



# SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

*Where Christ is Our Light*

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. - Lk 9:16

# From the Pastor's Desk

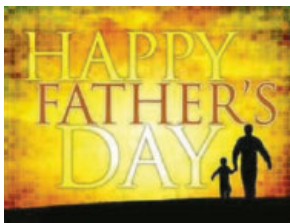
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**The Reverend  
Jeffrey V. Romans, KCHS**  
Pastor  
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish

**Dear Friends in Christ:**

**First and foremost...on this Father's Day Weekend I offer to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, Godfathers, and all who fill the role of father in other people's lives a very HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Please know that each of you are in our prayers. We celebrate each of you today!



For some in our parish we realize that this is a difficult day; some may be alone on this day away from their children, others may be mourning the recent death of their father or grandfather, and others may be struggling with the reality of not being able to be a father. I assure all of you of our prayers as well.

Today let those of us who fulfill the role of father in any way seek the grace we need to take our roles seriously and pray that Saint Joseph help us each day to make a difference in the lives of others.

May Saint Joseph, foster father to Jesus, pray for all of us. Happy Father's Day!

**Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, otherwise known as Corpus Christi Sunday.** This Feast goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the

Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper.

It is the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ—the source and summit of our lives as we learned from the Second Vatican Council—which we celebrate each time we come together for Mass, that provides us the grace and strength we need to live as followers of Christ in our world.

We know that during the persecutions of the early Church, the disciples would meet in the Catacombs to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because the Eucharist was the source of their strength to remain steadfast in their newfound faith.

And so for us today the Eucharist, the Mass, is the very center of our lives as Catholic Christians; it is the source and summit of our Christian life. At Mass we are fed with the Word of God and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ so that we can go forth glorifying the Lord by our lives, and announcing the Gospel in our own words and deeds.



**Today's feast can help us to grow in understanding of the Eucharist and our reverence for this great sacrament.** We certainly need this reminder, don't we. We have the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle behind our altar, but many times we ignore His Presence and treat the Church merely as a meeting place—it is so much more than that. And what makes us

different from so many of our fellow Christians is that we believe that the Blessed Sacrament is not merely a symbol. No. We believe it is the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

**As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist truly is the Body and Blood of Jesus.** We believe this because Jesus said so, Himself. And we know that when God speaks, stuff happens. Let there be light. I baptize you. Telitha Cum – little girl, get up. In Chapter 6 of John's Gospel Christ tells us, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

And then He says, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you."

**Some of the disciples had a hard time believing this and walked away.** But Jesus did not stop them to say that they took Him too literally, nor did He say they misunderstood Him. No he didn't soften his words or back down so that people wouldn't get upset. Rather, He repeated it again, and then amplified it.

What Jesus gave to those first disciples who did not walk away scandalized by his words was the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ—that which we modern day members of the Body of Christ receive week after week in an act of thanksgiving and sacrifice. And every time we come to Mass we are present at the foot of Calvary – the place of Christ's sacrifice – which is why we often refer to what we do here as: "The Sacrifice of the Mass."

**The Eucharist unites us with one another in community, and it strengthens us on our journey to the kingdom.** Like all sacraments, it is a

sign that God is with us on our pilgrim journey.

St. Augustine said "Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ." When we say "Amen", we are saying "Yes! I do believe! I do believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ and that I will be the Body of Christ to others."

As we gather here today our bishops throughout the country have called for "a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission 'for the life of the world.'" My friends, we MUST deepen our own devotion to the Eucharist—by prayer, faithful attendance at Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration. Let each of us pledge to find ways to grow in deeper appreciation for and reverence to the Holy Eucharist.

**Finally, a word on vocations! As you know the dioceses in our state are in dire need of vocations to the priesthood.** At a recent gathering for the Knights of Columbus, I addressed those gathered on this very topic and shared with them some sobering statistics about the reality of life in the Church here in America.

Among those statistics was the reality of the priesthood in America. There are a third fewer priests today in this country since 1965 despite a 68% increase in Catholic membership (a number primarily so high due to parishioners coming from the Hispanic cultures). The median age of priests is now 59, and around 40% are over the age of 65 making retirement and death the top reasons for the decline.

And, as we prepare for this Eucharistic Revival in our country, we must remember what Saint John Paul II wrote in his letter to priests on Holy Thursday of 2004, and let these words sink in, "there can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist."

