

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are
retained." - Jn 20:22-23

From the Pastor's Desk

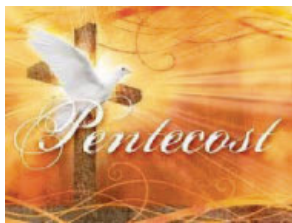
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The Reverend
Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS
Pastor
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish

Dear Friends in Christ:

Today we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost...that moment when the Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles which gave them the strength and courage to leave the Upper Room and fearlessly begin to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We often do not really think about the significance of this great Feast. The Spirit descends upon the Apostles, fills them with the gifts needed for their mission, and sends them on their journey to do what Jesus instructed them, "to, go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."



Isn't this Feast relevant for us too, here and now? Absolutely. The Holy Spirit is first given to us through faith and Baptism. Then at the Sacrament of Confirmation the Bishop reminds the candidates that through the Sacrament of Confirmation the Holy Spirit is given to us in a special way just as He was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit, as we say in the Creed every Sunday, "proceeds from the Father and the Son." He too is true God from true God. He is the Spirit of Love between the Father and the Son — and it is the Holy Spirit who introduces us into that love, for as St. Paul says, "No one can say Jesus Christ is Lord unless in the Holy Spirit." The

Spirit infuses in us the inspiration and power of Jesus so that we might have the courage to follow in his footsteps.

YES WE NEED THE SPIRIT.

YES we need to be empowered by the gifts of the Spirit to spread the gospel, to live a fervent Christian life, and to share more fully in the mission and ministry of the Church. In particular, we need to be empowered to *go and make disciples of all nations!* Archbishop Blair recently encouraged us to pray "for a new Pentecost in our time, in our Archdiocese, and in our world." Isn't that precisely what we need? Please join us in this prayer.

Just as the Spirit filled the Apostles on the first Pentecost with fire to boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen from the dead to the people of their times, so too we ask the Spirit to strengthen us to re-proclaim today the good news of Jesus Christ, who is the "same, yesterday, today and forever."

The one language of the Church, the language that the Holy Spirit teaches her, is the language of charity and love. This love unites, reconciles and gathers the peoples of the world into an ever wider "we," overcoming all divisions and exclusions. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful — and renew the face of the earth.*

This past Monday we celebrated our morning Mass in the Parish Cemetery on Higgins Road. What a beautiful day it was! It is a moving experience to be outside on sacred ground as we celebrate Mass and look



out over the cemetery and see the many flags at the tombs of our parishioners who served our country through the years.

We had a wonderful crowd...which certainly is larger than I can ever remember...and that warms my heart. It warms my heart because the central theme of my homily that day was we need to put the memory back into Memorial Day! Here is a couple excerpts from my homily:

"Memorial Day is a cherished national holiday. For many, it marks the beginning of summer; it is a time for families to be together, a time for backyard barbecues, a good day to go swimming or to visit the beach. All those things are good and the heroes whom we honor today gave their lives so that we might enjoy the blessings that our Country affords us, including the freedom to do those activities, but...But just as we need to put Christ back into Christmas, so too we need to put memory back into Memorial Day. This is precisely what we are doing here today, and for that, I thank you!

So let us remember our heroes, let us think of the how and where they died, and for what purpose."

"Let us seek to put memory back into Memorial Day, let us, as people of faith, remember the ultimate struggle in the history of humanity — the struggle which our Lord and Savior undertook to save us from sin and death. In words we have often sung at Mass, "Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord, he is joy for all ages. This day we remember that our struggles and those of our fallen heroes are joined, spiritually and



sacramentally, to the Risen Lord, emerged victorious. This is what we celebrate in the Easter season and what we celebrate every Sunday, and in fact at every Mass.”



Special gratitude to all who helped coordinate this celebration from those that placed the flags at the gravestones, to our contemporary music ensemble and Alan Smith for leading us in song, to our staff, Dave Kipfer, Kian McCormack, and Tony Ginnetti, for ensuring all that we needed was there for our celebration! It was a beautiful morning to give praise and thanks to God! It is also a special occasion for your parish priests to offer a special blessing for all who are buried in our cemetery and to sprinkle the various sections with holy water as we pray for our deceased loved ones.

DON'T MISS the opportunity to visit The Vietnam Travelling Memorial Wall which is visiting our town this weekend! I was privileged to join the opening ceremonies this past Wednesday at the Farmington Polo Grounds and offer a blessing to the motorcycles and others who were accompanying the Travelling Memorial Wall on its journey to Cheshire. This Traveling Memorial Wall stands as a moving reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It is set up in Bartlem Park from this past Thursday through Monday! Bring your family to visit this memorial and remember the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It is so important to honor these men and women, their courage, sacrifice and most of all their commitment to our great Nation.



