

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy Feast Day! This coming Friday is the Feast Day of our Patroness Saint Bridget of Sweden!

Saint Bridget of Sweden, also written Saint

Bridget, was a mystic and saint. She was the foundress of the Bridgettine nuns and monks.



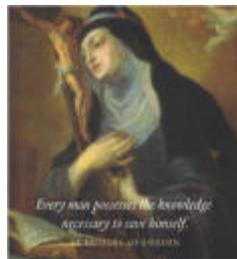
Bridget was born in 1303 as the daughter of Birger Petersson and his wife Ingeborg. Bridget was only 10 years old when her mother passed away. Together with her siblings, Katharine, who was 9 and Israel, a newborn baby, Bridget was sent to her maternal aunt's home for further education and care. It seems that as a young child, Bridget had a dream-vision of The Man of Sorrows. This dream was very vivid. Bridget asked Him who had done that to Him. His answer: 'All those who despise my love.' The memory of this dream never left Bridget and may have even left an indelible mark on her subconscious.

As was usual during the Middle Ages, Bridget was married when she was 13 years old to a young man, Ulf Gudmarsson, with whom she had eight children, four daughters and four sons. All of them survived infancy, which was very rare at that time. She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Bridget lived a strict life of a penitence after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgettines, who to this day continue to minister in the world including at their only home in the United States right in Darien, Connecticut.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross were named co-patronesses of Europe. According to Saint John Paul II, Saint Bridget of Sweden "was a master in accepting the Cross as a central experience of the faith, she was an exemplary disciple of the Church, professing complete Catholicism; she was a model of the contemplative and active life and a tireless apostle in the search for unity among Christians!"



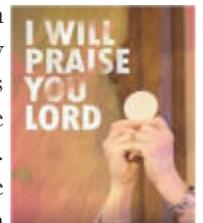
It is interesting to note that nothing she set out to do on her journey to

Rome was ever realized. She never saw the pope return to Rome permanently (remember the Pope was located in Avignon, France, rather than Rome from 1309-1376), she never managed to make peace between France and England, she never saw any nun in the habit that Christ had shown her in her vision, and she never returned to Sweden. She died a worn out old lady far from home in July 1373. She can be called the Patroness of Failures. In this she was like her Lord. He was also classed as failure as He hung on the Cross. Bridget was a successful failure as she was canonized in 1391.

I am praying, and invite you to join me in praying, that through the intercession of our patroness, our parish will strive to be a beacon of hope in our community. Let us implore her intercession as we continue to grow as disciples of the Lord, nourished by the Eucharist, and sent forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Happy Feast Day! Here is a prayer I came across that I have found to be a source of inspiration in my personal prayer life, and I hope you will as well...

Prayer of Saint Bridget

Hasten, O Lord, enlighten my darkness, speak to my soul. Nothing happens without you permitting it, and nothing you permit is without comfort, O Jesus, Son of God, you who were silent in the presence of your accusers, restrain my tongue until I find what I should say and how to say it. Show me the path and make me follow it. In delay there is danger, but in haste there is likewise peril. Therefore Lord, give ear to my petition and show me the way. I come to you, as the sick go to the doctor in search of aid. I long for you like the dying. O Lord, give peace to my heart. Amen. Saint Bridget of Sweden... Pray for us.

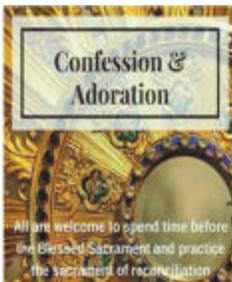


In these “somewhat” quieter days of the Summer months, I encourage you to think about coming to Daily Mass or Adoration...as Catholics our lives are centered on the Eucharist, the real and true presence of Jesus, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. *In these quiet days, or somewhat more calm days of summer, I am asking every parishioner to consider coming to daily Mass (Daily Mass is normally 20-25 minutes in length).* Perhaps you can come one day a week during the summer as a family, or maybe you can come more often, or perhaps you can come on Friday afternoons and spend some time in quiet prayer before the Eucharistic Lord during Adoration (every Friday 1PM-2PM in Saint Bridget Church).

Each of these will be an opportunity for you to teach your children the importance of the Eucharist in our lives as Catholics and the importance of gathering as a family of faith around the table of the Lord to give Him thanks for His countless blessings.

