the life we knew during the pandemic, I felt it was an opportune time to ask the Parish Pastoral Council to create a new Mass schedule that would accommodate the people who attend Mass.

The Parish Pastoral Council has been discerning a schedule that would meet the needs of our parishioners, accommodate families through the school year, and be manageable so that one priest could potentially do all the Masses should need be. That said, this was not an easy exercise for the Council. I am very grateful to the Parish Pastoral Council, under the leadership of Lynn Krieg and Jim Mitchell, our Co-Chairs. Thank you to the members Barry Berkowitz, Sean Egan, Pat McKinley, Mary Ellen Montefusco, and Kathy Rooney. They took this task very seriously and gave many options consideration.



After meeting in May and again in June, and consulting with Father Federico, myself, and Julia Atwood, our Music Director, I believe that they have come up with a schedule that is realistic and manageable.

The new schedule will be in place BEGINNING on September 25th and 26th and will run through June

The new Mass schedule (as of 9/25/2021) will be as follows:

Saturday

4PM in Saint Bridget Church

5:15PM in Saint Thomas Becket Church

Sunday

7:30AM, 9AM, and 10:30AM in Saint Bridget Church

4PM in Saint Bridget Church (9/26/2021-5/22/2022)

25, 2022. ***IT NEEDS TO BE SAID FROM THE START...this schedule will be monitored and re-evaluated in early 2022 as to whether or not all the Masses are needed based on numbers of attendance.***

I also want to say that we are reducing our old schedule by one Mass. We did this based on the numbers prior to the pandemic. One of the main objectives when our parishes were merged here in Cheshire into a new parish was to be a local church characterized by spiritual vitality. One of the main ways we ensure this is a reality is by enhancing one's experience of the celebration of the Eucharist. If you come to Mass to a church that holds 1,000 people and there are less than 100 spread out, do you feel the vibrancy of the experience or of the faith? If we are honest, the answer is no. We have to think of how we can enhance the experience of those who come to our parish family to be nourished by Word and Sacrament. In planning for this new schedule, the Parish Pastoral Council discerned a way forward that is spiritually fruitful, vibrant, and sustainable. Thank you to each of those involved.

1. The 7:30AM will continue to be the "quiet Mass" without the use of music for that liturgy each Sunday.
2. Yes, it is correct that there will now only be one Mass in Saint Thomas Becket Church. The numbers prior to the pandemic just did not warrant having two Masses at our South Campus. Having the second Vigil will be one of the things continuing to be closely monitored. If people come in good number, we will keep it, otherwise we may not.
3. The same can be said for the 4PM on Sunday afternoons. We will be closely monitoring the attendance at this Mass as well. Prior to the pandemic, the numbers at this Mass fluctuated a great deal. While we have two priests here



servicing, we can continue to offer this option and see if the numbers increase. If they do not, or we are reduced to be a one-priest parish, then this Mass will likely be the first removed.

What will this mean for intentions scheduled through December 31, 2021? *Father, what about my intention for my mother for the 11AM Mass?* See the chart above to help you figure this out.

The Mass book for January 1, 2022, through June 25, 2022, will open soon! We will plan to open the book on July 7th at 12Noon. Given the reduction in Masses, I am asking that you limit the number of Masses you request to just three weekend Masses and five weekday Masses for



the first three weeks. After July 28th, you can certainly call back and book additional Masses if they are available. Thank you for your understanding our attempt to give as many people as possible the chance to book Masses for their loved ones.

As Catholics we know that every Mass is offered for all the living and the dead, but it is our time honored tradition of offering the Mass for particular intentions. It is a beautiful and meaningful tradition to have Masses said for our beloved family and friends who have died. Even when we are not able to "be present in person" for a particular Mass, the celebration and prayers of that celebration of Holy Mass are offered for the soul of our loved one.

<u>Intention from old Mass time</u>	<u>New Mass Time</u>
4PM, Saturday-----	4PM, Saturday
5PM, Saturday-----	5:15PM, Saturday
7:30AM, Sunday-----	7:30AM, Sunday
9AM, Sunday-----	9AM, Sunday
10AM, Sunday-----	10:30AM, Sunday
11AM, Sunday-----	4PM, Sunday

Think about the power of those prayers to help our loved ones on their way to the heavenly table. Most importantly, we always should remember our own dearly departed loved ones in the holy Mass and through our own prayers and sacrifices to help in their gaining eternal rest.

The donation for a weekday Mass is \$15, and that for a weekend Mass or Holy Day is \$25.