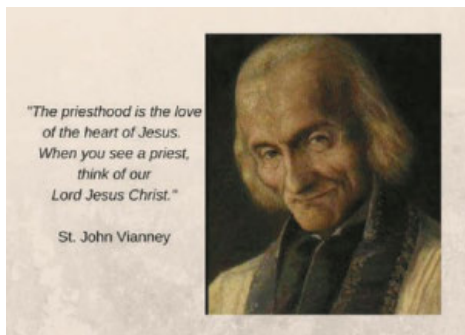
**THE TIME IS NOW to start truly encouraging young men to consider that the Lord may be calling them to the priesthood.** Priests do not

drop out of the sky, they come from among families, and your families please God.

If we love the Eucharist, and the Church, then we will do all we can to encourage young men we encounter everywhere to consider what the Lord is calling them to do with their lives, and to consider the very possibility that God may be calling them to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

We cannot wait for others to encourage them, we must encourage them, we may be the only person to do so, so don't hesitate.

**I can tell you firsthand it is a privilege to serve as a Priest!** Every day to be able to bring the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ to others in the Eucharist, to see their desire for the Lord, to be able to preach His word, to baptize His sons and daughters, to minister to those in need of His mercy or His healing, and to simply be the presence of Christ in the everyday lives of His people is such a mystery, such a miracle, such a privilege, and such a joy!



I have been thinking seriously about a prayer which was on my Ordination Prayer Card and one that I often reflect on in my personal prayer. It is the prayer known as "A Priest" by Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, a Dominican priest from the 1800's. It goes like this:

To live in the midst of the world  
without wishing its pleasures;  
To be a member of each family,  
yet belonging to none;  
To share all suffering;  
to penetrate all secrets;  
To heal all wounds;  
to go from men to God  
and offer Him their prayers;  
To return from God to men

to bring pardon and hope;  
To have a heart of fire for Charity,  
and a heart of bronze for Chastity  
To teach and to pardon,  
console and bless always.  
My God, what a life;  
and it is yours,  
O priest of Jesus Christ.

Oh how I hope and pray I have lived these words out in my priesthood these nineteen years, and I hope and pray to be able to continue to live these words out in the years of ministry to come!

I also hope and pray that God will send many more young men who seek to do His will and live their lives in accord with this prayer and in service to His people.

**DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!!! We are looking for the YOUNG ARTIST AMONG US...We are holding another art contest as I announced a couple of weeks ago! It is that time of year again when we need to prepare for our annual parish Christmas card.** We are looking for children of all ages to design our parish Christmas card. The last few years it has been a major hit to hear from our parishioners how much they love to see the artwork of our young people being used to share the holiday joy. 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 30<sup>th</sup> for consideration! We look forward to many submissions!



**Changing of leadership for our Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish Women's Society and for our Knights of Columbus Council #2978.** As the year comes to a close for so much around here, it is time for the passing of the gavel in both our Women's Society and in our Knights of Columbus. First, and foremost, I express profound gratitude to Patti Flynn-Harris and to Jason

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Molitierno for their extraordinary leadership and success these past couple of years. Pictured with Patti and I, at a recent scholarship dinner, is Janice Borowy the incoming President of the Saint Bridget of Sweden Women's Society. And with Jason and I, at the loading of the truck of extra equipment of our school at the beginning of the pandemic, is Robert Shemo the incoming Grand Knight for the Santa Fe Council 2978 of the Knights of Columbus.



Leadership is NEVER easy, and in fact, at times, it is quite a test of one's best abilities. But now add a global pandemic not seen in one hundred years and leadership is tested to the max. Despite that, both Patti and Jason never flinched, they continued to weather the pandemic and lead their groups through the unknown with confidence and flexibility! I am so proud of all that the Women's Society and the Knights have done throughout the past couple of years and we have to be so thankful for the extraordinary leadership of Patti and Jason which inspired the effort of so many others to continue to serve our parish and community!

**Speaking of change, we have recently learned that the platform for the ONLINE GIVING that we use is changing and perhaps you have already noticed.** As you know online giving is one of the many ways you can support our parish. Online Giving simplifies giving (no checks to write), and it ensures that your gift is received even if you are away or cannot attend Mass on a particular Sunday. Online Giving provides multiple options and other features for your convenience.

- Donations can be made directly from your checking account or by using any major credit card - so you can earn "points" while giving!
- Donations can be scheduled for whatever frequency (weekly or monthly) you prefer (and if monthly, on whatever day is most convenient), or can be made on a one-time basis.
- You can designate donations for different purposes: weekly, monthly, and holyday collections, diocesan/ national collections, Easter/Christmas flowers, even Religious Education registration!
- Your bank or credit card information is stored on secure servers contained behind firewalls and other defense systems to prevent unauthorized access.



