

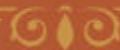


SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:



EXCITING NEWS...as the floor project is NOW completed we are able to resume the tradition of leaving the church unlocked throughout the day for prayer. As the work on the church floors was quite messy it was not possible for us to leave the church unlocked and open for you to stop by throughout the day for a moment of prayer. I am so excited that we are now able to, once again. We have had the tradition, prior to the pandemic, of having Saint Bridget Church open from after morning Mass until 4PM and that is now the case again! So take advantage of it. Driving by en route from one place to another and want to stop in for a quick prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? Have that particular concern you have been mulling over and want to ask Jesus to show you the way? Need a moment of quiet peace in the midst of the chaos of daily life? There is NOTHING better than a few minutes before the Lord. So stop by and spend a few minutes with Jesus.

INVITE a friend to return to in-person Mass...I know that the pandemic was difficult for so many. I understand that the church had to

quickly, overnight here, find a way to remain connected with parishioners. I know that many came to enjoy sitting in their lazy boys and watching Mass on their television, computer, or tablet. I heard from many how it was so nice not to have the kids fighting over the bathroom trying to get the family out the door to go to Mass. But I am SO GLAD you are back! We missed having people in the pews! We missed hearing the children making their noises! (By the way....PARENTS...it is ok! You are way more concerned about your child making a noise than we are! We see their sounds as their own way of sharing their joy!) We missed you! And now that you are back, and life is more and more returning to some regularity, I ENCOURAGE you to extend an invitation to that family member, friend, or neighbor who hasn't yet returned to in-person worship! We NEED to be together! We can't have a community, a family of faith, from the confines of our sofas. We can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together from your recliner. We need to be TOGETHER! We need to contribute to the praise and worship!



So invite someone back today! While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to church, especially throughout the pandemic, it's absolutely not like being in the church TOGETHER. Never will be. Yes, Mass from the comforts of your pj's and your recliner might have been nice, but it will NEVER be the same as being together with our brothers and sisters in faith IN the church.

SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL IS ENROLLING NOW! Don't miss an opportunity to learn more about what our parish school can offer your child(ren) or grandchild(ren). Since opening in 1994, Saint Bridget School as offered students a

faith-based, challenging curriculum designed to promote academic excellence in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8. Committed educators guide our students throughout the day with lessons in faith development, math, language arts, social studies, geography, science, Spanish (grades K-8), music, art, and physical education. Our curriculum includes the use of state-of-the-art computer and science labs as well as an extensive library.



We have cause to be proud of our school! Even in the midst of a pandemic (2019-2020 school year) our students continued their learning process. I am beyond thrilled and grateful to our extraordinary faculty who even in the midst of a closure continued to meet with their students on various platforms such as Google Meet or ZOOM, and continued the learning process, challenging our students daily, and helping them grow in knowledge. We did not miss a beat and that is thanks to our phenomenal faculty.

I am even more proud of the way our EXTRAORDINARY administration and faculty and staff worked so hard this past school year (2020-2021) to remain IN-PERSON five days a week. This was no small feat. It required vigilance, rigorous policies, and daily communication with each other to ensure we maintained a safe environment for our students and WE DID IT!!! And our students are all the better for it. I have heard horror stories

from families with students that were in hybrid modes of schooling this past year about their experience and their frustrations. I am SO THANKFUL to all involved in the mission of St. Bridget School for all that they did each and every day!

You can join the St. Bridget School Family! We still have room at all grade levels for the upcoming school year 2021-2022, (I heard there may be a waiting list for PreK3 so don't wait to call) and I hope you will consider Saint Bridget School for your child or children, grandchild or grandchildren. I would love for all families to consider coming in for a tour.

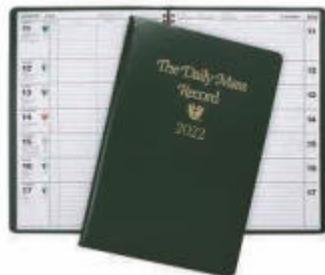
Please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Christina Cummings, or our Principal, Dr. Nancy Testa, at the school office at 203.272.5860. Be sure to visit our school website www.stbridgetschool.org as well to take a Virtual Tour to learn more!



