



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Love one another.”

- Jn 13:34a

From the Pastor's Desk

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The Reverend
Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS
Pastor
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish

Dear Friends in Christ:

This Fifth Sunday of Easter we hear Jesus say: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." We are reminded that our love for others in our day to day lives is what keeps the great love of Jesus for His people visible in our world today. And we all know how badly the world needs to see God's love!



There is a story told that an American journalist, watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Mother Teresa replied: "Neither would I... but I do it for love of God."

Mother Teresa, Saint John Paul II, and all the Saints show us by their very lives that love demands the best from us, and it also brings out the best in us. Love bears fruit in that it makes us fruitful, productive, joyful, and constant in doing good. Love is ultimately giving of oneself selflessly to others. It is why Jesus insists, very strongly: "as I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

I wish to express A HUGE THANK YOU to our parish and community for your support of Saint Bridget School!!! A special



thank you to all who assisted in so many ways to make the 2022 St. Bridget School *Back to the 90's* Auction such a huge success.

I am beyond grateful to our co-chairs this year Deana Ferraro and Lyndsay DellaVecchia who took on the challenge of putting this auction together in three months' time, when it is normally planned beginning in September. Truly amazing what you two accomplished, and on behalf of the children of our school, I say thank you!

Thank you also to so many others who assisted in a variety of ways including Courtney Hansen, Krista Ostuno, and Lauren St. Onge, as well as to Frank Johnson, Dave Marston, and Steve Tine. To the many parent volunteers who worked to solicit support and help in the set-up and break-down, thank you! It takes a village and we sure have a village of dedicated supporters who help to make things happen. Thank you!

I am humbled and edified by the generosity of the greater Cheshire community. We are especially grateful to our major sponsors:

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I am likewise very grateful to all the school board members, the companies, and all the families who donated items, took out ads (we had an amazing amount of support from companies placing ads this year), and all who came and enjoyed the evening and supported our school with their generosity.

To you all, I say "Thank you!"

The Saint Bridget School Auction, presented by the Home & School Association, has become the largest fundraiser for the school with all proceeds directly benefitting our students. The funds raised have helped us expand our educational technology, improve the safety and security of our school campus, as well as bring exciting and important educational school programs for our children to enhance their learning environment. The success of this event and of so much of our fundraising is that the proceeds really do impact our students. It is all for the children! I look forward to seeing what God has in store for our school in the months ahead thanks to the tremendous generosity of this fundraiser. On behalf of our students and our entire school family I say "Thank you!"



A word of HAPPIEST CONGRATULATIONS to the 94 young people from our parish family who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford! It is always a moment of joy to see our young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! This year it is a bit different. The Archbishop has decided



it is best to bring all of the young people of the Archdiocese to the Cathedral for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As Archbishop Blair

said in a letter to priests, “confirmations at the cathedral make it possible for those who are being confirmed to experience not only the beauty and significance of their cathedral, but, more importantly, the presence of Catholics from other parishes, mostly of their own age group, coming together in faith to then be ‘sent out’ into the wider world to bear witness to Christ.”

It is a true privilege for myself and Father Piotr to journey with our young people during their preparation for the Sacraments. We pray for these fine young people and we pray that they may be powerful witnesses for Christ in our world. **Happiest congratulations to our young people and please know your parish family loves you!**



At the same time, I wish to express my profound gratitude to all involved in preparing our young people for the Sacraments. Thank you to their parents and godparents, first and foremost, for fulfilling the promise you made on the day of their baptism to bring them up in the practice of the faith. Thank you to their catechists from our Religious Education Program

who journeyed with them, taught them, shared their faith with them, and prepared them for this day in their faith lives!

Summer Camp and Enrichment Workshops at St. Bridget School...

are you looking for summer care opportunities for your children while you are at work? **St. Bridget School offers a weekly camp for all St. Bridget School students as well as all Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish children from grade PreK3 through grade 3 and Enrichment Workshops for all students grades 4-8.**

This camp will run from June 27th through August 5th. This year we will have a half-day option from 9am-12n, and a full-day option from 9am-3pm, and the special Enrichment Workshop will run from 9am-12n. Pick one, two, or as many as you like.



