

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of colorful brushstrokes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple. Overlaid on this is a large, stylized Trinity symbol consisting of three interlocking loops in red, blue, and black. The text is centered and overlaid on a semi-transparent dark blue band.

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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:

One of the greetings that we can use to begin Mass is taken from today's Epistle: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons. Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship. But do we really understand what the Trinity is all about?



This weekend we celebrate **Trinity Sunday**...officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity." It is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

The Preface for today is so powerful and beautiful at the same time:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

*always and everywhere
to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and
eternal God.*

*For with your Only Begotten Son and
the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord:
not in the unity of a single person,
but in a Trinity of one substance.*

*For what you have revealed to us
of your glory
we believe equally of your Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
so that, in the confessing of the true and
eternal Godhead,
you might be adored in what is proper to
each Person,
their unity in substance,
and their equality in majesty.*

*For this is praised by Angels
and Archangels,
Cherubim, too, and Seraphim,
who never cease to cry out each day,
as with one voice they acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...*

The Trinity is a mystery, that is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately we will only know through worship, symbol, and faith.

We can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but, as the Preface above so clearly articulates, God is three Persons in one Nature, "you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person but in a Trinity of one substance." The three Persons of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided. Today we praise our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The end of the school year in the

coming days brings the excitement of summer and a lesson for us all...as I typically tell our students in St. Bridget School at the end of the year, summer is a time to relax, and enjoy some fun, **but it is not time off from being a disciple.** Summer is always a good time for each of us to wind down a little, to enjoy some time outside, to visit with family and friends, and to simply "be."

Summer brings long days and lots of sunshine, and that is great for all our outdoor activities but we must never forget that we are always students. We are always learning:

1. pick up a good book and read it at the beach or out on your deck or in your hammock.
2. stay in touch with the world news through your iPad or any tool of modern technology.
3. and above all observe the example of those around us; emulate those things which you admire about them, and learn from their misgivings.



AND REMEMBER that we are disciples of Jesus all year, INCLUDING THE SUMMER! Summer can be a sort of spiritual retreat for those who have the time to enjoy some peace and quiet and spend time reflecting on our lives. Perhaps grab a spiritual book to read over the summer by the pool. **But please never take a break from**

being a follower of Jesus, never forget that your words and actions are to reflect His presence in the lives of those around you, and never forget to attend Mass throughout the summer so that you can be spiritually fed by the Word of God and His Body and Blood in the Eucharist each Sunday. I know a lot of people travel during the summer, but please make the effort to make Sunday Mass, or daily if you can, a part of your summer experience. If you are traveling, a great tool is www.masstimes.org to help you locate a Mass near where you are. My prayer for each of us throughout these coming weeks of summer is that we are rejuvenated physically and spiritually so that when the busyness of our Fall schedules starts up again we will have that strength we need to persevere.



Speaking of Summer I wish to thank those that came out for our First Ever Blessing of the Bicycles and Scooters last Sunday afternoon. I know more and more people begin riding their bikes and scooters once they are home from school so it was fitting we held the blessing just before the summer break. While we were a small crowd it was moving to see our young and more seasoned parishioners coming to ask God's blessings upon their mode of fun transportation. It was interesting to see the variety of these bicycles and scooters and to see a scooter with the brake was on the back of the scooter; I am not sure I would ever be able to hit the brakes on that! Congratulations to those who joined us, and I hope you all will consider joining us next year!

Pastoral Staff Changes...change is never easy and certainly that is the

case when it is someone on our Pastoral Team with whom I work so closely, but I must share with you all that Julia Atwood will be stepping down as our Parish Director of Music on July 31, 2022. Mrs. Julia Atwood began her job here on Monday, November 6, 2017, almost five years ago.

With an exceptional background in music and parish music programs, Julia not only lead and coordinated so many aspects of our music ministry day by day, but she also worked very hard to bring together a unified choir for our new parish family. She also was very instrumental in procuring the new organ which was generously donated to our parish family in 2018. She visited countless churches and spoke to countless individuals to ensure we purchased an organ not only fitting for sacred worship but one that would also offer to us the features and functions we would need for years to come.

