



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

29th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for
many." - Mk 10:45



Letter from the Pastor

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS

Dear Friends in Christ:

An update on our ransomware attack... Well when we first were down due to the fact that we were hacked, as I said last weekend, we felt somewhat crippled because so much of what we do involves computers. It was very stressful being worried, in particular, that our school families could not reach the school in their normal way about changes to their children's schedule

for dismissal or any variety of things. It was also stressful for both Father Federico and myself as we both depend on the Outlook Calendar attached to our email as our main calendar. I am sure it was somewhat comical to our staff as we both wandered about the rectory for a couple days wondering if someone was going to come to the door and say they have an appointment to see one of us, or waiting as each call came in to the office wondering if it was someone we were supposed to be meeting at another location.

I thought that once the ransom was paid it would all go smoothly but it did not. Our IT team of Frank Johnson and Dave Marston, with the invaluable assistance of Steve Tine, really worked hard over last weekend to get us back up and running, but there was a snag. One of the codes sent to us to decrypt the files was bad and that caused the ransom person to seek more money for a code that would work. Our insurance company carried through on it all and got us the new code in the middle of the week. SO, it is my hope that by the time you are reading this, the parish and school are back up and running 100% but you never know when dealing with these things.

So what's next? Our insurance coverage has contracted with CyberClan, a

cybersecurity and IT specialist in California, who will be performing a forensic investigation to determine that indeed, as the ransomware hack indicated, files were only encrypted and not copied to any other location. They are also assessing our security and assisting in elevating our defenses to avoid future cyber breaches.



As I said, this has been a whole new learning experience for me, and I have certainly learned new terminology which I wish I never needed, but it is the sign of the times we live in.

That said, if you contacted anyone in the parish or school VIA EMAIL over the last couple of weeks and did not get a response please understand we are NOT ignoring you. Our email was compromised as part of this. Please resend your email to the appropriate person and you should receive a response in a timely manner.

As you may recall we designed a new website for our parish family back in August which is www.cheshirecatholic.org.

Our email domain is also cheshirecatholic.org. If you sent an email to someone in the past such as rectory@stbridgetcheshire.org, that email will no longer work, and it needs to be sent now to rectory@cheshirecatholic.org.

FORMED.ORG... Don't forget **IT IS FREE** for you! Finally there is a technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content. Have you checked it out yet? Don't wait!

This past week I was hearing confessions on Tuesday evening as part of our monthly confessions and adoration time. A parishioner came and shared with me that she was watching a video on FORMED.org about confession and she decided it was time to celebrate the Sacrament after almost 50 years of avoiding it. She said she has listened to

our homilies about confession, and even came to a couple of our drive-up times since the pandemic but never had the courage to confess her sins. She finally said, "after watching this video I said to myself I have to clean my soul." She credits FORMED.org with bringing her back to be free from sin and try better to follow Jesus. Praise God.

What can you find on FORMED.org? Children's programming that is age-appropriate, audio talks on the faith and spirituality, e-books and more. There are daily reflections, opportunities to pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Stations of the Cross. There is content directed to couples being married, children in religious education and Catholic schools, parents preparing for the Baptism of their child, teens preparing for Confirmation, and so much more. Did I mention this is available to you for FREE?

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.



One of the great programs on FORMED.org is the SEARCH. Sister Mary Rose is doing a study on this now open to parishioners please contact her at srmaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org for more information. The SEARCH is hosted by Chris Stefanick, and it is a video series that explores the deepest questions of the human heart—Why am I here? What's life all about? What happens when we die? And more!

It also guides you through the great big story of everything, as astrophysicists, psychologists, neuroscientists, artists, chemists and professors point to one big (surprising) conclusion: Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church. What do you seek? Check it out!!!

- To gain access to the SEARCH and 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

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! Please send me a note and share your personal experience.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...the month of October brings two special events from the Knights of Columbus for our parish family!

This Sunday at 2PM please join me and the Knights of Columbus for the historic visit of the Silver Rose to Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish. We will gather in Saint Bridget Church for a prayer service which includes the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Act of Consecration.



The Silver Rose is a program through which the Knights of Columbus share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. Every stop, at every parish, is an opportunity for Knights, parishioners, and community members to gather in prayer with the Holy Rosary and to pray for a greater respect for human life, for the spiritual renewal of our nation, and for the advancement of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED and strongly encouraged to join us THIS coming Sunday, October 17th, from 2-3PM in Saint Bridget Church for a Prayer Service as we mark this historic visit of the Silver Rose to our parish family.