Summer camp themes this year will be *Awesome Animals, Outdoor Exploration, The Legend of Habbomock (Sleeping Giant), Out of this World: An Outer Space Journey, Adventures with the Avengers, and a Vacation Bible School: Noah's Ark.*

Enrichment Workshops this year will be *Spanish Culture and Language, Cooking Fun, and Magnificent Math.*

For more information please contact Christina Cummings at St. Bridget School at 203-272-5860 or ccummings@stbridgetschool.org.

An Update on our support of the Orphanage #1 in Lodz, Poland. As announced last weekend, the orphanage received an additional 12 orphans from Ukraine. I am so pleased to share with you that EVERY child in the orphanage, including the 12 new arrivals, are now



sponsored by an individual or family from our parish.

YOU are amazing in your care, compassion, concern, and love for others! Thank you! **From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the very real way you live out the Gospel, it gives me, as your Pastor, and certainly those who benefit from your generosity, great hope!**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs your help!

As you know as Pastor of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish I am privileged to serve on the Board of Directors for the local Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



I consider this a great honor to have worked these past years, and continue to work with, extraordinary individuals who serve on the Board and who volunteer at the Food Pantry to serve our neighbors in need.

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is a community organization that provides food for all eligible individuals and families in need, regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Free-will donations come from the general Cheshire community.

This time of year you can imagine that the amount of donations of food decreases. We see this each year as people get busy with First Communions, Confirmations, Graduations, Weddings, Weekend getaways, and other activities that occupy our time. Unfortunately the need of our neighbors does not decrease.

You can find a wish list on page 13 of this bulletin from the Food Pantry for your consideration. You can drop off any and all donations at the doors of our church any day from 7AM until 4:30PM, or at any Mass on the weekend.

We are holding another poster contest! It is that time of year again, believe it or not, when we need to prepare for our annual parish Christmas card. We are looking for children of all ages to design our parish

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Christmas card. The past couple of years we have been so impressed with the artwork our young people have submitted for consideration. Each year that we have used artwork for our Christmas card I hear from so many how they look forward to receiving our parish card.



We invite all school aged children to think of Christmas and send us their design. The winner’s artwork will be the cover of our parish Christmas card which is sent to all parishioners and friends of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish. All artwork must be submitted to the rectory by June 30th for consideration! We look forward to many submissions!

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 Blessed Michael McGivney, and united in the Eucharist, we will reflect the presence of Jesus to the world. Please pray for me and know I am praying for you! Continued prayers for all to know and experience the joy, the peace, and the hope of the Risen Christ!

Father Romans

Into the Breach Men’s Group
Join us Saturday mornings thru June 18
in the St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Center

THE MINISTRY OF
THE WILD GOOSE

Coffee and continental breakfast at 7:00am followed by
a video and small group discussion.

Done by 8:45am

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 14th: Saint Matthias, Apostle

9:00 a.m. SBC	Marlene Buckman	Wilma Buckman
4:00 p.m. SBC	Aaron Hunter	His Family
5:15 p.m. STBC	Ernie Brandolini	Barbara & Family

Sunday, May 15th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. SBC	Marlene Buckman	Wilma Buckman
9:00 a.m. SBC	Rose Asprelli	Banti Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Carl Iaccarino	The Romania Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Frank D. Arisco—25th Anniversary	Ann, Dave, Steve, & Cair Arisco

Monday, May 16th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Doris Mormile	Robert & Janice Marler
9:00 a.m. SBC	Floyd Birdsall	The Hunter Family

Tuesday, May 17th

7:00 a.m. SBC The People of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish

Wednesday, May 18th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Gabriel Fuoco	Gig
9:00 a.m. SBC	Mary & Bernard Wactowski	Their Daughter, Patricia

Thursday, May 19th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Virginia McCurdy	Marge & John Palmeri
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Friday, May 20th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Vickie Luddy—10th Anniversary	Linda & Ray Manzelli
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—Charles Lorello	Vern & Jean Kelly

Saturday, May 21st

9:00 a.m. SBC	Sheila O'Reilly—In Living Prayer	The Haensel Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Michael Torello	Judy Keane
5:15 p.m. STBC	Edward & Kathleen Fitzpatrick	The Family

Sunday, May 22nd: Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. SBC	Lorraine Genest	David & Stephanie Genest
9:00 a.m. SBC	Harris B. Towne, III	The Banti Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Paul Gerencser	His Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Al Ferraro	Wife, Gladys, & Family



There will be NO 4pm Sunday Mass after May 22nd.