I assure you that if you make the effort, God will provide you the strength and grace you need to help us make Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish Family a strong family of faith united in the Eucharist. *If you are a daily Mass participant, thank you for recognizing the importance of the Eucharist in your lives; if you are not, please consider coming even one day a week to be nourished by the Savior, and to give glory to God.*

Speaking of Adoration...I AM SO EXCITED to announce to you all that after recent discussion between Father Federico and myself...we are adding an additional opportunity for ADO-RATION and CONFES-SION...We have



been talking about trying to offer a “different” time for our parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to come to Adoration and, at the same time, we have been talking about how Saturday afternoons aren’t the ideal time for many to come to Confession. Therefore, we have decided that IN ADDITION to the Saturday Confession time of 3PM and the Friday Adoration time of 1-2PM, we will offer on the SECOND TUESDAY of every month a special time for BOTH Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the celebration of Confession from 5-6PM. Adoration will take place in the church and the opportunity for Confession will continue to be offered “drive-up style” in front of the school building. PLEASE COME and join us! This will begin on Tuesday, August 10th!

GAGA PIT...you may have noticed down near the ball field and the basketball court there has been some work going on. We are installing a new GAGA PIT. We thank Christi Carrano and Tyler Barhorst who are donating the GAGA PIT in memory of their son, Tristan. If you are like me, you had no idea what a GAGA PIT was when you first heard the term. But it turns out these are very popular at camps as a way to keep kids moving and entertained for hours.



It is basically playing dodgeball but with a soft foam ball within the confines of the pit walls; and I am told since the ball ricochets off the walls into play, it makes it safer than traditional dodgeball. It combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball. I can’t wait to see it put to use!

CEMETERY UPDATE...we are still working on the updates to our cemetery and trying to ensure all plot owners are in compliance. We are most thankful to all those families who took it upon themselves to ensure their family plots were in compliance. I have received a number of calls to let me know that people are frustrated that there are still plots not in compliance. We are doing our best to hire someone who will go through the cemetery and individually check each and every plot. I ask for your patience.

At the same time, we are continuing with the updates and improvements to our cemetery to ensure it is a peaceful place for our parishioners to visit their loved ones’ graves and spend time in prayer. Recently a new fence was added to the back of the property to enhance the beauty of our cemetery. The old chain linked fence was in bad shape and had trees growing through it. It was an eyesore. I am so pleased with the look of our new fence and thank the Cemetery Advisory Committee for their efforts in securing this new fencing. It is so great to think of all the work this new committee has accomplished since being formed only 14 months ago. Thank you to each of the members!



As always remember to pray for our parish families and ask God’s blessings as we build His kingdom here. Please know that I am praying for you, and I ask for your prayers for me, that together through the intercession of Saint Bridget of Sweden, our Patroness, and united in the Eucharist, we will reflect the presence of Jesus to the world.

Father Roman

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Frequently Asked Questions



CAN MY CHILD BE BAPTIZED?

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

Frequently Asked Questions



**I’VE BEEN ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT.
WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

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

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)

HURRY! There are still a few spots available for the Archdiocesan Synod Closing Mass on Friday, August 13th at 6:30pm at the Oakdale Theatre. If you would like to attend, call the rectory at 203-272-3531 to save your spot!



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 17th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Maxine Riedinger & Theodora Hamilton	Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Adriano Veiga	Paul & Jill Veiga
5:15 p.m. SBC	Bob Santello	His Wife, Alice

Sunday, July 18th: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. SBC	Dante & Elisa Pasqualoni	Dante Pasqualoni, Jr.
8:00 a.m. SBC	Rayjeanne Chasse	Her Husband
9:00 a.m. SBC	Daniel & Celia Fusco	Their Daughters, Sharon & Alice
10:30 a.m. SBC	Nicholas Spizzoucco	The Kenney Family

Monday, July 19th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ray & Harold O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
9:00 a.m. SBC	Edward LaFrance, Jr.	His Wife

Tuesday, July 20th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, July 21st

7:00 a.m. SBC	Joanne Vignola	St. Bridget of Sweden Women's Society
9:00 a.m. SBC	Bob Hyland—30th Anniversary	His Wife

Thursday, July 22nd: Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 a.m. SBC	David Olsen	Family
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Friday, July 23rd

7:00 a.m. SBC	Margaret "Peggy" Golden	St. Bridget of Sweden Women's Society
9:00 a.m. SBC	Valenti & Elengo Families	The Family

Saturday, July 24th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Tom Goszewski	His Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	John Geary	Rose & Carmine Calandrella
5:15 p.m. SBC	Gerard McMahon, Leo McMahon and Helen McMahon-Hootsmans	Clare Bernard & Ruth McMahon

Sunday, July 25th: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. SBC	John A. Melius	Julie Robertson & Joan Perry
8:00 a.m. SBC	Heather Medling-Duffy	The Duffy Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	The Carriero & Resasco Families	The Carriero Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Florentino Empleo, Sr.	Ophelia Frazier



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.

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Or scan the QR code here.