Julia also served as a member of the Pastoral Team. Her personal relationship with the Lord Jesus was clearly evident in all that she did. I cannot tell you how many times in her years here I would hear her say something and know that it came from the Lord. Her insights and her desire to help others to know Jesus drove many of our programs and events in the last few years. There were many programs and events that she was involved in and I fear to mention a couple as I may miss others. Thank you Julia for your deep faith and your willingness to help others on their journey of faith as well.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention her flexibility and creativity during the global pandemic in 2020. Immediately as we were told we could not gather in person, she

was right there with us figuring out how we can still help others to "experience" church albeit virtually. I think, too, of her many Sunday afternoon mini-concerts that so many were able to join along and sing God's praises even within the confines of their homes. It is said that one who sings prays twice and we



thank Julia for the many ways she has helped us to do just that! We also wish her well in her new endeavors as she begins teaching at a private school in the greater Waterbury area. She will still be around in the parish life and her children

will continue in our parish school so this is not goodbye, but more of a best wishes to you! We will plan an opportunity to celebrate Julia and wish her well in the weeks to come, stay tuned!

I have also asked Sister Mary Rose, our Pastoral Associate, to head a Search Committee for the next Director of Music. I am thankful to Lynn Krieg the Co-Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, Mark Izzo, one of our Parish Trustees, Laura Intravia who assists in so many ways with our music program and is coordinator of our Youth Choir, and Alan Smith who coordinates our Contemporary Choir for their willingness to serve our parish family in this time of need. I am confident that they will find the right candidate to further our music ministry.

As always, remember to pray for our parish family and ask God's blessings upon us all. With the gracious intercession of Saint Bridget of Sweden, our Patroness, and Blessed Michael McGivney, may we be united with one another in prayer! Please pray for me and know that I am praying for you!

Father Roman

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- Dr. Richard Wilber, Deacon, Senior Status
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- Mrs. Donna Yatecko, Religious Education Director
- Mr. Regis O’Neill, Youth Minister
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Ask Father

Dear Father: How did you choose the path you did? How have you come to know God? And how does anyone know for sure that God is calling them to do what they do or what their vocation is?

Dear friend in Christ,

The key to this question is what we call “discernment.” Discernment is a very important topic for young people as they look to their future, so it’s a very good question.

The first thing that is very important to know is that God does have a plan for your life and for everyone’s life. Sometimes it can be a bit frightening to be open to this plan or even to think about what God may want of you. But the first step to a very happy life is to know that whatever God wants of you is the best way to a life of happiness!

This requires trust and surrender. I think this is hard because we often want to know all we are getting into before we agree to it. But with God, we have to know and trust that He will take care for us and that we will be happy with whatever He has in mind for us. So our prayer may look like this: “Lord, whatever you want of me I will do! I do not know your will right now but I say yes to it anyway and trust that you will show me your plan when I need to know it.” In fact, saying yes to God’s will before we fully understand it is often the key to having God begin showing us what He wants.

Personally, I found in my life that as God showed me His plan for my life it was something that was slow and consistent. What I mean is that, as I looked back at my time of discernment, I found that I slowly and steadily grew in a conviction of where God was leading me. There were no loud and clear signs for me. Rather, it was His gentle Voice that slowly became clearer and clearer over time. In the end, when I was ready to make the final decision to become a priest, I decided that my conviction was so strong that it must be God Who led me there.

As for knowing for sure, I do believe it’s possible to know with deep certitude. It’s just a matter of silencing the many thoughts and ideas we have and letting go of all our own preferences and letting God’s will take over. All I can say is that you will know it when that happens. In fact, this sort of certitude, which we call the gift of faith, can ultimately become much clearer to us than anything else if we only let it speak to us!