Then on Tuesday the 26th we will be holding an EXEMPLIFICATION... the exemplification is the ceremony by which new members are inducted into the Knights of Columbus. Gone are the days when these ceremonies were done in secret and the content could not be shared with non-members. In the past couple of years, the Knights of Columbus has redesigned the exemplification to make it less of a time commitment, more meaningful, and open to families to attend and witness. The Connecticut State Council will be visit-

ing our parish family to hold an Exemplification of the First, Second, and Third Degree on the evening of Tuesday, the 26th of October at 7PM. The ceremony itself lasts about a half hour and is open to everyone.

Your Pastor's Challenge...I am looking for ten men of the parish, over the age of 18, who wish to become better husbands, fathers, and followers of Jesus, to JOIN THE KNIGHTS on October 26th. The phrase "In service to one, in service to all" has long been a motto of the Knights of Columbus. And indeed they are. They live out the two great commandments of Jesus Christ: to love God with our entire being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Every day, people witness the work undertaken by Knights as members work in thousands of communities around the world. They strive to live lives filled with charity, which are motivated by faith and

hope, and do so in service to others in the name of Jesus!

The Knights of Columbus were founded right down the street in New Haven by a parish priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, now Blessed Michael J. McGivney, on March 29, 1882. He founded the Knights to help the men of his parish to grow in their faith, to provide financial security for the widows and orphans of deceased members, and to perform acts of charity! The Knights are based on four guiding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Today they number over 2 million members in the world.

They are a force of love for our neighbors, wherever and whenever a need arises. Here in Cheshire we see them at the grocery store selling their infamous tootsie rolls to support the Special Olympics; we see them assisting in various ways to collect food to support the Cheshire Community Food Pantry; we see them hosting their traditional Pancake Breakfasts to support scholarships; and we see them assisting our parish in a variety of ways throughout the year. They are always ready and willing to help out in our parish and for that we thank the Knights.

Won't you consider joining us? Come to meetings when you can, pitch in to make a difference when you can, but join this brotherhood and become stronger in your faith and in your God-given roles as men, husbands, fathers, and sons of God. To join email Jason Moliterno, our Grand Knight, at jason_moliterno@yahoo.com, or just show up the evening of October 26th. Will you be one to help meet this challenge?

Also that evening, I was just informed that the State Council will be presenting me with an Icon of Saint Joseph. In this Year of Saint Joseph, I will likely put it on display in the Church for all to see and then will find a suitable place for it in the parish office.

Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes the Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of the Guardian of the Redeemer. Devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The "just man," whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord's foster father died — likely with Jesus and Mary at his side — even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully.



Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, we turn in prayer to St. Joseph. We give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example, and we ask St. Joseph to be a father to us. Along the way, we hope to grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet courage and fidelity. This pilgrim icon comes from St. Joseph's Oratory, Montréal. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron, from a

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The Reverend Anthony J. Federico, III, Parochial Vicar

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- Dr. Richard Wilber, Deacon
- Sister Mary Rose Irvine, Pastoral Associate
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- Mrs. Donna Yateko, Religious Education Director
- Mr. Regis O’Neill, Youth Minister
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drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The three white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, this man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of enormous importance. Our world desperately needs men and women of courage. But in a particular way, it needs courageous fathers — men willing to stand up and to carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. In short, our world needs men in the model of St. Joseph.

MORE EXCITING NEWS...Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish partners with Quinnipiac students for Marketing advice...This past July, an ad

ran in the Cheshire Citizen offering free marketing advice from Quinnipiac students to local small businesses. Dr. Mary Schramm, Associate Professor of Marketing at Quinnipiac University’s School of Business, assigns area clients to her MBA Marketing classes each fall.



When I saw this ad in the Cheshire Herald, I thought it would be prudent to apply to be a part of this program. There is no downside to free advice, and we are always looking for new ways to improve our parish and bring more people to Christ! After completing the application process, we were pleased to hear that Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish was indeed selected as one of this fall’s clients.

After a productive and encouraging initial meeting with our two teams of MBA students, we are excited to see where this collaboration takes us. The students will communicate with Regis O’Neill, our Administrative Assistant for Communications, on a regular basis

throughout the fall. We are also looking forward to them coming to meet with myself and Father Federico soon. The students will work together to come up with Marketing Plans for Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish. These plans will be presented the second week of December, and we look forward to reviewing them and making any positive changes to our marketing structure that we can in the aftermath! Pray for the success of their efforts in helping us come up with creative and dynamic marketing ideas to continue the mission of our parish!