The 4pm Sunday Mass will resume on September 25th.



Marriage Banns

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

- III Tyler Lavorgna & Samantha Ragusa
- II Darrick Chekas & Jennie Flavell

The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for
Alphonse Ferraro
Requested by Judy & Ernie DeSalvatore



The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for
Our Young People who recently received First Holy Communion and Confirmation

In-Person Services THIS WEEK

Mass Schedule This Week:

Monday—7am & 9am—SBC
 Tuesday—7am—SBC
 Wednesday 7am & 9am—SBC
 Thursday—7am—SBC
 Friday—7am & 9am—SBC
 Saturday—9am & 4pm—SBC
 Saturday—5:15pm—STBC
 Sunday—7:30am, 9am,
 10:30am, & 4pm—SBC

NOTE: no 4pm Mass on Sunday after 5/22

CONFESSIONS
 in St. Bridget Church
 Saturdays at 3:00pm
 until heard
 2nd Tuesday, 5-6pm

Rosary
 Mondays 1:30pm—STBC

NOTE: Masks are optional when inside church or other parish or school properties.

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
 Fridays, 1-3pm &
 2nd Tuesday, 5-6pm
 in SBC

SBC=St. Bridget
STBC=St. Thomas Becket

ONLINE SERVICES This Week

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)

What & Why
 Join Regis O'Neill and a new guest each week for 'What and Why,' a long-form show where we discuss WHAT the Church teaches on particular issues and WHY it's taught! Come and learn more about (and be able to defend) your Catholic faith! New episodes every Friday at 10am

Our 10:30am Mass is livestreamed every Sunday. Join Us!

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

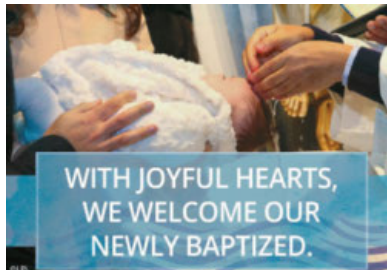
The television Mass is simulcast everyday at 10:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV WB20 and WCTX-TV MyTV9. It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5:00 a.m. on WCCT-TV. It can also be viewed online at <https://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>



at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA
October 17-18, 2022

Payment due August 8, 2022

Contact Sister Mary Rose for more info
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Riley Ann Duffy
William Joseph Duffy
Hannah Marie Fogg
Willa Beatrice Quick

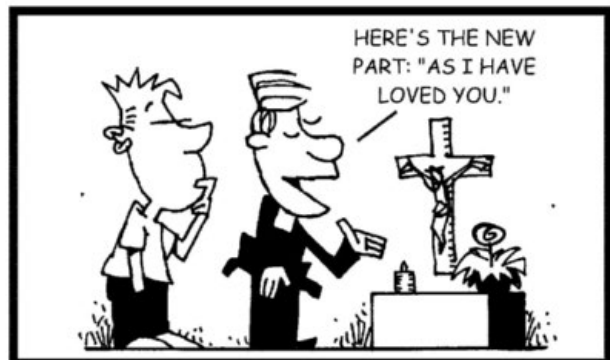


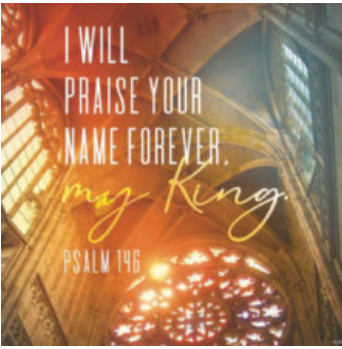
Team Serenity Virtual Support Group for Caregivers of Children with Autism

Monthly via Zoom every 3rd Wednesday
 Next meeting: 5/18/22
 6:00-7:00 pm

Register with Sister Mary Rose at 203-272-3531 or smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051522.cfm>

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.



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Sunday Reflection "A Love That Is Unconditional, Sacrificial, and Permanent" — bit.ly/3yAfYsg

Congratulations to our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May God continue to bless you as you grow in your faith!



