

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Pastoral Staff has been looking for a resource for quite some time for our parishioners to use at home and for us to use in the course of our ministry in the school, in religious education, and other adult education programs. **WE FOUND IT!**



It gives me great joy to share with you that our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. **BEST OF ALL, THIS MATERIAL IS FREE TO YOU!** With the support of the Parish Finance Council, the Parish purchased a subscription to FORMED that provides any family in our parish FREE access to it as well.

Our parish Pastoral Staff will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. On FORMED you will find children’s programming, audio talks, e-books and more!

When you sign-up you will have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members, for example:

- Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.
- Would you like to be more confident in answering your teenagers’ questions about the validity of the Gospels? Watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*.
- Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.
- Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.
- Have you struggled to find a movie you are comfortable leaving on the television for your children while you were running to do the dishes in the kitchen? Check out the Kids Movies section of FORMED and you won’t need to worry about content or inappropriate language.

You can enjoy FORMED on your computer or on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do chores.

My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

To gain access to all of FORMED’s content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish’s zip code or name to select our parish
- Enter your name and your email address

That’s it! You’re in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching FORMED Catholic in your app store.

I cannot wait to hear from our parishioners how you are using FORMED in your homes and from our catechists and teachers how it is being used in the education of our young people!

Smart Boards...as I announced last weekend in preparing for the upcoming year of Religious Education classes in our parish family and NOW with FORMED as a resource our catechists can utilize, we need additional Smart Boards. We have all new Smart Boards in our school but for those classes held in the Education Wing at Saint Thomas Becket Campus we only have one Smart Board, which was donated in memory of Doreen Festa, who you may remember worked in our religious education department before her death. We are grateful to her family for donating this Smart Board, which is a real gift to the many programs and events that are held at this Campus, which utilize the technology available.



We are looking for five families—who we have one already from last weekend so we need four more—who might be willing to donate a Smart Board (\$5,000 for Board and Cart) in memory of a loved one for each of the classrooms in the Education Wing. These Smart Boards would enable our catechists the ability to use more technology in teaching our young people the faith. I know our catechists are hopeful for this possibility. We would put a plaque similar to the one seen here. If you are interested in donating one, please email me at fromans@cheshirecatholic.org.

THE PARISH PICNIC WAS AMAZING! THANK YOU ONE AND ALL for making the Parish

Picnic such a memorable experience. The day that God gave us to celebrate as a parish family was truly a gift! The Parish Picnic was simply amazing thanks to the beautiful day, the organizers, the volunteers, and **EACH AND EVERY** parishioner who came to be together for a day of faith, food, fellowship, and fun!



It is probably my favorite day of the year and this year, after the pandemic, even more so! As your Pastor, it warms my heart to see our parishioners coming together in such large numbers, to see people enjoying the afternoon on our parish grounds, to witness firsthand old friendships renewed and new friendships made, and to see our young people so excited whether at the bouncy houses, playing in the cornhole tournament, playing in the new GAGA pit, or playing out on the field. I love seeing everyone enjoying themselves and building up our parish family! That is what it is all about!



Here are some comments from those who attended:

One parishioner told me the other night at another event, "Thank you Father for the Parish Picnic. You know I was so happy it was a beautiful day and so many came to be together. After the pandemic, we all needed it!"

One of our volunteers said "Everyone was so happy to be there. It was wonderful to be able to simply be together. It's events like this that make me proud

to be part of such a vibrant parish family."

One of our more seasoned parishioners told me at Mass the next day that she sat behind the altar and as she looked out on the field she was filled with joy to see so many young families coming to Mass. She loved seeing so many kids enjoying the afternoon together.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky, and we were indeed blessed with this chance to finally be together and grow in our relationships with one another!