This weekend I also give my Happiest Congratulations to the St. Bridget School Class of 2022, and an early Happiest Congratulations to the Class of 2022 who will be graduating from Cheshire High School, a variety of other public, private, and Catholic High Schools, and to all who will graduate this year. I cannot believe it but it is graduation season already. I feel like it was just Christmas and here we are celebrating these significant accomplishments and beginning to make plans for the summer.

As I get older it seems the year goes by at rapid speed.



I wish to say something about what is happening, far too often, in the world around us. The violence MUST end. Our families, our communities, our world seems to be torn by violence.

Violence—everywhere—just watch ten minutes of the news—in home, in our schools, in neighborhoods, in our nation, and in our world—violence is everywhere. People seeking to destroy lives, take away the dignity of another individual, and rob others of hope for a future. Over the past two years we dealt with fear and anxiety like I have never seen before in my eighteen years as a priest all due to the global pandemic, but now I see fear and anxiety about the violence happening in our society. Anxiety, especially for our young people and their safety, can be paralyzing.

The violence in our society MUST end... and it must begin with commitment and conversion on the part of each of us to live as Jesus calls us to live...with respect for one another.

I am not naïve. I know that violence has always existed. But it has been exacerbated in our times and I believe it is because the society we live in celebrates it. We put these acts of violence on the top of the news, and we create music and video games to highlight it.

We are poisoning our children and future generations with this exaltation of violence.

There is, of course, violence in our hearts as well, when we have hostility, or hatred, or indifference for others in our hearts.

Our social fabric is being torn apart by a culture of violence that leaves children dead on our streets, or recently in schools once again, and families afraid in their homes. Our society seems to be growing numb to human loss and suffering. Look over the past few weeks and you see almost daily some act of violence, small or large, occurring throughout our country. As the bishops of the United States said in their pastoral message 26 years ago in 1994, “a nation born in a commitment to ‘life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness’ is haunted by death, imprisoned by fear and caught up in the elusive pursuit of protection rather than happiness.”

It doesn't have to be this way. It wasn't always this way. We can turn away from violence; we can build communities of greater peace.

It begins with a clear conviction: respect for life—all life! Respect for life is not just a slogan or a program; it is a fundamental moral principle flowing from our teaching on the dignity of the human person. It is an approach to life that values people over things.

So what can we do to change the culture of violence around us? I have no clear answer. But I have some practical things I think we can do that can help each of us:

1. Have greater respect for one another.
2. Show greater kindness in our interactions.
3. Parents, put your foot down in terms of what your child can listen to and what video games he/she can play.
4. Have more family time, share a meal, and have an evening discussion with one another.

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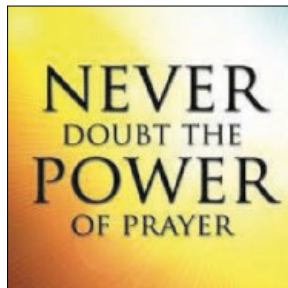
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5. Think of five ways you can as an individual, and as a family, show that you value people over things and do those five things regularly.

This may not seem like it will eradicate the culture of violence from our society, but change happens one person at a time. Commitment and conversion on the part of each of us, can indeed change us and change those around us, and then together I believe we can change our culture! We have to work at it, one by one, as fellow parishioners, coming together to work to rid our lives of fear, violence, and evil, and replace them with charity and mutual respect for one another! That is what Jesus calls us to do: a radical call to unity and love. So are you ready to heed that call and join me?



As I write this article, I ask that we all continue to pray for those feeling the effects of violence—certainly those in Ukraine, those families right down the road in Shelton dealing with the violence of a couple of weeks ago, families in Buffalo, Louisiana, and Texas who are all feeling the weight of the cross—may Christ the Risen Lord send His Spirit of consolation and comfort upon each of them.

As always, remember to pray for our parish family and ask God’s blessings upon us all in this time of pandemic. With the gracious intercession of Saint Bridget of Sweden, our Patroness, may we be united with one another in prayer! Please pray for me and know that I am praying for you! Continued prayers for you all to know and experience the joy, the peace, and the hope of the Risen Christ!