Ryland Anderson
Riley Baldoni
Emma Ballschmieder
Daniel Beecher
Jacob Berkowitz
Madisyn Bernier
Connor Bickelhaupt
Nathan Blasko
Kevin Blier
Madeline Butler
Ryan Carmen
Tyler Caron
Chase Casner
Nicole Cherrone
Evan Chymbor
Jordan Chymbor
Lucas Chymbor

Colby Ciampi
Alexa Ciccone
Alexander Clark
Davis Commune
Cailynn Connolly
Allison Corris
Bennett Crerar
Virginia Curello
Kyle Cyr
Lauryn Damiani
Emma Danaher
Tegan Danaher
Olivia Del Visco
Dominic DeSena
Caitlin Dolan
Braden Downey
Daniel D'Souza
Mackenzie Dudeck
Alexandra Duncan
Marten Durocher
Ainsley Dziura
Andrew Elliot
Jack Fernicola
Emma Ferry
Michael J. Fusco

Giuliana Geloso
Lidia Generali
Braden Georgescu (Carr)
Giulia Giardina
Jeffrey Gonzalez
Quince Hamilton
Carrick Hannon
Thomas Henry
Ava Houle
Jacob Jalowiec
Matthew Jeffery
Anja Sabine Josef
Nolan Kappus
Lila Kiernan
Mackenzie Knapp
Christopher Kobylanski
Taylor Kozlowski
Gabriella Lavorgna
Mackenzie Lewis
Maura Lewonka
Emma Luchina
Robert (RJ) Marino
Kylie Martus
Anthony Matusik
Michael Mayano

Morgan McDonough
Julia Minardi
Alvin Nellik
Curtis Nolte
Mary Margaret Nugent
Alexander Pappas
Ella Paul
Rozlyn Paul
Aidan Peterson
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Danielle Rediker
Alex Riello
Christopher Rochefort
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Matthew Smith
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Nicolas Tippner
Tessa Trocchi
Mia Elizabeth Vientos
Rose Wells





St. Bridget School Update

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

Archdiocesan Robotics Competition



SBS hosted the Archdiocesan Robotics competition on Saturday, April 30th. We had almost 40 teams participate, with SBS winning 4 awards. Our students had so much fun and it was a great opportunity to have other talented students from other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese competing among their peers.



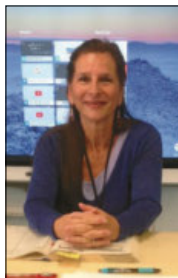
SBS Auction—Back to the 90's!

Staff, parents and SBS friends came together on Friday, May 6th for the 23rd annual school auction. The theme was the 90's and a great time was had by all. Proceeds of this event go directly to the school and help us to provide the faith-based education that is second-to- none.

We wish to thank the many sponsors and contributors of this event, as well as our auction committee chairs, Mrs. Deana Ferraro and Mrs. Lyndsay Ruffolo who committed countless hours making this event such as success. Our families are what make SBS such a great school. Thank you for all you do!

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we would like to thank the many parents who organized this fantastic week. Our teachers were overwhelmed by all the wonderful snacks, meals and gifts. Our HSA is the best!



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

SBS Summer Camp and Enrichment Workshops

June 27th - August 5th

Be part of the best summer ever!

Summer Camp: Students entering PreK - 3rd Grade

Enrichment Workshops: Students entering 4th - 8th Grade



Half-Day Hours: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Full-Day Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Enrichment Workshop Hours: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Pick one, two, or as many as you like!



Spaces are Now Limited in Certain Programs!

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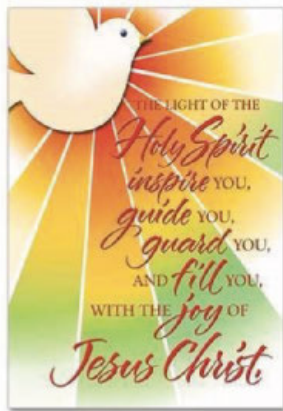
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Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Classes for this year have finished.

Homeschool families please be sure to complete the materials for this year as soon as possible.

Please watch the bulletin for information regarding registration for the 2022-2023 school year.