A huge thank you to Rebecca and Barry Berkowitz, Tracy and Vito Catalanotto, and Patty & Larry Richard our General Co-Chairs of this AMAZING Parish Picnic. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK over the past months, your DEDICATION OF TIME, and your TREMENDOUS ORGANIZATION OF OUR PARISH PICNIC.** It ran so smoothly. Words can never fully express our gratitude for all that you have done to organize such an amazing parish-building event, but **THANK YOU!**

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Thank you to the countless volunteers who labored to make it all happen. Special shout out to Jeff Strange, our Chef Extraordinaire, and Patti Flynn-Harris who organized a huge team of volunteers and worked so well all weekend chopping and dicing, as well as our Knights of Columbus, Rick Ciaburri our photographer, and so many others. You know who you are and I hope and pray you know my gratitude and that of our whole parish family!

Special Gratitude as well to our Musicians!!! Thank you to Mrs. Julia Atwood, our Director of Music, who coordinated such a large effort bringing together all musicians from our parish and school to make joyful song in praise of our Lord. Thanks to our cantor Laura Intravia, our instrumentalists, and our choir members from our Adult

Choir, our Contemporary Choir, and our Children's Choir who joined in offering the music for our outdoor Mass! It was such a special treat to see all the musicians working together to lead us in song. Your talents provided us with such a prayerful and powerful experience, thank you!



Finally, we offer profound thanks to the following individuals and companies whose generosity helped defray the cost of our picnic: Arisco Farms, Rebecca and Barry Berkowitz, Bozzuto's, Tracy and Vito Catalanotto, CK Greenhouses, Jay Cunningham and Family at Holiday Hill, Hilzinger Farms, Napoli's, Jeff Strange, AJ Wallinger of A.J. Waste Systems LLC, Powerstation, John LaRosa, Keith Erickson, Patty and Larry Richard, William and Sue DeVlyder, Keith Erickson and AES Remedial Contracting, Dee Ferry

and her team at Mad Tents, and the many parishioners who made special financial donations to assist the picnic as well. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many, many people who assisted in any and every way that day to help make it a success! Your kindness and generosity made it all possible. Thank you!

As always, remember to pray for vocations, pray for our young people, pray for our parish families and ask God's blessings as we strive to 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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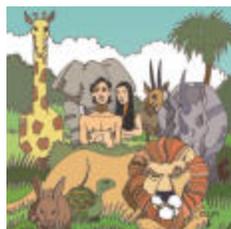
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Adam & Eve:

*What Genesis Can Teach
Husbands & Wives About
Emotional Communication*

Thursday, September 30th
7:00-8:00 pm in St. Bridget Church

All married, engaged and dating couples are invited to come to this presentation. The story of Adam and Eve reveals the nature of men and women and how they communicate.



Attentions Parents!

We are so blessed to have a young, vibrant, and growing parish family! Yet, as you all know, the secular world is hostile to religion. How do we help our kids grow into a strong relationship with Jesus, to truly and deeply believe in Him? We want to develop opportunities for our families to build intentional Christian relationships, and to offer assistance in instilling unshakeable faith and virtues in these troubled times. For this we need your assistance! Our Parenting Circle is in need of parents willing to generate ideas, parents willing to help set up events, and parents willing to provide refreshments. If you, too, are seeking to raise your family with a solid faith, firmly grounded on the Rock of Christ, please consider becoming a part of the Parenting Circle.

For more information or to get involved, contact Sister Mary Rose (203-272-3531 or smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org).



MASS INTENTIONS



MISSION COLLECTION

We will be collecting items for the St. Vincent DePaul Mission. They are in need of: new bedding (twin size), towels, household cleaning supplies, and personal care items. If you can help, we ask you to bring any of these items to Masses on October 2 & 3 and drop off at the church entrances in the places marked "SVDP."

Thank you for your generous support. It will help many not only to live more comfortably today, but also to progress along the road to independence.