Best, Fr. Peter

MASS INTENTIONS



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	

Monday, June 13th: Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. SBC	Dolly Maratea	Anna Ferry
9:00 a.m. SBC	Paul Gerencser	His Family

Tuesday, June 14th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish	
9:00 a.m. SBC	School Mass—Special Intention	

Wednesday, June 15th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Mary Reale	Lynn & Karl Krieg
9:00 a.m. SBC	John Kuzmak	His Wife, Patricia

Thursday, June 16th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Ralph Cerella	His Son & Daughter-In-Law
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Friday, June 17th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Mary Ellen Anderson	Friends
9:00 a.m. SBC	Paula Purificato	Family

Saturday, June 18th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Harold Donegan	Wilma Buckman
4:00 p.m. SBC	Josephine & Paul Iadarola	Deacon Paul & Carol Iadarola
5:15 p.m. STBC	William J. Maloney—Birthday	The Family Remembrance

Sunday, June 19th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 a.m. SBC	Fr. Kirk Ullery	The Buckman Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	John Dolan & John Thompson	The Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Joseph Triano—7th Anniv. & Adeline Triano—Birthday	Mike & Nancy Rasmussen
		Remembrance

Rectory Office Hours

In addition to our weekday office hours of Monday thru Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm, our office is now open on Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm!



In cooperation with Guardian Angel Parish from the Diocese of Brooklyn, Father Peter is collecting new and gently used **laptops, iPads and tablets** to donate to Ukrainian refugees in Poland. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the rectory office.

The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for Jerome Romania Requested by The Romania Family



The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week for Father Frisbie Requested by Anna Ferry

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
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 traordinary Minister of
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 bring Communion out-
 side at the appropriate
 time in the Mass for
 you to leave your vehi-
 cle, receive Holy Com-
 munion, 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 Perpetua

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>

The **Saint Bridget of Sweden Women's Society** is proud to announce Zachary Foti and Ryan Camp as the recipients of our scholarships this year. After a 6:00pm Mass at St. Bridget Church followed by a dinner at Bone-In Prime, each student was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.



Zachary Foti will graduate from Southington High School this month. At St. Bridget of Sweden Parish he volunteered at the Parish picnic, outdoor family movie night and the Christmas Bazaar. This year he was a 5th grade religious education teacher and an alter server. He has a strong desire to be engaged with his faith and possesses a true passion for helping others.

At Southington High School he is secretary of his class. Zachary is a member of the Marching Band and Jazz Band, a member of the Rugby team and a liaison from the Key Club to the local Kiwanis Club.

Zachary excels in academics and was named to the National Honor Society as well as the World Language Honors Society for Italian.

Zachary will attend Quinnipiac University School of Law Honors Program this fall majoring in Political Science and Law.



Ryan Camp will be graduating from Cheshire High School this month. At St. Bridget of Sweden Parish he made sandwiches and bagged lunches for the shelter and also collected clothing and furniture for the shelter. Ryan was an alter server from 4th through 10th grade and he leads the children's rosary once a month. Ryan states that being a Christian is an important part of who he is. He is a Boy Scout and earned his Eagle Scout rank this year. He volunteers with the Cheshire Reds Baseball youth players and works at DBAT helping to instruct baseball and softball camps.

At Cheshire High School Ryan is on the Varsity Baseball team. He excels in academics and has consistently been on the Honors and High Honors throughout high school.

Ryan will attend Mitchell College this fall majoring in Sports Management and Business.



Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

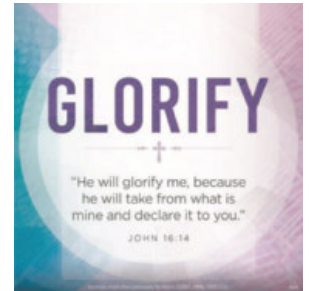
The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/061222.cfm>

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

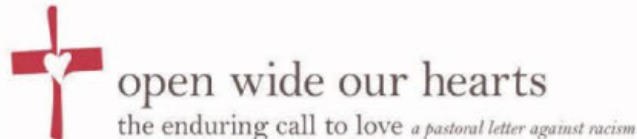
The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.



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Sunday Reflection "Slipping Through Mysteries" — bit.ly/3azgXiH



For these past eight weeks, we have brought forth quotes from both Pope Francis and the Bishops of the United States which encourage us to Social Friendship and challenge us to end racism. Where do we go, as individuals and as a Church, from here?