Prayers and blessings for our young people from Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish who were confirmed in the Holy Spirit at the Cathedral of St. Joseph this weekend.

Many thanks to all those who gave of themselves to prepare these young people to be confirmed!

VIRTUS REMINDER

Virtus Updates Needed—Training Available

The Office of Safe Environment has directed that any parishioner who submitted a background check before January 1, 2012 needs to submit a new background check in order to continue volunteering in the parish.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 203-272-6504
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or
ptodman@cheshirecatholic.org

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 acknowledgment 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.

STRONGER TOGETHER

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own.



Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. and Hope Pregnancy Center right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



Who are the Columbiettes?

- We are a charitable, not-for-profit organization and we support many different charities and are involved in community activities as well as working collectively with our Brother Knights of Columbus to promote faith and unity.
- We are an organization of women from all backgrounds united by our Catholic faith, the love of our family & country, and our commitment to helping others.
- We have a Supreme council, State council and local parish auxiliaries. The closest auxiliary is General Philip Sheridan Auxiliary #24 and we meet at St Leo Church (Mary, Mother of the Church) in Waterbury.
- Members can belong to any parish in the area and it is not necessary to be related to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact auxiliary president, Mary Kenney (parishioner) at mekmkenney@gmail.com or 203-651-9090.

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Family Eat Out Events



Viron Rondo Osteria

Monday, May 23rd & Tuesday, May 24th
11am – 10pm

Dine in or Take-out! Lunch & Dinner!
Indoor and outdoor seating
Reservations suggested

The restaurant will donate a portion of all proceeds
back to St. Bridget School HSA.
Enjoy a great meal and help our school!

FORMED in FAITH

We've hit the halfway point! Welcome to the fourth edition in our seven-part series on the Sacraments. **This week, we tackle Confirmation.** Coincidentally, our candidates for Confirmation will be receiving this Sacrament at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Saturday; it's almost as if someone planned it that way!

Confirmation is one of the most widely misunderstood Sacraments that we have. Many people are not quite sure what it is...so let's start by being clear about what it isn't. Confirmation is NOT graduation from religious education, simply an excuse to have a big party, or something to make grandma and grandpa happy. **These common myths betray the true beauty and purpose of this Sacrament.**

Confirmation, more than anything else, is our proclamation that we want to be Catholic for the rest of our lives. It's also when the Gifts of the Spirit, which our parents procured for us at our Baptism, are fully confirmed within us by our commitment to the Lord through our Catholic faith. Most receive this Sacrament between 7th and 11th grade, at a time where we begin to make some decisions for ourselves. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is akin to saying, **"This isn't just my parents' faith anymore; now it is my faith."**

While the majority of us receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion when we are children, **Confirmation comes when we are bit more mature and are expected to be choosing it for ourselves.** It's a big deal! But, as always, what's the matter of the Sacrament? What's it actually look like?

At the Confirmation Mass, celebrated by a Bishop, the candidates renew their baptismal vows (often, again, made for them by their parents and godparents at their Baptism). The Bishop gives a blessing, and they then process forward with their sponsors; when they reach the Bishop, the sponsor tells him the candidate's Confirmation name. The Bishop then anoints the candidates with chrism oil in the sign of the cross, saying **"(Name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."**

The Bishop then offers a sign of peace, and the candidate is officially Confirmed! From this moment on, they are a fully initiated adult member of the Catholic faith. In addition to the gifts, this comes with responsibilities. **Those confirmed are held to a higher standard, expected to preach the Gospel through their lives and live more faithfully to the teachings of the Catholic Church.** It's no joke!

Although the Bishop is usually the one who celebrates this Sacrament, the pandemic brought new challenges and adjustments in many aspects of our lives. **In 2020 and 2021, Father Romans, upon appointment by Archbishop Blair, performed the Confirmations here in our Parish.** It was a unique experience that (God willing) will likely never be repeated, but not many priests get to perform Confirmations!

We are pleased that our Confirmation will be taking place at the Cathedral this year. It's important that our candidates feel its significance and interact with other Catholics their own age, really driving home the universality of the Catholic Church. **We ask you to please join us in praying for them as they take this next step in their journey of faith,** and we'll see you next week!