Father Romans

“Come Walk with Me” Concert

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday, June 12th

6:30 - 8:00pm

St. George, Guilford

Featuring Mark Forrest
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MASS INTENTIONS



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Saturday, June 4th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Joe O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
4:00 p.m. SBC	Lindsay Cunningham	Her Family
5:15 p.m. STBC	James J. Hoffman	Mary & Paul Hawkins

Sunday, June 5th: Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. SBC	Peter & Lucille Fitzsimmons and Matthew Fitzsimmons	The Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Charles Triano—23rd Anniv. and Patricia Rasmussen— Birthday Remembrance	Mike & Nancy Rasmussen
10:30 a.m. SBC	Edward Plaza—3rd Anniv.	His Wife, Judy, and Son, David

Monday, June 6th: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 a.m. SBC	Joe Mazzacane	Maria Stack
9:00 a.m. SBC	David Kryczanowski	His Family

Tuesday, June 7th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, June 8th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Philip Bertrand	His Brother, Gerard
9:00 a.m. SBC	Norman Nielsen	David Cadden

Thursday, June 9th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Bernard Long	Marge & John Palmeri
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Friday, June 10th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Mary & John Dziekan	Jack & Lisa
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—Gabriel Fuoco	Sandra, Vin, & Matt Fuoco

Saturday, June 11th: Saint Barnabas, Apostle

9:00 a.m. SBC	Raymond G. Kasten	Sacred Heart Academy
4:00 p.m. SBC	Mary Grace & Robert Puszka—	In Living Prayer
5:15 p.m. STBC	Judith Ann O'Brien	The O'Brien Family

Sunday, June 12th: The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 a.m. SBC	Amelia, Frank, Ann, & Domenic Proto	The Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Jerome Romania	The Romania Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Tristan Barhorst	



Marriage Banns

Please pray for this couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:
III Shaun Bowman & Jessica Solotruk



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

*The Tabernacle candle at
St. Bridget Church
shines this week for
Victims of Violence in the USA and
Around the World*



*The Tabernacle candle at
St. Thomas Becket Church
shines this week for
Bob Irving
Requested by Peg Irving*

In-Person Services THIS WEEK

Mass Schedule This Week:

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

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 Barnabas**

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>

Don't want to cook? We've got you covered!

The St. Bridget School HSA presents
Family Eat Out Night



906 S Main Street, Cheshire, CT
 Tuesday, June 7th
 4pm – 8:30pm (Food)
 4pm – 9pm (Ice Cream)

(Rain Date: Wednesday, June 8th)

Come join other parish & school families and enjoy dinner and/or dessert at Rose Dairy! The restaurant will donate a portion of all proceeds back to our school.

Dine on-site or take-out

Join in supporting the *Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care* in its **Take-Out Fundraising Event**



Casa di Roma
 103 Main Street, South Meriden
 Wednesday, June 15th

11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Feta Vinca and his son, Bosch, donate 20% of the proceeds from the purchases of the day to benefit the Franciscan programs and services.

Take-out only

Call: 203-235-0905 to order lunch and dinner



Today is Pentecost Sunday

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060522-day.cfm>

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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Sunday Reflection "Send Out Your Spirit Through Us" — bit.ly/3zdMAIP



As we strive to do good for ourselves and our neighbors, we must consider more than just the material and physical needs of the human family. In the words of Pope Francis and of our U.S. Bishops:

"Nor can we fail to mention that seeking and pursuing the good of others and of the entire human family also implies helping individuals and societies to mature in the moral values that foster integral human development. The New Testament describes one fruit of the Holy Spirit as *agathosyne*; the Greek word expresses attachment to the good, pursuit of the good. Even more, it suggests a striving for excellence and what is best for others, their growth in maturity and health, the cultivation of values and not simply material wellbeing. A similar expression exists in Latin: *benevolentia*. This is an attitude that 'wills the good' of others; it bespeaks a yearning for goodness, an inclination towards all that is fine and excellent, a desire to fill the lives of others with what is beautiful, sublime and edifying (Fratelli Tutti Paragraph 112)."

"Most people would not consider themselves to be racist. A person might admit to being prejudiced but certainly not racist. As Christians, we know it is our duty to love others. St. Paul reminds us that we live by the Spirit, and the "fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). We must be honest with ourselves. Each of us should examine our conscience and ask if these fruits are really present in our attitudes about race. Or, rather, do our attitudes reflect mistrust, impatience, anger, distress, discomfort, or rancor (Open Wide Our Hearts, pg. 17)?"

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>



St. Bridget School Update

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



SBS Class of 2021



Cheshire Memorial Day Parade

Thank you to all of the students and families who marched with us in this year's Cheshire Memorial Day Parade. It was wonderful to march after the two-year break due to the pandemic. Our students marched their hearts out! Thank you to Father Romans and Fenway for leading the group and keeping us cool and hydrated!