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

II Andrew St. John & Aerielle Smith



MINISTRY OF Praying Hands

The Ministry of Praying Hands knits prayer shawls for those in need of prayer and comfort. If you would like to share your knitting talent to help others, please join us! Our next meeting is **Friday, October 1st, at 10:00am in Father Frisbie Hall.**



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 2nd, 1pm
Outside of St. Bridget Church

Saturday, September 25th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Rebecca Timlin-Scalera	Her Sister, Vivian Ciampi
4:00 p.m. SBC	Gary Vesentin	Eleanor Vesentin
5:15 p.m. STBC	Audrey Chamberlain	Lynn & Karl Krieg

Sunday, September 26th: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SBC	Maria Ferrucci	Ernesto & Anna Zarra
9:00 a.m. SBC	Francis H. O'Neill	The Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Bill Wanat	His Wife, Camele
4:00 p.m. SBC	Francis Longo	

Monday, September 27th: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 a.m. SBC	Irene Fisher	Peter & Mary Mongillo
9:00 a.m. SBC	Sam Pascarelle	Clare Bernard

Tuesday, September 28th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00 a.m. SBC	Tom DeLuca	Lynn & Karl Krieg
9:00 a.m. SBC	Christopher Hennelly	The Family

Thursday, September 30th: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. SBC	Diana Gegan	Denise Flynn
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Friday, October 1st: Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. SBC	Bob Glazewski	Wife, Gail Glazewski
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—Christopher Hennelly	The Family

Saturday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 a.m. SBC	Joe O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Jay Roczynski	Bob & Joan Roczynski
5:15 p.m. STBC	Sam Pascarelle	The Family

Sunday, October 3rd: The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SBC	Barry Sutherland	The Genest Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Tom DeLuca	The Iadarola Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Mary Calaluce	Jude DiGidio
4:00 p.m. SBC	Ethyl Fiance	The Larkin Family

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

Bill Campion

Requested by Judy & Paul Iannone



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

Ron Guerrero—5th Anniversary

Requested by Sue & Victoria

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 in St. Bridget Church,
 5:15pm in St. Thomas Becket Church
 Sunday—7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm 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 and the **SECOND Tuesday of the month from 5-6pm**. Drive up to the St. Bridget School entrance and a priest will come out to hear your confession.

Adoration in St. Bridget Church every Friday, 1-2pm and on the second Tuesday of the month from 5-6pm



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

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

ONLINE SERVICES This Week



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

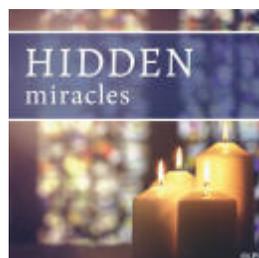
The television Mass is simulcast everyday at 10:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV WB20 and WCTX-TV MyTV9. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV.

It can also be viewed online at <https://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>



Getting to Know Our Heavenly Family

Every Monday at 10AM
 This week, learn about **Saint Gertrude**



Hidden Miracles

Every Wednesday and Friday at 10AM
 Parishioners and Parish Staff members will share with you some lesser known miracles. Come and see just how many examples of God's power we have!





Today is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092621.cfm>

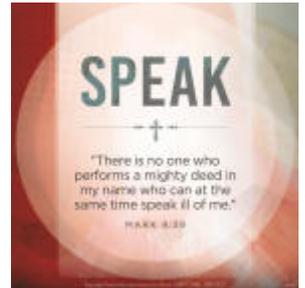
Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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Sunday Reflection "If All Were Prophets" — bit.ly/3kxUsxc



Our collection for the week of September 19th

Mailed-in/Dropped Off

Offertory\$12,535.00

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Online

Offertory \$9,275.00

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SECOND COLLECTIONS



The **HOPES** Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing our schools with individual **HOPES Grants**. Please help us continue to provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by contributing to the 2021 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection this weekend. Thank you for your support.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE

Next weekend, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity.



St. Bridget School Update

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



SBS Enrollment Information

We offer a Registered Catholic Grant for registered, active and participating parishioners as well as a Sibling Grant. Tuition assistance is still available for the current year.

If you are interested in setting up a shadow day for your child (ren), please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Christina Cummings, at 203.272.5860, or email at ccummings@stbridgetschool.org.