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 Romans

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 16th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Mary Demaro & Marie Jennings	Sandra & Vin Fuoco
4:00 p.m. SBC	Florentino Empleo, Sr.	Ophelia Frazier
5:15 p.m. STBC	Elizabeth Lavallee Orsini	Ron & Mary Beth Chamberlain

Sunday, October 17th: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SBC	Anthony Iovene	The Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Samantha Ives	Her Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Mary Shove	The Hellendrung & Picozzi Families
4:00 p.m. SBC	Dr. Thomas DeLuca	Joan Perry & Julie Robertson

Monday, October 18th: Saint Luke, Evangelist

7:00 a.m. SBC	Giuseppe & Pasqualina Tranquillo	Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Mario Dottori—Birthday Remembrance	Arlene Dottori

Tuesday, October 19th: Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, October 20th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Vincent Colonna	Paul & Corinne Camerato
9:00 a.m. SBC	Sean Devine	Charlotte & Jerry Devine

Thursday, October 21st

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ray & Harold O'Connor	Peter & Mary Mongillo
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Friday, October 22nd

7:00 a.m. SBC	Thomas J. DeLuca	Peter, Carol, & Andrew Parducci
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—James Zitnik	The Tine Family

Saturday, October 23rd

9:00 a.m. SBC	Judy D'Antonio	Madelyn Banti
4:00 p.m. SBC	Betty & Tommy Allen	Family
5:15 p.m. STBC	Gregory D'Silva	His Children

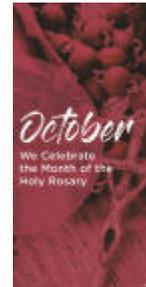
Sunday, October 24th: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SBC	Bill Close	Sandra Gardinier
9:00 a.m. SBC	Francis H. O'Neill	The Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Edward Pechalonis	The Hellendrung & Picozzi Families
4:00 p.m. SBC	Carol Stone	Tom & Cindy Burkhard

Marriage Banns

Please pray for these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:

- III Robert Doheny & Evelyn Gallagher
- II Samuel Gaidish & Jaelyn DeVlyder



October is the Month of the Rosary

Our Lady's Rosary Ministry meets on **Mondays at 1:30pm in St. Thomas Becket Church** to pray the rosary.



Papal Brown Bag Lunch

Fridays 12:00 Noon
Father Frisbie Hall
Bring your own lunch & discuss Pope Francis' Wednesday Audiences



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

The Tabernacle candle offering is \$25.

*The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for
Theresa Balzer
Requested by Friends at Cheshire Nursery*



*The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for
An Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life*

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
 Saturday—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



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.

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.

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.

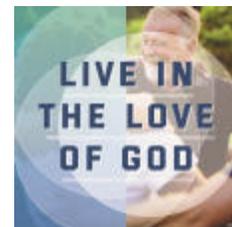
Online Services can be viewed on the homepage of our website at www.stbridgetcheshire.org, on YouTube <https://bit.ly/SBoSYTChannel> or Facebook [@stbridgetofswedenparish](https://www.facebook.com/stbridgetofswedenparish)

ONLINE SERVICES This Week

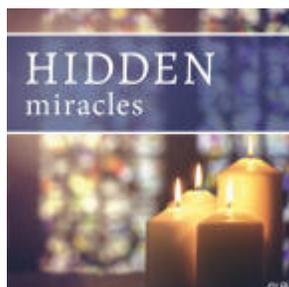


Every Sunday our 10:30am Mass is livestreamed. Join Us!

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 **Saint Polycarp**



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!





Got questions about our Catholic faith?

Ask Father!

E-mail your question to office@cheshirecatholic.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.



If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 29-31 in Farmington, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information, contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Apologetics 101: The Jesus Fish

- Perhaps you have seen the fish symbol on bumper stickers or billboards or even tattoos. The 'Jesus fish' is an ancient symbol of Christianity.
- In the earliest days of the church, it was illegal to be a Christian. The first followers of Jesus used the fish as a secret symbol to identify buildings and safe houses where people could find refuge and assistance.
- They chose the fish symbol, not only because of many stories in the Gospel involve fish, but also because of a very clever acrostic.
- The Greek word for 'fish' is *ichthys*. The letters in *ichthys* also happen to be the first letters of the words in the phrase, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."
- When Christians were walking or travelling and they came across another person or party on the road, they would discretely bend down and draw half of the fish on the ground. If the other person completed the fish, they knew it was safe to identify themselves as a Christian!