Unannounced Masses are ALWAYS available for a donation of \$10. We do book unannounced Masses and these can always be accepted. We keep a list on our computer and either these intentions are given to Father Federico or myself for use on a day off when we hold a private Mass in our chapel or for use at a Mass with those in nursing care facilities such as Elim Park which we offer each month. From time to time, we also send some of these intentions to the priests who work in the Pastoral Center who do not have a public Mass to celebrate, or to priests in the Missions throughout the world through our Mission Office. You can be assured that if you book an unannounced Mass with our office, your intention is used at a Mass within a short period of time.

During the year we want you to stay informed and spiritually connected with our parish family! To do so we invite you to join our on-line presence. Visit our user-friendly website www.stbridgetcheshire.org, check us out on Facebook at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, and of course **DOWNLOAD THE PARISH APP!!!** We are actively using all these tools of communication to reach our parishioners.

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Don’t miss it when Father Federico, Regis, and I go LIVE on Facebook!

The Parish App is used by many of our groups and ministries, and will begin being a great tool as many ministries and groups begin their activities again. It is also a great way of communicating information to our parishioners and also an excellent resource to access daily Mass readings, prayers, confession and prayer reminders, and other Catholic news. You can even read the parish bulletin on the App. It is certain to become your “go-to” App for Catholic parish life.

You can download the app by texting APP to phone number 88202. You will receive a link, click on it, open it in the store, download, search, and enter St. Bridget of Sweden and then click get started!



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



Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.



Beginning Monday, June 28th, weekday Masses will be moved back to Saint Bridget Church.

MASS INTENTIONS



GLPI

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

Monday, June 28th: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m. SBC	Raymond O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
9:00 a.m. SBC	Edward LaFrance, Jr.	The Family

Tuesday, June 29th: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, June 30th

7:00 a.m. SBC	P. Hendrick—In Living Prayer	P. Hendrick
9:00 a.m. SBC	Irene Fisher	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Thursday, July 1st

7:00 a.m. SBC	Louis Ricciuti	Dr. Maria Stack
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Friday, July 2nd

7:00 a.m. SBC	Joseph Mazzacane	Dr. Maria Stack
9:00 a.m. SBC	Special Intention	Pat Kuzmak

Saturday, July 3rd: Saint Thomas, Apostle

9:00 a.m. SBC	Joe O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Russell DiMeo	Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Ronald McReavy	Steve & Marcie Kassouf

Sunday, July 4th: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. SBC	Rosalie Pillar	Her Friends at Sacred Heart High, Class of 1954
8:00 a.m. SBC	Pat Madonna	Judy Madonna
9:00 a.m. SBC	Juliet Kovach	Chris & Neal Wellins
10:30 a.m. SBC	Ronald McReavy	St. Bridget of Sweden Women's Society

Marriage Banns

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

I Filipe Ribeiro & Allyson Hamel



On July 7th at Noon, the 2022 Mass book will open for Mass intentions through June 25, 2022.

Until July 28th, requests will be limited to three weekend Masses and five weekday Masses. After July 28th, you can certainly call back and book additional Masses. Thank you for understanding our attempt to give as many people as possible the chance to book Masses for their loved ones.

Please call the rectory at 203-272-3531 during office hours to request your intentions.



Intentions for the Tabernacle candle are available. To reserve the candle at either church for a living or deceased loved one, call the rectory at 203-272-3531.

The Tabernacle candle offering is \$25.

The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for Patricia Kraus Requested by Ciara Haensel



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. Bridget Church
 Tuesday & Thursday—7am in St. Bridget 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. Bridget Church



NOTE: Masking is required for non-vaccinated persons and optional for fully vaccinated persons.

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!

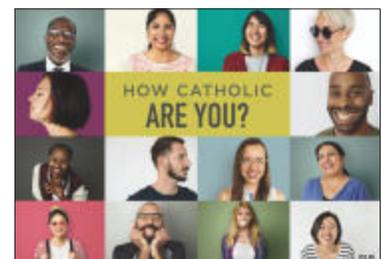


Getting to Know Our Heavenly Family
 Every Monday at 10AM
 This week, learn about **Saint Christopher**

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>

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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062721.cfm>

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

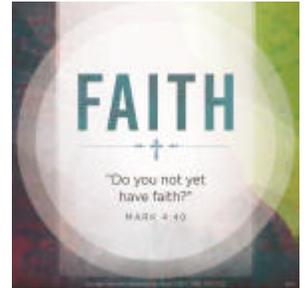
As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

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For more information to better understand the readings, bit.ly/3iYN39T



Hey kids! Last chance to enter your design into our contest for our parish Christmas card!