Recess at SBS

You may not have heard, but recess at SBS is aces! Our teachers plan out each week, giving students the chance to play on our play scapes, the Basketball court, the Gaga Pit, the Black Top for Kickball, or our athletic fields for just letting loose! Having different options keeps recess fun as well as giving students as much time for socialization as possible. Having this time planned out, gives students the break they need for a full day of learning.

Community Service



Our Grade 8 students teaching Kindergarten about giving back to the community.

Stay Tuned for results from our Stuff-a-Bus campaign for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry!

Thank You!

Thank you to the many families who have contributed to our school's **Annual Appeal**. As tuition does not cover the entire cost to educate students, we rely on the generosity of our school families, Saint Bridget of Sweden parishioners, SBS alumni and friends in the community to help us cover the many programs that we offer. If you wish to contribute to our 2021 Annual Appeal, please contact the school at 203.272.5860.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to continuing our in-person instruction, we are pleased to announce that many of our extracurricular activities will pick up where we left off this year in-person.

Our Robotics Club continued remotely last year, but everyone is ready to start in person this Fall.

Our Cross Country team resumed this month and our students can't wait for their first meet.

We also hope to pick up where we left off with other clubs such as LEGO and Chess, and other Athletic teams later this year. Please contact us to find out more!

Join our School Community



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dyatcko@cheshirecatholic.org
203.272.6504

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Classes for all students start the first week of October.

Grades K through 6

Sunday classes—begin October 3rd
Monday classes—begin October 4th
Tuesday classes—begin October 5th

Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Classes begin Sunday, October 3rd

Confirmation Program (Year 1 & 2)

Parent/Candidate Meeting—Sunday, September 26th
at 5pm in St. Bridget Church

Classes begin Sunday, October 3rd

**Please be sure all children are registered
before the first day of class.**

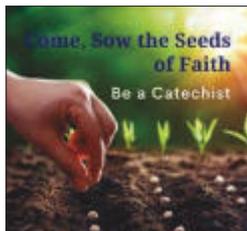
The link to the registration forms is:

bit.ly/SBoSRelEdRegister21-22

The link for online payment is:

bit.ly/SBoSRelEdPay21-22

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 203-272-6504 or dyatcko@cheshirecatholic.org



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Catechists help us support our students through our various programs. If you are interested, please share your information on the registration form or email us at dyatcko@cheshirecatholic.org.

VIRTUS training session and background check required.
Materials and support are provided.

We are presently in need of Catechists for the following grades and times:

Sunday—all grades K through 6 (8:30 – 9:45am)

Sunday—grade 8 (8:30 -11:00am, attendance at Mass is included)

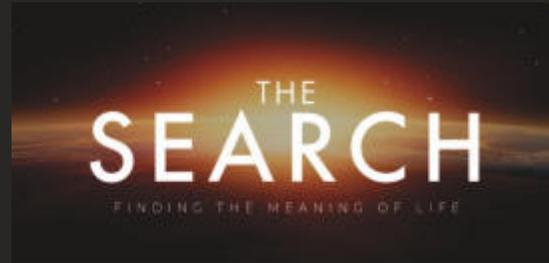
Sunday—Confirmation Program Years 1 and 2 (5-6pm)

Monday—grades 1 through 6 (4-5pm)

Monday—grades 1 through 6 (5:30-6:30pm)

Tuesday—grade 3 (3:30-4:30pm)

Tuesday—grade 4 (4:45-5:45pm)



Catechesis for Adults

Conveniently scheduled during Religious Education Classes so parents can attend!

Mondays, beginning October 4. Choose to be in-person or virtual. Choose to attend either 4:00-5:00 pm or 5:30-6:30pm.

Registration fee is \$13 (to purchase participant guide), and is due by October 4th. Contact Sister Mary Rose with questions and to register at 203-272-3531 smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org

New Healthcare Ministry Initiative

We are seeking a dedicated interdisciplinary group of medical and health sciences professionals to revitalize our healthcare ministry! If you work or have experience in the healthcare field (including dietitians, therapists, nurses, CNAs, naturopaths, etc.), you have a special place in the parish ministry.