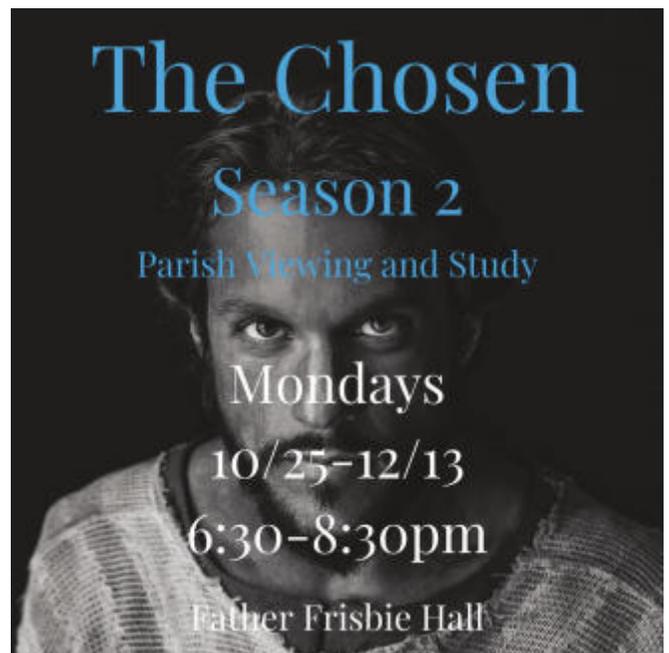


Silver Rose Prayer Service

Sunday, October 17

2:00-3:00 pm

St. Bridget Church





St. Bridget School Update

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



Don't forget to drive by and check out our scarecrow for this year's Town of Cheshire Annual Scarecrow Contest. Thank you so much to Sister Jeanne d'Arc Paquette for such a fabulous display!

SBS Shadow Days Have Begun!

It's never too early to think about setting up a shadow day here at SBS. If you're thinking about a change in your children's education, please contact us to find out more about our curriculum standards and how to arrange a shadow day.

Shadow days allow students to spend the day in their respective grade, getting to know teachers and their peers, and learn more about our school and what we offer.

SBS has Registered Catholic Grants for registered, active and participating parishioners as well as a Sibling Grants. Tuition assistance is also available.

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



Check out our Facebook page to learn more about our wonderful programs and activities at SBS.

Our Facebook pages are **St. Bridget School, Cheshire** and **St. Bridget School Cheshire Alumni Page**



Thank you to the many families who have contributed to our school's Annual Appeal. If you wish to contribute to our 2021 Annual Appeal, please contact the school at 203.272.5860.

Join our School Community

SCHEDULE A TOUR

Find Your Family at St. Bridget School

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Academic Excellence | Community Awareness | Spiritual Growth

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Religious Education Schedule

Grades K through 6

Sunday classes—October 17th & November 7th
Monday classes—October 18th & November 8th
Tuesday classes—October 26th & November 9th
(Due to Cheshire Public Schools early dismissal on 10/19, the next Tuesday class is scheduled for 10/26)

Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Next class—October 17th & November 7th

Confirmation Program (Year 1 & 2)

Next class—October 17th & November 7th

CATECHIST NEEDED!

We are still in need of a 4th grade catechist on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Donna Yatcko at 203.272.6504

Tuesday—grade 4 (4:45-5:45pm)

K of C Halloween Pancake Breakfast!



Sunday, October 31st, 8:00 am to Noon

St Bridget of Sweden Parish Center

All You Can Eat!

Buttermilk Pancakes, Pumpkin Spice Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, Chocolate Pancakes, Sausages, Apple Cider, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Fruit Juice, Bottled Water, and plenty of scary stuff!

Adults/Teens: \$8.00

Children Ages 5-12: \$4.00

4 & Under: FREE

Proceeds to Benefit the K of C Coats for Kids Initiative to supply warm winter clothing to underprivileged children.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2021

*St. Joseph, defender of life,
pray for us!*

respectlife.org/celebrate



Baby Bottle Boomerang

There has been a great response to the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Thank you if you have returned your bottles already! Baby bottles for Carolyn's Place can continue to be returned to the entrances of each church throughout the month of October. If you place a personal check in a bottle, the check will be deposited by the end of the first week of November, if not sooner.