"To work at ending racism, we need to engage the world and encounter others—to see, maybe for the first time, those who are on the peripheries of our own limited view. Knowing that the Lord has taken the divine initiative by loving us first, we can boldly go forward, reaching out to others. We must invite into dialogue those we ordinarily would not seek out. We must work to form relationships with those we might regularly try to avoid. This demands that we go beyond ourselves, opening our minds and hearts to value and respect the experiences of those who have been harmed by the evil of racism. ... Love should then move us to take what we learn from our encounters and examine where society continues to fail our brothers and sisters, or where it perpetuates inequity, and seek to address those problems (Open Wide Our Hearts, pg. 23)."

"In imitation of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, 'we want to be a Church that serves, that leaves home and goes forth from its places of worship ... in order to accompany life, to sustain hope, to be the sign of unity... to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation' (Fratelli Tutti Paragraph 276)."

We encourage you to read Fratelli Tutti and the Bishops' letter, Open Wide Our Hearts. Please contact us (through Sister Mary Rose) if you have any questions.

God Bless us all.

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

We wish to congratulate our Class of 2022 graduates and wish them all the best with their future endeavors:

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| <i>Sara Audie</i> | <i>St. Joseph HS</i> |
| <i>Lilah Bachmann</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Sienna Barhorst</i> | <i>Cheshire Academy</i> |
| <i>Ardi Beshi</i> | <i>Holy Cross HS</i> |
| <i>Paige Biller</i> | <i>Loomis Chaffee School</i> |
| <i>Gabriella Bourdon</i> | <i>Platt HS</i> |
| <i>Alexander Curello</i> | <i>Cheshire HS</i> |
| <i>Laila Daniels</i> | <i>Holy Cross HS</i> |
| <i>Selasie Dogbey</i> | <i>Xavier HS</i> |
| <i>Evan Ennis</i> | <i>Holy Cross HS</i> |
| <i>Juliana Faggio</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Nicholas Feola</i> | <i>Notre Dame HS</i> |
| <i>Fredericka Franko</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Gregory Geaski</i> | <i>Notre Dame HS</i> |
| <i>Hailey Greasley</i> | <i>Mercy HS</i> |
| <i>Logan Havrilla</i> | <i>St. Paul Catholic HS</i> |
| <i>Emily Horning</i> | <i>St. Paul Catholic HS</i> |
| <i>Bryan Idrovo</i> | <i>East Haven HS</i> |
| <i>Jason Latorilla</i> | <i>St. Paul Catholic HS</i> |
| <i>Yewon Lee</i> | <i>Notre Dame HS</i> |
| <i>Hannah Levine</i> | <i>Mercy HS</i> |
| <i>Declan Lewis</i> | <i>Xavier HS</i> |
| <i>Jovan Lopez-Gutierrez</i> | <i>Xavier HS</i> |
| <i>Walker Massey</i> | <i>Xavier HS</i> |
| <i>Cole Melillo</i> | <i>Holy Cross HS</i> |
| <i>Luna Mendoza</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Gabriel Morales</i> | <i>Notre Dame HS</i> |
| <i>Ava Mut</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Vansh Patel</i> | <i>Maloney HS</i> |
| <i>Gabriel Policard</i> | <i>St. Paul Catholic HS</i> |
| <i>Jordan Pollio</i> | <i>Lyman HS</i> |
| <i>Ella Powell</i> | <i>Guilford HS</i> |
| <i>John Salgado</i> | <i>St. Paul Catholic HS</i> |
| <i>Diya Sankar</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Ava Szyszka</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |
| <i>Stephen Tine</i> | <i>Xavier HS</i> |
| <i>Michael Votto</i> | <i>Xavier HS</i> |
| <i>Efua Yeboah</i> | <i>Sacred Heart Academy</i> |



Summer Workshop Programs at SBS

This summer we are offering a variety of one-week workshops for all students entering Grades 4 through 8. Each workshop is from 9:00am-12:00pm, with a snack included. Please visit our website, or phone our school at 203.272.5860 for more information.