Speaking of St. Bridget School....THANK YOU! WE DID IT!!! Thanks to the AMAZING GENEROSITY of so many we have met the Challenge! We raised the \$50,000 we needed to meet the Challenge Gift! I thank each and every donor who made this possible! I thank each of you on behalf of our students who will benefit from your amazing generosity. I thank you on behalf of the administration, faculty and staff for your commitment to furthering the mission of St. Bridget School! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

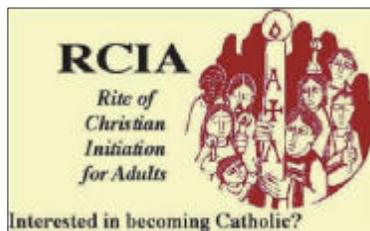
The Mass book for January 1, 2022, through June 25, 2022, will open soon! We plan to open the book on July 7th at 12Noon. Given the reduction in Masses, I am asking that you limit the number of Masses you request to just three weekend Masses and five

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.



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 at 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.



R.C.I.A. Program gearing up! This past Easter at the Great Vigil of Easter we celebrated two adult baptisms and welcomed three additional adults into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. These individuals were part of

our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program, we call it R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A., or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which adults who are not Catholic or even have not been baptized come to learn about the Catholic faith with a desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Here are some highlights:

1. It is more than simply a course of instruction.
2. It is an immersion into a Christ-centered way of living.
3. It is focused on guiding a person to be a believing, praying, and serving Catholic Christian.
4. It is accomplished through Scripture study and group discussions forming the members of the R.C.I.A. to be active and faithful members of the Roman Catholic community of believers.

Who can join the R.C.I.A.?

1. Any unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic.
2. Those baptized Christians, from other denominations, who desire to learn more about the possibility of coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Those Catholics who were baptized, but have never received their First Holy Communion and have not been Confirmed.

It should be clearly noted that a person who enters the R.C.I.A. makes no obligation to formally join the Catholic Church at this time.

I personally invite anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to contact Donna Yatecko in our Religious Education Office at 203-272-6504 or by email at dyatcko@stbridgetschool.org.

As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend...I would be remiss if I did not invite each of us to take time to

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express our gratitude for the freedoms of our land. Let us be thankful for the men and women who have defended our freedoms in the various branches of the military, and let us show our gratitude to God by using those freedoms properly.

How do we properly use the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? True life, true liberty, and true happiness must be pursued. Our Lord said, Happy are the poor in spirit, the meek, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, the peacemakers, the merciful, those who are persecuted for righteousness sake (Matthew 5:1-12). If we use the freedoms given to us as citizens of this land, then we can live our lives imitating the Lord in our words and actions, seeking to be His presence in our world around us, and thus attaining the fullness of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! **Happy Fourth of July, but more appropriately Happy Independence Day!**



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



Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



When traveling, you can get the Mass schedules for local churches at www.masstimes.org

MASS INTENTIONS



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

Monday, July 5th

NO 7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. SBC	Mary Caputo	Andrew Knott
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Tuesday, July 6th

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

7:00 a.m. SBC	Mary Catherine Meacham	Pat Casey
9:00 a.m. SBC	Louise Aiello Fortin	The Haensel Family

Thursday, July 8th

7:00 a.m. SBC	John & Hannah O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
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Friday, July 9th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Louis Ricciuti	Fred Coughlan
9:00 a.m. SBC	Sean Devine	Helen LaRock

Saturday, July 10th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Nancy Sacco	Andrew Knott
4:00 p.m. SBC	Thomas Pronovost, Sr.	His Family
5:15 p.m. SBC	Audrey Chamberlain	Anthony & Cathy Niglio

Sunday, July 11th: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. SBC	Anthony Iovene	The Family
8:00 a.m. SBC	Bill Aquila	His Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Brian D. Nugent	His Wife, Kiki and Children, Timothy & Mary Margaret
10:30 a.m. SBC	Emma Norback	The Kenney Family



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

The Tabernacle candle offering is \$25.

Marriage Banns

Please pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:
II Filipe Ribeiro & Allyson Hamel



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

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

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

Alice Donahue

Requested by Lucille Healey & Henry Vernatacola



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

*Catherine Zachariewicz—In Living Prayer
Requested by Kate Carriero*

In-Person Services THIS WEEK

Masses this week:

Monday—9am in St. Bridget Church
 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!