Another Awesome Academic Year!

As we finish off another amazing year at SBS, we are continuing to enroll students for the 2022-2023 academic year. Our Pre-K Program is filling up quickly and our K-Grade 8 enrollment is well underway. We are so excited to have most of our families returning next year.

As a reminder, there is a \$500.00 Parish Grant for *each student* whose parent/guardian is registered, actively participating and supporting Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish.

Please call us at 203.272.5860 or email our Admissions Director, Mrs. Cummings at ccummings@stbridgetschool.org for more information or to set up a tour.

SBS
Summer Camp
and Enrichment
Workshops

June 27th - August 5th

Be part of
the best summer
ever!

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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!**

Weeks 1, 4, and 5 of the PK 3-Grade 3 Weekly Camp are now closed for registration. Spaces for most other weeks is limited. Please call the school to find out which weeks are currently available.

Each week is a new adventure. Please visit our website or call us for more information and registration forms.

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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.



Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections



Father's Day Pies!



All proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund



**Pies baked at Oronoque Farms in Shelton
 Pies cost \$18 each**

Available in a variety of flavors!

You may order your pies after Masses on June 4-5, June 11-12, or by going to the following website:

<http://www.cheshirekofc.org>

Or by dropping the form below in the collection basket

Deadline for ordering is June 12th.

Pickup is on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th from 8:00 to 11:45 in the Parish Center.

Laptop and Tablet Donations Needed for Ukraine!



There are more than two million displaced Ukrainian people in Poland. They are in need of computers and the internet to provide information about available resources, to look for places to stay, to understand new government regulations, and to contact their relatives and friends.

In cooperation with Guardian Angel Parish from the Diocese of Brooklyn, Father Peter is collecting new and gently used laptops, iPads and tablets to help them to make this transition.

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



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Cherry-----	_____
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Strawberry Rhubarb-----	_____

FORMED in FAITH

Well folks, we've finally made it! This is the final episode of our Formed in Faith miniseries on the Sacraments. We hope that you've enjoyed taking a deeper look at these seven pillars of our faith, **but more than anything we hope you've learned something new!** Today, we take a look at the last Sacrament many Catholics receive: Anointing of the Sick.

Although we've said this for about half of the Sacraments, Anointing of the Sick is one of the most misunderstood Sacraments we have in the Catholic faith. While it is true that there was a time when this Sacrament was only available to people who were close to death, this is no longer the case! While this is an excellent and fitting time to receive Anointing of the Sick, **the Sacrament is not reserved only for those who are at the point of death.**

It is proper to receive this Sacrament whenever a person may be in danger of death from sickness or old age, or even prior to a serious operation! **That means surgery, a Cancer diagnosis, or any serious health situation can warrant this Sacrament, even if the risk of death is quite low.** If someone receives the Sacrament for an ailment, recovers, and then takes ill again, even with the same ailment, it is possible to receive the Sacrament multiple times!

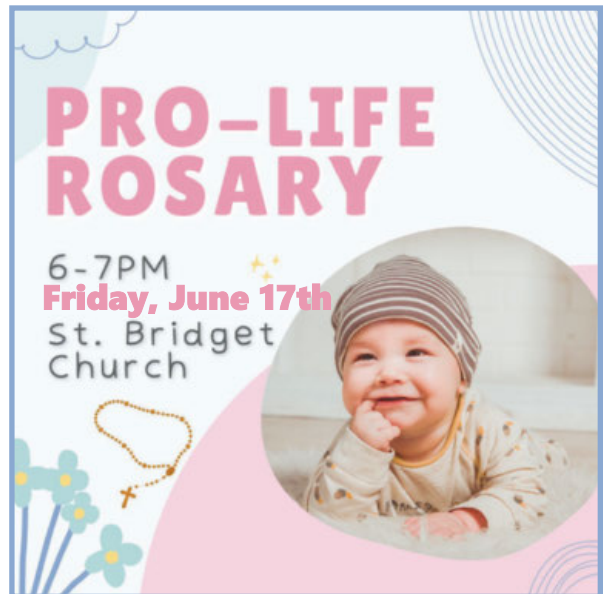
With those important facts understood, let's examine the matter of the Sacrament. **The matter of Anointing of the Sick is the Oil of the Sick.** This is another one of the sacred oils blessed at the Chrism Mass each year; it is not the same as Chrism Oil or the Oil of the Catechumens, but like the Oil of the Catechumens it is pure olive oil.