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| Week 1: June 20 –24
<i>Spanish Culture & Language</i> | Week 4: July 18–22
<i>Coding</i> |
| Week 2: June 27–July 1
<i>Enrichment Writing</i> | Week 5: July 25–29
<i>Makerspace</i> |
| Week 3: July 5–8
<i>Cooking Fun</i> | Week 6: August 1–5
<i>Magnificent Math</i> |

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Welcome

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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- Ernest & Carolann Bailey**
- Maryann Beckius**
- Maria DeLucia**
- Helana Eylward**
- Alex Keane**
- Thomas & Erin Keane**
- Alison Marsh**
- Matthew & Brianne McLoughlin**
- Daryl & Kimberly Ostapowicz**
- Tom & Cailin Pescarmona**
- John & Sandy Phelan**
- Michael & Lauren Racca**
- Daryn & Marisa Russo**
- Matthew Sansone**
- Christopher Van Fleet**
- Kevin & Emily Van Fleet**
- Shane & Ashley Welch**

“Come Walk with Me” Concert

ALL ARE WELCOME
 Sunday, June 12th
 6:30 - 8:00pm
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 International Irish tenor

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Summer Experiences for Children and Youth

Would you like your children to have a land-based experience? The Franciscan Life Center is offering two *Franciscan Land-based Experiences* this summer. Monday-Friday, June 27 to July 1, and July 25 to 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 405 Allen Avenue, Meriden, CT. Activities are gardening, animal and environmental care, sports, campfire bread making, arts and crafts.

We also offer a *Youth Leadership Program* for boys and girls transitioning from 8th grade to high school (13-14 years of age). This program is the week of June 27 to July 1 on the campus of the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden. Under the direction of Thomas Finn, Ph.D., the youth will engage in confidence and team building activities promoting leadership skills, self-esteem, and communication.

You may register at www.flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084.

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



Our collection for the week of June 5th

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Online

Offertory \$7,295.00

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What happens now? After seven weeks of Sacramental articles, we have to actually come up with a new topic? We've almost forgotten how! Fear not...the Catholic faith never ceases to provide us with worthy topics for discussion. **Over the next few weeks, we'll be breaking down and explaining the Nicene Creed!**

Also known simply as the Creed, the Nicene Creed was the result of the First Council of Nicaea, an Ecumenical Council of the Church called by Emperor Constantine I in the year 325. **Its purpose was to establish a definitive teaching on the divine nature of Jesus Christ, God the Son, and His relationship to God the Father.** Pretty important stuff, right?

In the first few centuries after Jesus' Ascension, there were a lot of disagreements amongst the faithful about the finer points of theology and doctrine. Many heresies, such as Arianism and Gnosticism, needed to be officially denounced and stamped out through doctrinal teachings! The First Council of Nicaea was one of 21 official Councils convened throughout the centuries to address such matters.

Okay, now that we have some background on the Creed, let's start breaking it down. **This should all sound familiar... after all, we say it every Sunday at Mass!**

The Creed begins, **"I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."** This establishes a number of important principles:

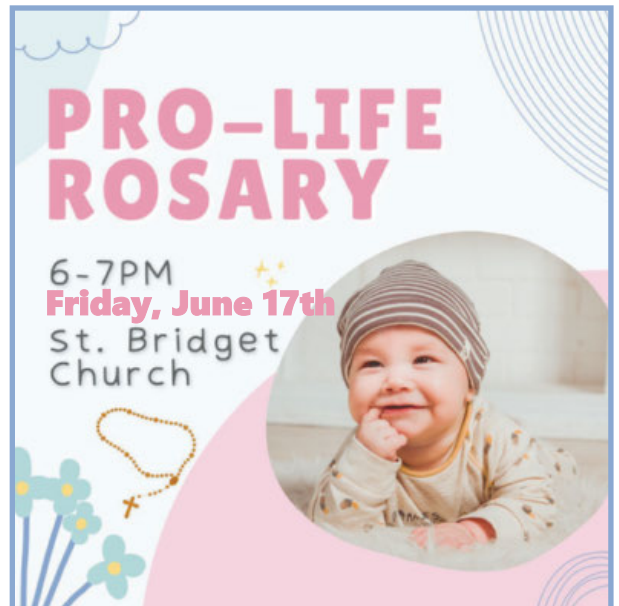
- 1) **There is one Trinitarian God.**
- 2) **The first Person of this Trinity is the Father.**
- 3) **He is almighty.**
- 4) **He created heaven, earth, and everything therein.**