The 2022 Mass book is now open for Mass intentions through June 25, 2022.

Until July 28th, requests will be limited to three weekend Masses and five weekday Masses per person. 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.

The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for Miriam Ahern—In Living Prayer Requested by The Haensel Family



The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for All Deceased Members of Our Parish Family

In-Person Services THIS WEEK



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



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.

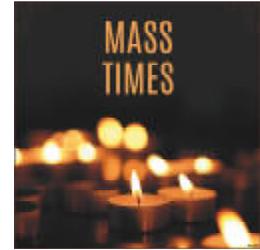
Adoration every Friday, 1-2pm in St. Bridget Church



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

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

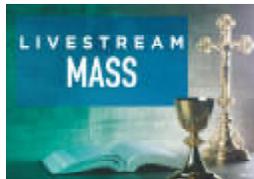


Mass in Your Car!

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.

Online Services can be viewed on the homepage of our website at www.stbridgetcheshire.org, on YouTube <https://bit.ly/SBoSYTChannel> or Facebook [@stbridgetofswedenparish](https://www.facebook.com/stbridgetofswedenparish)

ONLINE SERVICES This Week



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

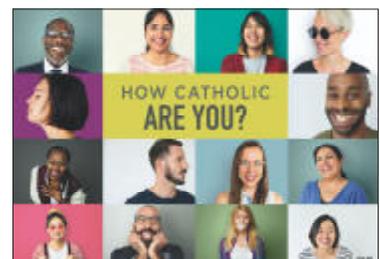
The television Mass is simulcast everyday at 10:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV WB20 and WCTX-TV MyTV9. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV. It can also be viewed online at <https://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>

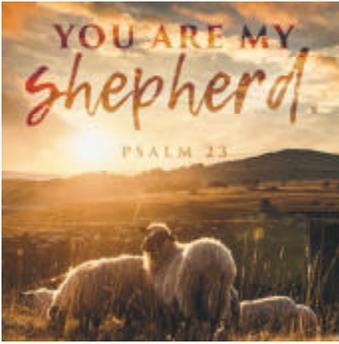


Getting to Know Our Heavenly Family
 Every Monday at 10AM
 This week, learn about **Blessed Solanus Casey**

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.



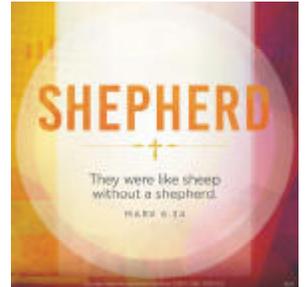


Today is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071821.cfm>

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.



Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

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For more information to better understand the readings, bit.ly/2TGCmP9



Our collection for the week of July 11th

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Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SCHEDULED AND AN UNSCHEDULED MASS?

A scheduled Mass is a Mass intention for a public Mass held in our church. It is *scheduled* for a particular date and time.

An unscheduled Mass is a Mass intention for a Mass celebrated by a priest usually in the private chapel. It is not scheduled for any particular day or time and may be held anytime at the priest's discretion or it may be given to priests serving in the missions or another specialized ministry who are in need of Mass intentions.

A Mass card can be provided for both types of Mass intentions. The offering for a scheduled Mass intention is \$15 for a daily Mass and \$25 for a Sunday Mass. The offering for an unscheduled Mass is \$10.



St. Bridget School Update

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

News from our Robotics Club

United Launch Alliance (ULA) is an American spacecraft launch service provider that launches spacecrafts for the US government, NASA, the Department of Defense, and other organizations. ULA holds an annual student rocket launch contest in which children from across the U.S. compete for 18 spots on a ULA sport rocket. To receive a spot, children must submit a detailed proposal describing a payload (devices, objects, experiments, instruments, etc.) that they designed to fit within ULA's parameters.

St. Bridget School Rocket Club (part of the SBS Robotics Club) submitted a payload proposal and was one of 18 teams accepted for integration into a ULA sport rocket.

The rocket will launch on Saturday July 17th 2021 in Pueblo, Colorado. Two of our students and their parents will be travelling to Colorado to finalize preparation of the payload for launch and to observe the launch. We wish them the best of luck with this exciting opportunity!

Here is our recorded payload proposal video that we submitted to ULA: <https://youtu.be/zNpbGwQs4wE>

Here is information about the contest from United Launch Alliance (ULA): <https://bit.ly/3hQkDNa>



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.

Register Now! Classes are Filling!

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.



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Religious Education COMING SOON!

*Please watch your email and the bulletin for
Registration Information!*



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



VIRTUS UPDATES NEEDED

Virtual Training available

The Office of Safe Environment has directed that any parishioner who submitted a background check before January 1, 2011 needs to submit a new background check in order to continue volunteering in the parish.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at
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so we can make arrangements for you to submit a new background check and receive the new Archdiocese of Hartford Policy and Codes of Ministerial Behavior booklet and acknowledgement page.