Thank you for your patience with this new platform—while it is not as decorated with photos and such—it still enables the support of our parish family. If you are not an online giver but would like to learn more about Online Giving, visit our website at [www.cheshirecatholic.org](http://www.cheshirecatholic.org) and click the DONATE button on the top of our homepage.



**Last, but certainly not least, I wish to ask you to remember in your prayers one of our parishioners, Margaret Kelly, who passed away in 2020. Our Parish Family has been blessed by Margaret with a remembrance in her Last Will and Testament.** The parish recently received a check for \$47,560.00 from her estate, which was given as unrestricted to be used for the parish's needs. We keep Margaret in our prayers and offer thanks to Almighty God for her generosity to our parish and for her love for our parish family.

**You too can leave a legacy of faith by remembering Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish in your will or when making a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one.** Through your will, you can extend and strengthen your parish to build God's kingdom on earth even after you're gone. You can assist future generations of parishioners as they continue to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Thank you for your consideration.

**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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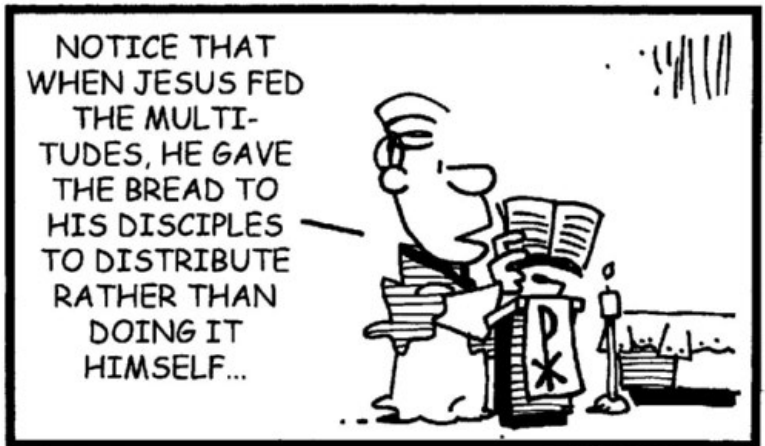
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If you ordered pies from the Cheshire Knights of Columbus, they will be available for pick up on Sunday, June 19th from 8:00 to 11:45am in the St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Center.

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# MASS INTENTIONS



## 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

## Monday, June 20th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Joe Ferry, Sr.	Anna Ferry
9:00 a.m. SBC	Albert & Margaret Devine	The Family

## Tuesday, June 21st: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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## Wednesday, June 22nd

7:00 a.m. SBC	Fr. Anthony Federico—In Living Prayer	The Moran Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	James McGowan	Wilma Buckman

## Thursday, June 23rd: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 a.m. SBC	Adolph Vesentin	Eleanor Vesentin
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## Friday, June 24th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 a.m. SBC	Pasqualina & Guiseppe Tranquillo	Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Mary Louise Iampietro	Philip Iampietro

## Saturday, June 25th: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

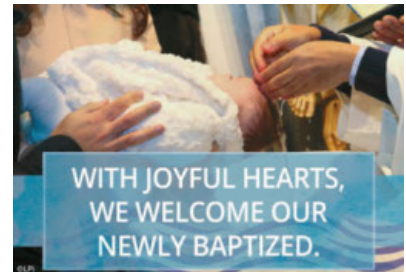
9:00 a.m. SBC	Tom Thorne	A Friend
4:00 p.m. SBC	Mary Grace & Robert Puszka—In Living Prayer	
5:15 p.m. STBC	Robert Murano, Sr.	The Murano Family

## Sunday, June 26th: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SBC	Amelia, Frank, Ann, & Domenic Proto	Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Maryann & Jack Dolan—In Living Prayer for Their 54th Wedding Anniversary	
10:30 a.m. SBC	Greta Romania	The Romania Family

## 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!



*Finnegan Michael Apps  
Warren James Aspinall  
Noah Michael Bruneau  
Pia Rose Gagliardi  
Cole Jackson Mena  
Jocelyn Anne Mena  
Michael John Moran, Jr.  
Cora Julianne Nolan  
Louise Jill O'Reilly  
Wade Thomas Pagano  
Melissa Allison Pergjoni  
Joseph Brian Seidensticker  
Eleanor Catherine Smith  
Kennedy James Van Fleet  
Theodore James Van Fleet*



Remember to pray for the U.S. military service members on our military prayer list on page 13.

*The Tabernacle candle at  
St. Bridget Church  
shines this week for  
James Patrick Dempsey, Jr.—2nd Anniversary  
Requested by His Family*



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

**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 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](http://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 Joseph Cafasso**

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 Men's Club** is proud to announce Timothy Nugent as the recipient of our scholarship this year. At the 5:15pm Mass at St. Thomas Becket Church last weekend, Tim was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



Timothy recently graduated from Cheshire High School and has been very involved in church activities as an altar server since 4<sup>th</sup> grade, a greeter and part of our religious education program since he was 2 years old.