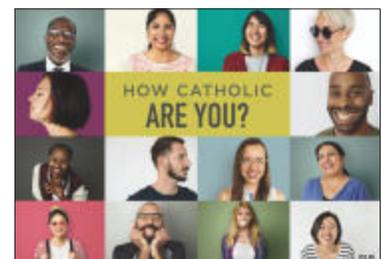


Getting to Know Our Heavenly Family
 Every Monday at 10AM
 This week, learn about **Saint Anthony Zaccaria**

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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070421.cfm>

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

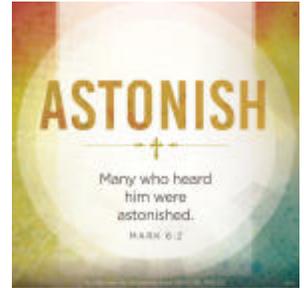
In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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For more information to better understand the readings, bit.ly/3y3c9IS

Our collection for the week of June 27th



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St. Bridget School Update

Principal: Dr. Nancy Testa
Assistant Principal: Ms. Liz Plasky

Welcome to St. Bridget School!

Please join us in welcoming our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Elizabeth Plasky!



Ms. Plasky, a native of Milford, comes to us from St. Mary School in Milford where she has served as an Assistant Principal since August 2018. Ms. Plasky holds a CT Teaching Certificate (Grades K-6), a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology from SCSU. She also holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Kennesaw State University, Georgia, certification as an Elementary Education Classroom Specialist and her Sixth Year Degree from SCSU. Ms. Plasky will bring her many talents and educational experiences to the Assistant Principal position. 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!

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.

Volunteers Make the World Go Round!

With such a crazy year, we are so proud of our graduates, Jonathan, Theresa and Nicole, who returned this summer to be student volunteers for our summer programs! Most of these returning students assist for the experience of working with children, rather than acquiring volunteer hours. Thank you to our graduates for making this summer such as success!



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

Join our School Community

SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Apologetics 101: Could Satan Ask Forgiveness?

- Mary Beth from our office posed an interesting theological question the other day – *could the devil ever ask God for forgiveness?*
 - The short answer is no and it’s not because of how evil he is.
- Angels have perfect intellects. This means they know things perfectly. It also means they can see the full consequences of their actions ahead of time.
- When an angel, like Lucifer, makes a decision, they know exactly what they are choosing.
- A being with a perfect intellect cannot ask for forgiveness because they knew they would regret it **at the moment they were making the decision.**
- Human beings do not have perfect intellects and we cannot know the full consequences of our actions.
- If we did or if we could see God and what heaven is like or if we knew how awful hell is, then we would never sin again.
 - **It’s because “we know not what we do” (Luke 23:34) that we can ask God for forgiveness for our sins.**
- So when the fallen angels decided to abandon God, they knew exactly what they were doing and the consequences it would have and still did it anyway. This is why they cannot ask forgiveness.
- Thus, many exorcists have reported interactions with demons that go like this*:
 - *Exorcist:* so you when you decided to abandon God you knew exactly what you were doing? You knew the full consequences that this decision would have for all eternity?
 - *Demon:* Yes.
 - *Exorcist:* And you knew exactly what it would cost you and what hell would be like and you chose it anyway?
 - *Demon:* Yes.
 - *Exorcist:* And if you were given another chance you would make the same decision again?
 - *Demon:* Yes.

**Demons divulge information like this to the priest during an exorcism when they are commanded to do so under obedience to the Name of Jesus Christ. Members of the lay faithful should never speak to demons under any circumstances. To learn more about this topic, we recommend An Exorcist Tells His Story by Father Gabriele Amorth or Diary of an American Exorcist by Monsignor Stephen Rossetti.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

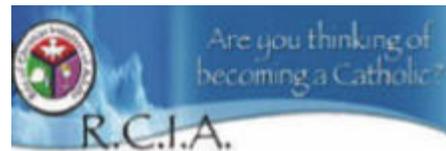
**Office of Religious Education
Donna Yatcko, DRE**

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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



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Office of Safe Environment
467 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002



HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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by Harold Metz, Council Trustee

Grand Knight, Jason Moliterno —jason_moliterno@yahoo.com

A Vote to End Our Year

At our June Council meeting recently, we held our annual election of Officers for the upcoming Fraternal Year which begins on July 1st. Most of us who stand for election to the various Council positions do so with the understanding that terms run for two years, and elections last year showed major changes in our ranks. This year, therefore, is a sort of bye-year election where we fill vacancies for Knights moving away or, in the case of Trustees, replace gentlemen serving a one year term.