The form of Anointing of the Sick is the group of words that the priest speaks when he administers the Sacrament. There are many different elements that can be celebrated along with this Sacrament, but the only hard and fast requirements are the anointing of the head and hands with the Oil of the Sick and the following words, spoken by a priest: **"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."**

While these are the only true requirements for Anointing of the Sick, a person will sometimes wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist at the same time. It is a truly incredible moment when a person who has been away from the Church for many years places their soul in the hands of the Lord through Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist at the end of their life. **There are few examples of God's mercy that are as powerful and memorable!**

Remember that Anointing of the Sick is not just for those on their deathbed. **If you are diagnosed with an illness, preparing for surgery, or even just getting old and in failing health, this Sacrament is proper and beneficial for you to receive!** Make your friends and loved ones aware of this and encourage them to avail themselves of this Sacrament. After all, we could all use a bit of extra grace, right?

We hope you've enjoyed this series on the Sacraments as much as we've enjoyed writing and filming it. The Sacraments are the lifeblood of the Church, and they are the moments when the veil between Heaven and earth is the thinnest. **To live the Catholic faith is to receive the Sacraments regularly, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire you to seek them out with ever greater fervor and frequency.** We look forward to covering many more topics with you in Formed in Faith!



Our collection for the week of May 29th

Collected

Offertory	\$13,721.00
Ascension	\$2,762.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$3,200.00

Online

Offertory	\$6,649.00
Ascension	\$130.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$100.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



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
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so we can make arrangements for you to submit a new background check and receive the new Archdiocese of Hartford Policy and Codes of Ministerial Behavior booklet and acknowledgment page.

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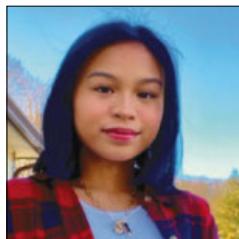
We, the Knights of Columbus Cheshire Council 2978, are proud to announce our awardees for the 2022 scholarship competition which ended April 30th.

The awardee of the Michael J. McGivney Scholarship for college students is Luke Audie of Cheshire.

The awardee of the Judith Rowinski Scholarship for High School students is Chloe Retuya, also of Cheshire.



Luke Audie



Chloe Retuya

If Luke looks familiar to parishioners who attend St. Bridget Church it's probably because he was a long time altar server there among his other religious activities. A graduate of St. Bridget School, Luke will graduate from Christian Heritage School in Trumbull and attend Boston University in the fall.

And a name and picture familiar to all of us in the K. of C. Council, Chloe Retuya is also a graduate of St. Bridget School and was our awardee last year for her Freshman year at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden. Chloe is also a former first place finisher in our *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest, and is continuing her studies at Sacred Heart for her Sophomore year.

Anyone who knows Luke or Chloe, or their families, please stop them after Mass in the coming weeks to congratulate them on their accomplishments. We of the Cheshire Council look forward to following them during their educational careers.

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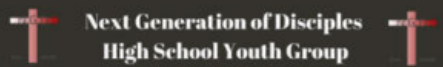
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Saint of the Week: *Saint Ephrem*

Bio: Saint Ephrem was born around the year 306 in Nisibis, Mesopotamia. He was baptized as a young man and quickly became a well-known teacher of the faith. The Christian emperor abandoned Nisibis to the Persians, and Ephrem fled with other Christians to Edessa. He was ordained as a deacon there and took to writing with gusto. His works, even to this day, reflect a deep knowledge of and insight into the Scriptures. He even wrote a poetic account of the Last Judgement which is said to have inspired Dante Alighieri to write *The Divine Comedy*! Ephrem also wrote hymns against the heretics of his day, using the melodies of their popular songs and rewriting their lyrics to embody true Catholic doctrine. He was one of the first to introduce music to Catholic worship and education, and his prolific writing of hymns earned him the title, "Harp of the Holy Spirit." He died in 373 in a small cave overlooking Edessa. Saint Ephrem, pray for us!

Verse of the Week *Philippians 3:14*

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."



Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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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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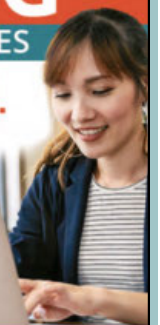
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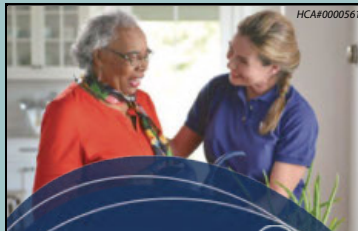
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