40 Days for Life Update

Thank you to each of you who is participating at home and in person in the Fall 2021 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. As of October 11th, two hundred and seventy seven lives have been saved around the world since September 22 as a direct result of the prayer and witness of 40 Days for Life volunteers. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Oct 10th rosary rally. There is spiritual warfare occurring, and your prayers and fasting do make a difference. In the coming weeks, the St. Bridget of Sweden Respect Life Committee will share reflections on our experiences praying in front of abortion clinics. Next week's reflection will be titled, "Your children don't belong here."

Pro-Life News

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation which, if passed into law, would drastically reduce the ability of states to enact laws restricting abortion. "It would codify the 'right' to kill preborn children through all 9 months in all 50 states," wrote Lila Rose of the pro-life organization Live Action. The bill is unlikely to become law as Republicans in the Senate will filibuster the bill, but its passing in the House underscores the extent to which the Democratic party has moved away from its stance that abortion should be "safe, legal, are rare". The word "rare" was removed in 2012. The current agenda includes a far reaching push for abortion access expansion, including taxpayer funding of abortions in the U.S. and overseas, removal of state protections of the unborn, and the potential forcing of doctors to provide abortion referrals and services, even if it is against their deeply held religious beliefs. In response, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco is calling Catholics to work for the conversion of high profile Catholic politicians by prayer and fasting. "I am therefore inviting all Catholics to join in a massive and visible campaign of prayer and fasting for Speaker Pelosi: commit to praying one rosary a week and fasting on Fridays for her conversion of heart. Please sign up for the 'Rose and Rosary' for Speaker Nancy Pelosi campaign...a rose will be sent to her as a symbol of your prayer and fasting for her."

Visit <https://benedictinstitute.org/rose-and-a-rosary/> to join us in taking part.

ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH PRESENTS

A Free Expert Panel on Getting Older

How to Prepare for Aging, Wills, Directives, and Funerals

Friday, October 29 at 6:30 pm in St. Bridget School Gym

Panelists include:

- Dan Ford, C.F.S.P. of Alderson Ford Funeral Homes
- Laura Borrelli, R.N., B.S.N. of Franciscan Hospice Care
- Robert Santoro, Esq. of Knott & Knott Attorneys
- Patty Scaffariello, R.N. of the Clelian Center
- Sister Suzanne Gross, F.S.E., M.P.A., of Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care



Refreshments will be served.



Contact Free
Community Shred Event
Saturday November 6, 2021
9am – Noon
Rain or Shine

Shredding will take place at the time of drop off at St. Bridget School (parking lot behind the rectory)

100% Proceeds Benefit St. Bridget School Home School Association

- \$10.00 for a standard 8 1/2 x 11 size paper copy box
- \$15.00 for a Legal 8 1/2 x 14 size paper copy box
- \$15.00 per bag
- **Please place bags/boxes in trunk prior to arriving**



Our collection for the week of October 10th

Collected

Offertory\$15,477.10

Online

Offertory \$7,422.00

Give Online at

stbridgetcheshire.weshareonline.org/

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday.

The second collection will support the Propagation of the Faith.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Ask Father

Dear Father: I think the discussion of spiritual “mediums” might be an interesting and timely topic for our parishioners. I have seen the topic come up more frequently in recent years, and am seeing people whom I know are Catholic post on social media about their experiences with mediums. Members of my own extended family even discussed hiring one to communicate with a deceased relative due to an advertised special. I was pretty alarmed for the sake of my devout Catholic grandparents, and tried to calmly share my thoughts with my Dad to pass on to the fam.

I do believe it’s likely that these mediums possess some kind of spiritual gift or ability to be more intuitive to people’s feelings and lives. But we both know it’s wrong to use that gift to delve into the realm of contacting the dead or warping people’s perception of past events. I framed it to my Dad as “you don’t know who or WHAT you are getting into contact with” and it seemed to help affirm his caution here.

Dear friend in Christ,

Great question. We've covered the dangers of occult practices in this space many times before but what about the psychics or mediums or fortune tellers themselves? Where do they get the information from? What can they do with their spiritual talents?

Some people are more spiritually sensitive than others. Some people are more perceptive to the supernatural realm than others. These are genuine gifts from God. Our history has many saints who have placed their supernatural, mystical and charismatic gifts at the service of the Church.

However, some people use their spiritual sensitivities for profit instead. One sure-fire way of knowing that you should not trust someone's supposed mystical insights is if they charge you money for it. The grace and insights of God are always free! We do not need a medium to talk to the dead - they are present at every Mass! And we certainly don't need to pay for it.