While these make sense to us now, these were some pretty radical ideas when they were first posited! **The very idea of monotheism, the belief in one god, was a radical shift from what the rest of the world practiced.** Think about it! Egyptian mythology, Norse mythology, Greek and Roman mythology, Hinduism, and the vast majority of other ancient religions practiced polytheism, the belief in and worship of multiple gods.

The idea of a Trinitarian God, or one God in three Persons, is even more unique. While a small number of other religions such as Hinduism have some concept of a divine trinity, it is quite rare. **We believe that all three Persons of the Trinity are equally worthy of praise, blessing, adoration, and glorification.**

God as the Almighty Creator is also a central aspect of our faith. He is not just powerful...He is ALL-powerful. **There is nothing He cannot do; as Jesus says in both Luke and Matthew's Gospels, "with God all things are possible."** This is a comforting belief; when we face immeasurable odds, when we feel we cannot go on, when our burdens are too heavy for us to bear alone, we can rely on the One Who Can Do Anything to rise to our defense and help us to weather the storm.

This has been a pretty significant bit of Catholic theology, and we're just getting started! **Join us next week when we touch on the section of the Creed dedicated to the second Person of the Trinity: God the Son.** See you then!



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This past week we concluded our first ever Alpha program at Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish! While I could elaborate on all the beautiful things that were said and experienced, I want you to hear it from our fellow parishioners. So, as LeVar Burton from Reading Rainbow would say, "You don't have to take my word for it!" -Sister Mary Rose

"I love going to church and seeing people I know from the group. Through Alpha I am more focused on my faith, and make time to give to God. The best part of Alpha was the knowledge and comfort that we all struggle in our own way in life and with our faith." *Adrienne D.*

"I enjoyed the videos and particularly enjoyed our group discussions. We had an awesome group!" *John H.*

"I enjoyed the ENTIRE experience! From the group discussion following the powerful videos to the friendships formed within our diverse groups. I loved everyone's input and shared experiences to add to the themes/sessions. The meals shared and 'jokes' lightened the mood each week." *Jana G.*

"I came away inspired and energized." *Judith H.*

"Does God heal? You bet!" *Maria S.*

"The highlight was when our group prayed with each other at the end of each session." *Mary Beth C.*

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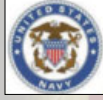
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Saint of the Week: *Saint Albert Chmielowski*

Bio: Saint Albert Chmielowski was born near Krakow (where Father Piotr is from!) in 1845. He was born to a wealthy family and was the eldest of four children. In 1864, the Polish people revolted against Czar Alexander III of Russia. Albert joined the fight, receiving serious wounds that forced the amputation of the left leg. He was a talented painter, and he honed his skills in Warsaw, Munich, and Paris. Albert eventually returned to Krakow and became a Secular Franciscan. After a couple years of ministry, in 1888, he founded the Brothers of the Third Order of Saint Francis, Servants of the Poor. They worked frequently with the homeless and lived completely on alms. Later on, a community of Albertine sisters was established as well. Albert died in 1916, was beatified in 1983, and was canonized in 1989. Saint Albert Chmielowski, pray for us!

Verse of the Week 1 Samuel 12:23-24

"I will certainly not sin against the Lord by ending my prayers for you...but be sure to fear the Lord and faithfully serve him."



Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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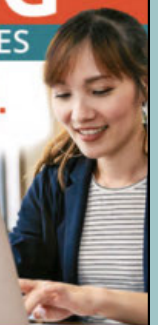
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