Reach out to Sister Mary Rose to get involved! 203-272-3531 or smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Wednesdays from October 6th through November 17th at 6:30pm in St. Thomas Becket Church Conference Room. To attend or for more information, contact Clara Hernandez at hernandezc@cox.net or the rectory at 203-272-3531.



Cheshire K of C KNIGHTS KORNER

by Harold Metz, Council Lecturer

Grand Knight, Jason Molitierno —jason_molitierno@yahoo.com

INTO THE BREACH—Starts Saturday

As we mentioned last week, our Council begins its presentation of the K of C's Into The Breach, a twelve part series on, well, let's just do a **Q & A**:

Q. *What is the Into the Breach video series?*

A. Into the Breach is a 12-episode video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. This video series seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. It is inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix.

Q. *What does each episode consist of?*

A. Each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. Each episode runs approximately 12 minutes.

Q. *What is "authentic Catholic masculinity?"*

A. Much of our modern culture is beset by misunderstanding and contention about what it means to be a man. Many men receive mixed messages concerning who they are and what their role is. Into the Breach contends that men are made for greatness and the true expression of that greatness is to be heroically virtuous—and that Catholic masculinity means to have character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage, in imitation of Christ.

Q. *What are the names of the 12 Into the Breach episodes?*

A. The 12 episodes are titled: Masculinity, Brotherhood, Leadership, Fatherhood, Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering, Sacramental Life, Spiritual Warfare, Evangelization, and The Cornerstone.

Q. *What is the goal of Into the Breach?*

A. The goal of Into the Breach is to help men grow in their faith and become the men that God is calling them to be.

Q. *Where are the episodes available?*

A. All 12 episodes will be presented each Saturday morning at 7:00 am beginning October 2nd through December 18th in the Parish Center. Accompanied by light refreshments and a post-presentation discussion, each session should conclude by 8:30. A "Reflection Guide" will be provided and an introductory Trailer can be viewed on our national website: kofc.org/intothebreach



Handmaids of the Lord is a brand new high school girls group at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish. If you know a young lady in high school that is interested in deepening her Catholic faith and learning about authentic Catholic womanhood this group is for her!

Handmaids meet every second Friday of the month at 7:30pm in the Saint Bridget School gym. All high school girls are encouraged to bring friends and an open mind and heart to each meeting. We hope to see you soon.

Our next meeting is Friday, October 8th at 7:30pm in the school gym.



Got questions about our Catholic faith?

Ask Father!

E-mail your question to office@stbridgetcheshire.org

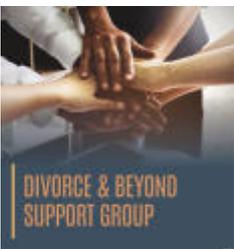
with the subject line "Ask Father" or mail it to "Rectory—Ask Father, 175 Main St, Cheshire, CT 06410."

Questions will be answered in the order they are received.



Fall Flower Sale!

Next weekend, we will be selling mums and fall plants after Saturday vigil and Sunday morning Masses. The flowers are provided by Marion Farms and a portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Bridge School. Cash or check accepted.



A support group for persons who have been divorced will begin on Monday, September 27th and meet for 12 sessions.

For more information and to register, contact Sr. Mary Rose at 203-272-3531, ext. 1312 or smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org

Next meeting:
Wednesday
September 29th
6:30-8:30pm
SBS Gym
Board Game Night!!

Saint of the Week:

Saint Jerome

Feast Day: September 30th

Bio: St. Jerome was born in 345 and is often remembered for his fiery temper. He is famed for his writings, many of which were biting rebukes of those who taught heresy or spoke against the teachings of the Church. One of his greatest contributions is the translation of most of the Old Testament from Hebrew. Saint Augustine once said, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known." High praise indeed! Jerome's translation of the Bible became known as the Vulgate, and the Council of Trent declared it the authentic text to be used by the Church. Jerome spoke four languages: Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldaic. His tireless devotion and quick wit led him to a variety of roles within the Church, including private secretary to Pope Damasus. His travels eventually led him to Bethlehem, where he took up residence in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. He died there in 420, and his remains are buried in Rome. Saint Jerome, pray for us!