We are delighted to announce four new Officers to our Council for the upcoming Fraternal Year:

Mark Calabro—Mark has been a Knight for many years and was instrumental in helping with the transition from three parishes into St. Bridget of Sweden Parish. Mark accepts the position of Trustee for Three Years replacing yours truly. My three year term ends June 30th to the resounding applause of my fellow Knights, who clearly have had enough.

Ray Smialek—Ray, also a veteran Knight of our Council, has been active in fundraising efforts over the years and ably served as one of the main organizers of our popular Southwest Supper and Chili Cook Off. He takes the position of Trustee for Two Years, replacing Ron Painchaud who, in his great wisdom, moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

George Moreland—George is new to our Council but not a new Knight. He is a long time veteran of two other councils where he served a variety of Officer positions. George accepts the position of Warden and will be responsible for Council property and oversees the activity of our two Guards. Since this is George's third council, we're sure that "The third time's the charm."

Roger Crochetiere—Roger served in the past as a Trustee but now assumes the role of Inside Guard, reporting directly to our new Warden, George. Roger replaces the former Inside Guard who was totally unsatisfactory having allowed a trained elephant act into our Council meeting last September. This horrible breach of etiquette will be discussed in greater detail next week.

Ask Father

Dear Father: Sometimes after the priest puts the Eucharist back in the Tabernacle, he does something with his hands just to the right of it? What is he doing?

Dear friend in Christ,

You have a very keen eye! Of course, I'm sure you noticed this right after you spent some time in prayer, thanking God for the gift of the Eucharist :)

The priest is using the **ablution cup**. It's basically a little bowl filled with water. When the priest returns the leftover Hosts to the Tabernacle, he sometimes notices little particles of the Eucharist stuck to his fingers. He uses the ablution cup to wet his fingers and collect the particles.

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.

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)



St. Vincent DePaul Shelter Suppers

We serve about 125 people at the St. Vincent De Paul shelter on the first Sunday of each month. To sign up we use a website called Signup Genius. We have 4 volunteers transport hot food over to the shelter to serve the men, women and children there. All other volunteers provide the food and condiments. The recipes you will need provide specific information on how to prepare the food and can be found on the Signup Genius page. We ask that food be delivered hot and in a metal throw away tin to the rectory parking lot at 4:30p.m. on the Sunday we are scheduled to serve. For more information contact:

stbridgetcommunityoutreach@gmail.com



Activities for this Week's Liturgy

Word Search—bit.ly/3h56kVG

Crossword Puzzle—bit.ly/3hm1fXZ

Coloring Page—bit.ly/2UYcm21



Youth Ministry
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Verse of the Week

2 Timothy 1:7
"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Upcoming Events

There will be no NGD meeting this Wednesday, July 7th. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 14th from 6:30-8:30pm on the St. Bridget School Field (or in the gym if it rains). Come help us say goodbye to our seniors with a special sendoff meeting! All high schoolers, including rising freshmen, are welcome to join us. Dinner will be provided!

Saint of the Week

Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Feast Day: July 5th

Bio: St. Anthony Zaccaria was born in 1502 and is remembered as a great Counter-Reformationist. After his mother was widowed when Anthony was 18, she devoted herself to his spiritual education. After receiving his medical doctorate at age 22 (22!), he felt drawn to religious life while working amongst the poor in Cremona, Italy. A few short years later, he was ordained a priest at age 26. He laid the foundations for 3 religious congregations in Milan with the goal of reforming the decadent society of the time. Anthony became famous for his preaching, his missions, and his public acts of penance. He pushed for many effective reforms within the Church, such as collaboration between clergy and laity, frequent Communion, and the ringing of church bells at 3pm on Fridays. Despite opposition from within and without, his communities were never harmed. Anthony took ill while on a mission and died at the age of 36 back home in Cremona. Saint Anthony Zaccaria, pray for us!



Xavier High School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

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John Strell



HAPPY Independence DAY

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 5th



Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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 Sergeant Alexander Poling, US Army Natl. Guard
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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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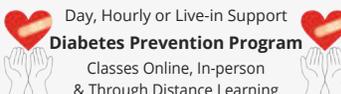
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