At the present time the Virtus Training can be done online. If you have not completed this training or are interested in attending a virtual training session, please contact Donna Yatcko.

If you are not sure if you are due for an updated Background Check, please call the Religious Education Office at 203-272-6504 to inquire.



Sister Mary Rose is organizing an exciting journey to Pennsylvania Dutch Country in Lancaster, PA on October 19th & 20th to enjoy the biblical show “**Queen Esther**” at the Sight and Sound Theater, a **painting experience with Creatives by Michelle**, and **delectable meals** as a community.

Registration is open! Contact Sister Mary Rose for more information or to reserve your seats at 203-272-3531 ext. 1312, or smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org

Ask Father

Dear Father: Do we know what Jesus wrote in the sand when he forgave the woman caught in adultery?

Dear friend in Christ,

We don't know exactly what He wrote but we can take a guess. Whatever it was, it was powerful. Here's the scene from John 8:

4 "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

*6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, **but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.** 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" 8 **Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.***

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

Many scholars and saints have speculated what the Lord wrote. Some suggest He wrote out the sins of her accusers or the names of the men who were accusing her – but who also sinned with her. Some even said He was doodling on the ground to break the tension of the moment. Perhaps Jesus was writing all the sufferings and pain the woman had endured up to that point in her life.

I favor another approach. We know that Jesus usually responds to traps and questions by referring to the Scripture. One writer suggests that Jesus wrote out Hosea 4:14

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go aside with harlots, and sacrifice with cult prostitutes, and a people without understanding shall come to ruin."

This verse makes it clear that **with regard to sexual sin, God will hold men more responsible than women!** Perhaps Jesus was using this moment to remind the accusers that the role of a man is not to use, abuse, exploit or accuse women, but rather to protect, defend, sacrifice and comfort.

SAVE THE DATE

for the



Sunday

September 19th

more details to follow



Anna Claire Acampora
Liliana Rita Beaudoin
Lia Everly Burke
Thomas Philip Corcoran
Noelle Marie Lockery
Jakub Stanislaw Slater
Corinne Ann Terry



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

Apologetics 101: Nihil Obstat & Imprimatur

- Perhaps you have seen these phrases on the first pages of Catholic books – *nihil obstat* and *imprimatur*. Today we explain what they mean.
- The Catholic Church is responsible for guarding us in every area of our lives. This includes what we read.
- The Church knows that we are susceptible to being misled by convincing ideas which are actually very dangerous and false.
- For this reason, the Church has developed a practice to protect the faithful. When an author wants to publish a book on anything related to Catholicism, he or she should first submit the manuscript to the local bishop, specifically the office of the Censor.
- The Censor will read the book making sure that it is in accord with Catholic teaching and nothing in the book will cause spiritual harm to those who read it.
- If the Censor approves it, he will give his *nihil obstat* (“nothing obstructs it” [from being printed]) which will appear on the first page along with his name.
 - It doesn’t mean they agree with the book, only that it is safe for Catholics to read.
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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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Activities for this Week’s Liturgy

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Youth Ministry
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Verse of the Week
John 8:11
“And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

Upcoming Events
There will be no NGD meeting this week. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 28th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Father Frisbie Hall. We’ll be talking about what it means to be a leader and what sets the good leaders apart from the bad. You won’t want to miss it! All high school students, including rising freshmen, are invited to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. See you there!

Saint of the Week
Saint Mary Magdalene
Feast Day: July 22nd
Bio: Mary Magdalene is second only to Mary, the Mother of Jesus on the list of “women honored in the Bible.” While she is often spoken of as the “sinful woman” who anointed Jesus’ feet in Luke 7:36-50, it is unlikely that this was her. Rather, Mary Magdalene (or Mary of Magdala) is the woman whom Christ casts out seven demons from in Luke 8:2. Quite the intro! She is mentioned several times in the Gospels as having a vital role among Jesus’ followers. She was one of very few (only John, Mother Mary, and Mary Magdalene are mentioned by name) who remained by Christ’s side as He hung on the cross. Perhaps more importantly, she was the first witness to the Resurrection, being given the honor of bringing the news to the Apostles. For a short while, Mary Magdalene was the only one who knew Jesus had risen. That means she was the entire Catholic Church for a moment there! Because of this, she is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles,” and is revered by Catholics to this day. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us!



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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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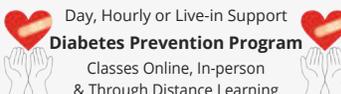
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