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. Many have come to really enjoy seeing the artwork of our parishioners. Making a decision is never easy for our pastoral staff and parish staff, who are always impressed by the many submissions that come in. All artwork must be submitted to the rectory by June 30th for consideration! We look forward to many submissions!



St. Bridget School Update

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



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 PreK 3 through Grade 3 the week of August 2. Bring your beach towels, sunscreen and flip flops, and get ready to have some fun!

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 to Luciano Della Porta for winning the Grade 6 Spelling Bee at Dodd Middle School!



Thank you to our faculty and staff for the wonderful auction experiences offered this year!



Register Now!

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



SBS Gazette

Virtual Edition

SBS Robotics Club Expands to Rockets! **SBS Gazette # 8 excerpt by Parker Jurries**

Avery Fowler is in the sixth grade and is working with other SBS Robotics Team members to send an experiment up in a rocket. She and other SBS Robotics Team Members are making a trip to Colorado this July to deliver the experiment as winners of United Launch Alliance (ULA)'s student rocket payload contest. How did some of our students get to do this, you ask?

Avery said, "I found out about that launch by my mom's friend who was part of the project and worked with United Launch Alliance. I was very excited and we began to think of ideas right away." Avery loves robotics. This is how she got started and what drew her toward building robots. "I was never interested in robots until I joined the Robotics Club. My dad is also a programmer, so he was excited for me to join. My mom also works with robots a lot at her work. I thought that it would be a fun new thing to try, and a few of my friends were also interested in the club, so we joined together. Being a part of robotics is fun and challenging. There is lots of trial and error, hours can be spent on a project before it is perfected. I've been in robotics for 3 years now, and every year is more interesting than the last."

Avery explained more about ULA's Student Payload Contest and her team's next steps. "I sent in a typed-up report on what I would do if I got a spot to build something on a rocket. There are 3 rockets. Each has 6 or so containers, they are called payloads. Only a few people would actually get the chance to be able to build [payloads] for the rocket. Many people entered and [we were] lucky enough to get a spot! I was very excited about the opportunity and to tell the rest of the club. In our payload we are using a programmed sensor. The sensor will detect the temperature and acceleration of the rocket, among other things. It also has a camera to watch. We are making tunable hydrogel that means we can change the hardness of it." Beads will be placed in the hydrogels of different firmness levels and will travel through the gels because of the g-force experienced during the launch.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office of Religious Education
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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 or
Donna Yatcko at dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org

Ask Father

Dear Father: My husband and I weren't married in the Catholic Church but we have recently returned to the faith! Is there something we can do to have our marriage recognized by the Church?

Dear friend in Christ,

Yes! First of all, congratulations on returning to the practice of the faith. This gives us priests so much joy.

The Church offers a beautiful process and ceremony called **convalidation**. Just call the parish office to begin. You will meet with the priest who will guide you through the process. Then we will schedule a short, private vow ceremony on the altar in front of your family and friends, after which your marriage will be recognized in the eyes of the Church and blessed in the sight of God!

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Farewell, Sister Patricia!

A Special Coffee/And

After all Masses on Sunday, 6/27

St. Bridget Parish Center

Apologetics 101: The Church's Teaching on Suicide

- ✚ We had a conversation recently with a parishioner who assumed that the souls of those who commit suicide go straight to hell. **This is not true!**
- ✚ The first response of the Catholic Church to the tragedy of suicide is compassion, not judgement. **Here is the actual teaching of the Church:**

We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for people who have taken their own lives.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2283)
- ✚ Furthermore, the very nature of suicide makes it unlikely that the third condition of a mortal sin could be fulfilled.
 - For a sin to be a mortal sin (and thus endanger our eternal salvation), the sin must involve (1) grave matter; (2) the person must have full knowledge that it is wrong; and (3) they must deliberately consent to it with their will.
- ✚ While the first two conditions may apply in this case, it is unlikely that the third does. Suicide implies a compromised mental state. The presence of psychological issues, addiction, emotional trauma and a host of other factors mean that a person is likely not able to freely and deliberately consent with their will.
- ✚ Thus, we can commend these souls to God's mercy and we thank Him for the gift of purgatory by which so many souls spend eternity with Him in Heaven!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR STORIES OF FAITH!