Outside of his education and church involvement, Tim was a Boy Scout through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. On his volleyball team at CHS, he was a tri-captain for this year's team, was named to the SCC first team, was honored as SCC player of the year, and is being recognized as an All-State player. Tim has volunteered his time with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and Lights of Hope.

He will attend Central Connecticut State University in the fall and will major in elementary education.



## Our collection for the week of June 12th

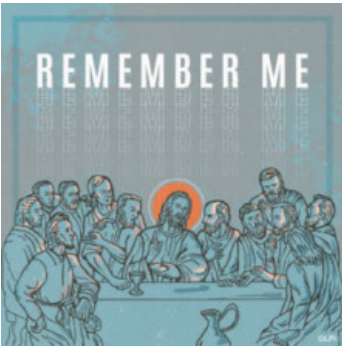
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## Thank you for your kind generosity!

Next week we will take up the **Peter's Pence** Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

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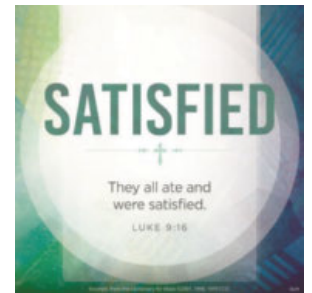
## Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The readings for today can be found at  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/061922.cfm>

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.



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Sunday Reflection “The Sacrament of Abiding Presence” — [bit.ly/3MYCzCG](http://bit.ly/3MYCzCG)

### **Ask Father**

***Dear Father: I spent one year in the occult, but I recently became a Christian, and I regret my past. I found out about the mark of the beast, and I am worried now, because the mark is supposed to be on the right hand or the forehead, and last year I got a tattoo on my right hand. Will I not be forgiven for that?***

Dear friend in Christ,

Praise God for your conversion and His work in your life! Thankfully, there is no sin or evil that we choose that is beyond the Lord's mercy, provided that we turn away from it with sorrow and humbly ask for His forgiveness. The Lord can surely forgive your decision to get a tattoo that is evil or contrary to the Christian faith.

Two suggestions:

1. I have heard of similar situations where people have had the tattoo removed OR had an artist “Christianize” the current tattoo. This can relieve you of a permanent reminder of the Occult and instead, you'll have a reminder of Christ the Victorious King who conquers all evil.
2. If you are Catholic, I highly encourage you to visit with your local priest in order to renounce your past involvement with the Occult. We have some beautiful and powerful prayers that were specifically written to break any bonds, promises, or oaths that may have invited demonic influence in a person's life. This is a powerful spiritual remedy and can provide a greater experience of the freedom that the Lord Jesus desires for your life.

Best, Fr. Peter





# St. Bridget School Update

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

We wish to congratulate our Class of 2022 recipients for the following awards:

**Literature & Language Arts**

Emily Horning

**Math—Pre-Algebra**

Juliana Faggio

**Math—Algebra 1**

Jason Latorilla

**Math—Advanced Math Achievement**

Paige Biller

**Science**

Hailey Greasley

**History**

Lilah Bachmann

**Spanish**

Divya Sankar

**Religion**

Stephen Tine

**Music**

Efua Yeboah

John Salgado

**PE**

Selasie Dogbey

Ella Powell

**Band**

John Salgado

Yewon Lee

Logan Havrilla

Efua Yeboah

Stephen Tine

Hannah Levine

**Art**

Jordyn Pollio

Sienna Barhorst

**Principal's Award**

Gabriella Bourdon and Ava Szyszka

**St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Women's Society Award**

Emily Horning

**Jack Diamond Award**

John Salgado

**Sharon Derr Award**

Michael Votto

**Valedictorian**

Emily Horning

**Salutatorian**

Lilah Bachmann

Once again, congratulations to our Class of 2022 and award recipients. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and wish you all the best for the future!

**Calling all SBS Graduates!**

Please let us know what you are up to. If you would like to be featured in the school update, just give us a call or send us an email.

**And Speaking Of Alumni...**

Congratulations to SBS' Class of 2017 graduates, Serena Hansen and Schuyler Cummings, for making the Dean's List for the University of St. Joseph and the University of Connecticut, respectively. We love to hear news like this!

**Class of 2022 News**



Paige Biller receives the Advanced Math Achievement Award

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## FORMED in FAITH

It's time for Part 2 of our series on the Creed! **If you missed last week's edition, go back and check it out** (past bulletins can be found at <https://www.cheshirecatholic.org/bulletin>). There's some important info in there about where the Creed comes from, why it was written, and the reason that we say it each Sunday at Mass.