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Now that Mother's Day is in the rear view mirror it's time to address the other part of the tandem and give the ole' guy a treat! Want to get more than a pie? How about a slide rule? (He'd never get the joke, it's not corny enough.)

So come on over! And if you went to Mass Saturday or earlier today, we'll be giving out samples until after the 10:30 Mass, or as in grocery store speak:

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A Message from Father Peter Laptops and Tablets for Ukraine



Because of war in Ukraine there are more than two million displaced Ukrainian people in Poland. They constantly need information about available resources, places to stay, new government regulations and their relatives and friends. They need to learn new skills and to find new jobs. Computer and the Internet could provide it all.

In cooperation with Guardian Angel Parish from the Diocese of Brooklyn, I am collecting new and gently used laptops, iPads and tablets to help them to make this transition. Please, be considerate; do not bring broken or extremely old items.

If you have any and you think you may donate, please bring them to the rectory office.

God bless,
Fr. Peter



Our collection for the week of May 8th

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Next meeting:
Wednesday
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Outdoor Games

Saint of the Week: *Saint Theophilus of Corte*
Bio: Saint Theophilus (meaning "lover of God") of Corte was born in 1676 in Corsica. The son of rich nobles, he decided to leave wealth behind and join the Franciscans at a young age. He quickly showed a love for solitude and prayer, was ordained, and was assigned to a retreat house near Subiaco. He became inspired by the austere and simple life of the Franciscans who lived there and decided to found other such houses in Corsica and Tuscany. In addition, Theophilus became famous for his skill at preaching and his missionary efforts. He dealt with many illnesses over the course of his life, but he dutifully and generously served God's people as a confessor and minister to the sick. He died in 1740 and was canonized in 1930.

Saint Theophilus of Corte, pray for us!

Verse of the Week *Isaiah 49:15*
"Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?"



“Racism can often be found in our hearts—in many cases placed there unwillingly or unknowingly by our upbringing and culture. As such, it can lead to thoughts and actions that we do not even see as racist, but nonetheless flow from the same prejudicial root. Consciously or subconsciously, this attitude of superiority can be seen in how certain groups of people are vilified, called criminals, or are perceived as being unable to contribute to society, even unworthy of its benefits. Racism can also be institutional, when practices or traditions are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. The cumulative effects of personal sins of racism have led to social structures of injustice and violence that makes us all accomplices in racism. (Open Wide Our Hearts, pg. 5).”

“Here, regrettably, I feel bound to reiterate that ‘we have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. Once the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests.’ Let us return to promoting the good, for ourselves for the whole human family, and thus advance together towards an authentic and integral growth. Every society needs to ensure that values are passed on; otherwise, what is handed down are selfishness, violence, corruption in its various forms, indifference and, ultimately, a life closed to transcendence and entrenched individual interests (Fratelli Tutti paragraph 113).”

Access the documents here: <https://www.usccb.org/fratelli-tutti> and here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts-enduring-call-love-pastoral-letter-against-racism>

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A PANDEMIC OF STRESS AND ANXIETY**

with
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Dr. Ainsley Backman**

**Monday, May 16, 2022
at 6:30 pm**

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Ask Father

Dear Father: How do I respond to my 22-year-old who no longer believes that God created the world (“That’s your truth”), that we don’t have souls, and that we just stop existing when we die?

Dear friend in Christ,

I’m sorry to hear about your son. He might be going through a stage in life where he rebels against religion and questions everything.

Sometimes, when people question their faith, there is another kind of problem bubbling beneath the surface. You might want to try to keep open dialogue with him as much as possible. But don’t feel as though you have to argue every point. He might not be ready to hear your arguments. In any case, the arguments might not really be about his core problem.

More important is that he senses your unconditional love and that you are listening to him. Keep praying for him.

And think about getting some books that explain the faith, and leaving them around the house discreetly. Maybe he will pick one up and read it.

Best, Fr. Peter

**PRO-LIFE
ROSARY**

6-7PM
Friday, May 20th
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Church



Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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 Captain J. Michael Andrea USAF
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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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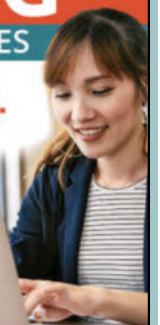
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