Please tell us how you became Catholic and why you stayed Catholic. Describe what the Catholic faith means to you. How has the faith helped you in the tough and dark times of life? How has your faith helped you during this pandemic? Tell us about any incredible and uplifting supernatural experiences that have happened to you.

Stories can be submitted anonymously or with your name on it. Your submission will not be shared without your permission. Please send your story through the collection or via email to rectory@stbridgetcheshire.org.



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ATTENTION



Parish Students and St. Bridget School Students and Alumni

This Wednesday June 30th is the last day to submit completed applications for our two Scholarship awards.

The High School Scholarship is available to 8th grade and high school students, and the College Scholarship is available to graduating HS seniors and college students continuing their education. The application can be downloaded from our website cheshirekofc.org/scholarships/ which also lists requirements and eligibility details. Since last minute applicants may find it difficult to secure the Pastor, Priest or Religious recommendation, our Council can seek a verbal recommendation if you wish. For this and any other issues applicants may call 203-271-1289 or 203-314-7519 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly.



MOVING?

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



Our collection for the week of June 20th

Mailed-in/Dropped Off

Offertory	\$14,807.00
Father's Day.....	\$3,426.00

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

Online

Offertory	\$6,152.92
Father's Day.....	\$110.00



Give Online at

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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.

Non-vaccinated attendees are required to wear a mask.



Got questions about our Catholic faith?

Ask Father!

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.



Harvest Garden



The **Harvest Garden** is looking for volunteers to water plants, pick vegetables (when ready) and deliver them to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. Typically, volunteers sign up for a week, Saturday to Saturday. If you would like to sign up or want more information call or text Mary Crane at 203 206-3749.



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.



Youth Ministry
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Verse of the Week

John 15:18

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.”

Upcoming Events

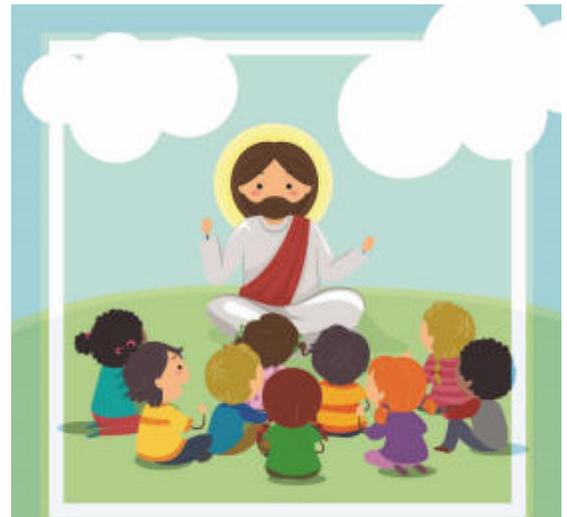
It's movie time! Join the NGD for our bi-monthly Faith in Film movie night. We'll be watching *The Founder*, a movie about the guy who made McDonald's what it is today. Instead of our normal pizza, we'll have some burgers, fries, and chicken nuggets in honor of the movie! All high school students, including rising freshmen, are invited to join us from 6:30-8:30pm this Wednesday in the Father Frisbie Hall at St. Thomas Becket Church. See you there !

Saint of the Week

Saint Junipero Serra

Feast Day: July 1st

Bio: Ever wonder why so many places in California have Spanish religious names? Los Angeles (The Angels), San Francisco (Saint Francis), San Diego (Saint James), Sacramento (Sacrament), the list goes on and on! We have St. Junipero Serra to thank! Born on the Spanish island of Mallorca in 1713, he joined the Franciscans as a young man. After spending years in the classroom as a student and teacher of theology, he left for the Americas to do missionary work. He arrived in Vera Cruz, Mexico by ship and walked 250 miles to Mexico City. On the way, his leg became infected, something that would plague him for the rest of his life. He spent years ministering in Mexico, then went north to California at the behest of the King of Spain. The rest, as they say, is history. Serra (and his followers after him) founded about 20 missions in and around California. He also fought hard for the rights of Native Americans in the area under the Spanish government, despite cries of injustice from some modernists. After baptizing some 6,000 people and confirming 5,000, Serra passed away in 1784. Saint Junipero Serra, pray for us !



Activities for this Week's Liturgy

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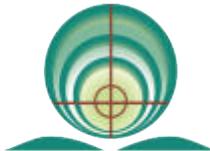
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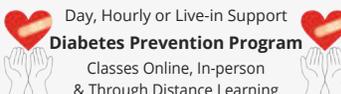
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