Now that you've read Part 1, you'll remember that the Creed begins, **"I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."** We discussed that this establishes that there is one Trinitarian God, the first Person of which is the Father. It also establishes that He is almighty, and that he created heaven, earth, and everything therein.

We now move into the largest section of the Creed: the section on God the Son. We'll be splitting this section into two parts; here's what we'll focus on this week: **"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."**

Whoooooo boy, there is a lot to unpack there! **This section is the largest for two reasons.** Firstly, as we spoke about last week, there was a popular heresy in the early centuries of the Church (Arianism) that denied the Divinity of Christ. In addition, God the Son is the Person of the Trinity who came to us in human form (Jesus Christ), so it is natural that He be the Person about whom the most is known to us.

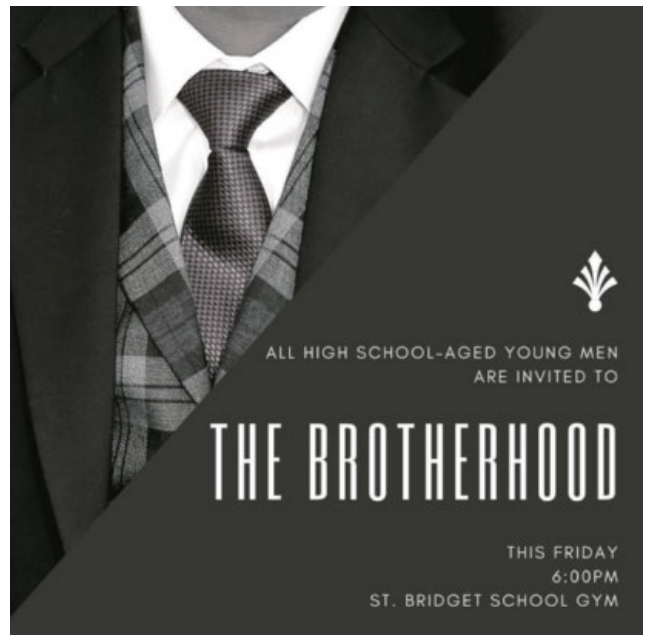
So, what does it all mean? What's established here? Great questions! We'll tell you:

- 1) **The second Person of the Trinity is the Son.**
- 2) **The Son is "of the same substance" as the Father, and no less worthy of praise or worship.**
- 3) **The Son was instrumental in the creation of all things.**
- 4) **The Son came to us in human form as Jesus of Nazareth to atone for our sins by His death.**
- 5) **Jesus' mother, Mary, was a virgin; He was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Clearly, a Trinitarian God has three Persons, and the second Person is God the Son. The second point, that the Son is "of the same substance" as the Father, is a direct repudiation of Arianism. The third point also reinforces the Son's primacy, as "through Him all things were made." **The last two points deal with the Incarnation, one of the two most significant events in human history** (alongside Jesus' Resurrection).

The importance of the Incarnation cannot be overstated. God came down from heaven and walked among us. **He spoke to us in His own voice, shared our human experience in all its pain and imperfections, and showed us the path to heaven.** He even surrounded Himself with Disciples who would spread the news of His miracles and teachings, which is why we have the Gospels!

**This is why we stand when the Gospel is proclaimed.** We show our gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and our respect for the words that He spoke to us. After all, how could we not revere words spoken from the very mouth of God? As an excellent praise and worship song says, "Oh, what a Savior... isn't He wonderful?" See you next week for Part 3!



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#### Saint of the Week: *Saint Joseph Cafasso*

Bio: Saint Joseph Cafasso was born in 1811 in Italy. From a young age, he loved to attend Mass and stood out for his humility and prayer life. He was ordained a priest and spent many years teaching at a seminary in Turin. He taught fervently against Jansenism, an overly scrupulous spirituality obsessed with sin and damnation that was popular at the time. He encouraged the priests he instructed to join the Secular Franciscans, remain devoted to the Blessed Sacrament, and receive daily Communion. Joseph was widely revered as an excellent preacher, confessor, and prison minister. One of his pupils went on to become Saint John Bosco, and Joseph was the one who urged him to establish the Salesian order. Saint Joseph Cafasso died in 1860 and was canonized in 1947.

#### Verse of the Week *Psalm 42:11*

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.”



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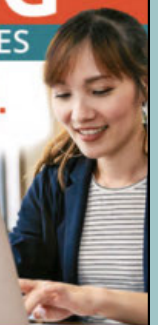
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