The author of this question included a link to an outstanding, brief letter from a local Bishop regarding the topic of psychic mediums: bit.ly/3p0Fd2E

And to get an idea what a person with mystical or supernatural gifts could be doing to serve the Church, check out www.catholicexorcism.org.

Please note that the spiritual sensitives who assist the exorcists are highly trained, deeply devout and totally obedient to the hierarchy of the Church. No one should undertake this kind of ministry on their own and without extensive discernment and preparation.

Our e-mail Addresses have Changed!



Please note that the domain name of all of our parish and school e-mail addresses has changed from [@stbridgetcheshire.org](mailto:stbridgetcheshire.org) to [@cheshirecatholic.org](mailto:cheshirecatholic.org)

We no longer receive e-mails with the old domain. Please update your contact list with the new domain, keeping the username the same.

For example, office@stbridgetcheshire.org is now office@cheshirecatholic.org and rectory@stbridgetcheshire.org is now rectory@cheshirecatholic.org.

In addition, we are still experiencing issues from the hacking of our network. So, if you have sent any e-mails to parish or school staff in the last two weeks, please re-send using the new domain name. If you do not receive a reply, please call the office to confirm your e-mail was received. Thank you for your help and patience!



150 Years of Catholicism in Cheshire!

Join the Women's Society on
Monday, October 18th
7:00pm in Father Frisbie Hall
for a presentation on the history of the Church in
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All members and prospective members are
invited to attend.

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Next meeting:
Wednesday
October 20th
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Bring A Friend Night!

Verse of the Week

Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ."

Saint of the Week

Saint Luke

Feast Day: October 18th

Bio: One of the four evangelists, St. Luke is best
known for writing the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of
the Apostles. He was the only Gentile (non-Jew)
among the four Gospel authors! He was a physician
from Antioch, and probably wrote his Gospel between
70-85 AD. Luke appears in Acts of the Apostles as a
disciple and friend of St. Paul, often visiting him in
prison and traveling with him all over the Middle East
and the Roman Empire. Luke interviewed many peo-
ple who personally knew Jesus when writing his Gos-
pel, lending to its authenticity. His Gospel is the long-
est of the four, and is often referred to as the Gospel
of Mercy or the Gospel of Joy. Saint Luke, pray for us!



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In the Sunday Bulletin recently, Fr. Romans spoke of the
joy he has in being a part of such an active and busy parish as
so many members "truly strive to live out their baptismal call."
While very true, every once in a while a neighboring parish
sneaks in with a tantalizing event.

And so it is for us as Knights when we learned of Fr. Ron
Zepecki, Pastor of St. Aloysius in Southington, and his latest
offering in "On the Road With Father Ron." On Saturday, Oc-
tober 30th, he will embark on a one day tour of some of the
most beautiful and historic churches in the Archdiocese, and
four of them have a strong tie to our founder, Blessed Michael
McGivney. The churches are:

in New Haven—St. Anthony (Italian), St. Stanislaus (Polish),
St. Mary,

in Waterbury—St. Patrick (Irish), Immaculate Conception,
in Thomaston—St. Thomas, and

in Terryville—Immaculate Conception, St. Casimir.

(Fr. McGivney's childhood parish was Immaculate Conception
in Waterbury; his first priestly assignment was at St. Mary in
New Haven; and in 1884 was named Pastor of St. Thomas in
Thomaston and Administrator of Immaculate Conception in
Terryville.)

Details of the day are still in the planning stage, but it is a full
day with the Rosary said at every church along with the back-
ground of each. Cost is \$75.00 per person which includes
lunch and, after 4:30pm Mass at St. Casimir, a buffet dinner at
the Manor Inn. To register call St. Aloysius Rectory at 860-276
-9208, Monday through Thursday from 9:30am – 2:30pm.



St. Mary Church, New Haven, Connecticut



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If you have a name to place on our U.S. Military prayer list, please contact Mary Beth in the Rectory at 203-272-3531 or office@stbridgetcheshire.org with the names of family & friends who are on active duty. Please provide name and branch of service. In this way, our whole parish community can help bring them home safely by our prayers.

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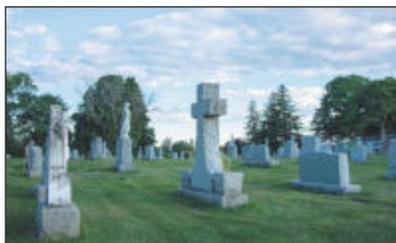
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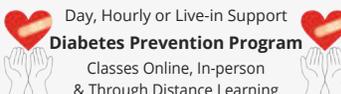
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