Verse of the Week Psalm 119:143

"Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight."

Welcome

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Tim & Jacqueline Aras
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Caitlyn Carter
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Alan & Michele Colwell
Jeffrey & Beth Culhane
Mary Danielson
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Maxwell Formica
James & Coreen Frolish
Vincenzo & Patricia Gagliardi
Ali Giannone
Norman Gray
Carol Hatten
Matthew & Alexandra Kates

We would like to welcome the following families to our Parish family!

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James & Marian Levine
Anna Melninkaitis
Kimberly Monte
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Friday October 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2021

*St. Joseph, defender of life,
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respectlife.org/celebrate



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Baby bottles will be distributed after Masses this weekend to support Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center in Waterbury, CT. Please take one or more and fill it with change, cash, or a check. Carolyn's Place was founded in 1992 because "No woman should face pregnancy alone." Carolyn's Place offers free services including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, information on abortion alternatives including parenting and adoption, education, material, emotional, and spiritual support, assistance accessing social services, post-abortion support, help for men, and youth education programs.

Respect Life Mass

The annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Bridget Church. Archbishop Blair will present the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Award which is given to persons who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the protection of all human life. Among this year's recipients are Alex and Lauren Wells, parishioners of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish. All are welcome to attend.

Forty Days for Life

Please join us in praying for an end to abortion. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/> to register to participate virtually or in person. This year, on Saturday, October 9th, members of the parish will be participating in the fall Forty Days for Life prayer vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT starting at 12PM. If you are interested, please email peteandrosa@gmail.com for more information.

Hope Pregnancy Center Partnership Banquet

Hope Pregnancy Center is hosting its yearly Partnership Banquet on October 15th at White Oak Baptist Church in Cheshire. Doors open at 5:45 PM with a buffet at 6:30 PM. There is no cost to attend. There will be an opportunity to donate at the end of the event. Please RSVP to hopect@gmail.com or call 203-271-2703.

Apologetics: Spiritual Buffness

- If we want to get healthy and get in shape, we have to make changes in our lives. We clear out all the junk food from our cabinets; we resolve to eat better; we start going to the gym.
- At the gym, we push ourselves to exercise even though we don't necessarily want to and even though it doesn't necessarily feel good.
- We have to do the same thing if we want to get in shape in our spiritual lives.
- We have to exercise our faith just like any other muscle.
 - Clearing out all the junk food = going to Confession
 - Resolve to eat healthier = start pursuing holiness, filling our minds with spiritual things
 - Working out at the gym or on the exercise bike = taking on spiritual disciplines and living the Catholic faith whether it feels good or not
- **Going to Mass occasionally, only praying when we need something and living a life of casual sins is like lifting two pound weights and eating garbage and expecting to get into great shape!**
- *We need to exercise spiritual discipline! We go to Mass to receive Jesus in the Eucharist every week; we pray every day; we go to Confession monthly; we resolve to change our ways; we come to Adoration; we fill our minds with spiritual books and Catholic media; we commit to participating in the life of the parish!*
- This process will take time. Just like we can't go from out of shape to looking buff overnight, we have to practice consistency over time!
- Start with baby steps and stick with it! The results will be incredible!



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Wednesday, October 6th

5pm – 9pm

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Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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 Captain Kevin Briskin, US Army
 ENS Michelle Browning, US Navy
 Sergeant Brian Caouette
 Captain Leslie Ann Capuano, USMC
 Lieutenant Hollis Ann Capuano, US Navy
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 Lt. Colonel Mark Christopher Glenn, US Army
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 Petty Officer 2nd Class Martin Houston, US Navy
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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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- Hours are M-W-F 9:00am-12:15pm; T-Th 3:00pm-6:15pm
- Monetary donations should be sent to: Cheshire Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 457, Cheshire, CT 06410.

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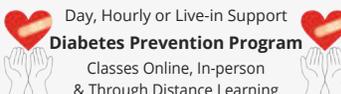
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