



# SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

*Where Christ is Our Light*

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022



13<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60



# 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:

**It is indeed a time of transition here in our parish family! This coming week is going to be a full one of welcoming and saying good-bye.**

**Pastoral Team Changes continue... as I often say 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 also say change brings about new opportunities and that can be exciting!**

## WONDERFUL NEWS to share!!!

This past week I received word that Archbishop Blair has assigned Father John Lavorgna as a Temporary Parochial Vicar to Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish starting this coming Friday! We are so grateful for this appointment of another priest to help serve the people of our parish family.



It is a personal privilege to welcome Father Lavorgna as he and I have known each other since our Seminary days and, in fact, served together as parochial vicars in Torrington from 2006-2008. He is a great man and an extraordinary priest. As you know, each priest who has come to our parish over the years has brought different gifts to our family of faith and we look

forward to your ministry among us, Father Lavorgna.

Father Lavorgna, son of Egidio and Palma, grew up in the Fair Haven Heights section of New Haven, attended Bishop Woods Elementary School and Saint Francis School. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven, and then earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale University. After college, he worked for the National Italian American Foundation in New York City and in Washington, DC, and then in 2000 entered the seminary. Following his ordination in 2006, Father Lavorgna has served in Saint John the Evangelist in Watertown, the Catholic Parishes of Torrington, Our Lady of Pompeii in East Haven, the Basilica Parish in Waterbury, then Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Waterbury, and Our Lady of the Assumption in Woodbridge. He also served for some time as Secretary to the Archbishop, as Vocation Director, and as Director of Continuing Formation for Priests for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Father Lavorgna also has an older brother, Egidio Jr., who is married to Stefanie. They have blessed Father Lavorgna with nieces and a nephew. Above all else, Father Lavorgna has a deep and profound love for our Lord Jesus and our Catholic faith. You will see quickly this love put into action in his ministry among us; this I know firsthand and I look forward to witnessing once again.

Welcome, Father Lavorgna, to our parish family. We are excited to see what God has in store for our parish family in the coming time with your presence and ministry among us. We ask God's blessings upon you and us as we begin this chapter in our history.

**And as we say welcome to one member of our Pastoral Team, we**

**say good-bye and thank you to another, Deacon Paul Iadarola.** Deacon Paul came to our parish in March of 2016. Deacon Paul and his beloved wife Carol have been active in so many ways in our parish life since then. Whether it was being involved in ministry, helping out at social gatherings, or simply being a presence to the people at events, Deacon Paul and Carol have served us well since his appointment here.



Since Deacon Paul is over the age of 75, which is the mandatory age for retirement for priests and deacons, he is granted what we call Senior Status. As such, a deacon or priest on Senior Status is not officially assigned to any new assignments, but is free to go where asked to assist in a time of need. As some of you know, Deacon Paul is also employed as a staff member for the new parish of All Saints—Todos Los Santos in Waterbury—which is now being merged with Saint Francis Xavier in Waterbury. During this time of transition, the Pastor there has asked Deacon Paul to be of assistance not only as a staff member, but also to serve as a deacon.

We thank you, Deacon Paul, and Carol for your dedication, support, and involvement in our parish family through these past six years! May God reward you for your goodness and guide you in this new chapter of your ministry to His people!

**CHANGE BRINGS ABOUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES...and so WE need YOU for a NEW ministry in**

**our Parish Family!** As I announced a few weeks ago, the Pastoral Team has been discussing for a good amount of time the idea of forming a team of couples who would work together committed to the future of our children baptized in the Catholic faith. Training will be available!!! With Deacon Paul's departure from service to our parish family, the need for this team to be formed is more crucial than before. In the interim, we your parish priests will offer the baptismal preparation class, but we really need to form this new Baptismal Preparation Team so that this ministry is not reliant on clergy.



What is the Baptismal Preparation Team? It will be a group of couples who once a month will take turns helping in the formation of parents and godparents as they prepare to bring their child(ren) to Jesus through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Every Parent, and Godparent when possible, has the responsibility of attending a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their first child's Baptism. These Baptism Preparation classes are held once a month in the school library. During these classes the Baptismal Preparation Team will not only introduce the Celebration of Baptism, but will also inform and encourage Parents and Godparents in their roles as nurturers of the life entrusted to them in their child and their role in forming their child(ren) as a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Team members, through resources and lived experiences, will help to equip parents with lifelong tools to fulfill their role as the primary formers of their child's faith.**

**Who should serve on this Baptismal Preparation Team? Any parent, either individually or as a couple, who desires to help new parents in their roles as moms and dads of faith as they begin their child's jour-**

**ney of faith through the waters of Baptism.** We have a couple of couples interested in serving in this ministry and if we could have five or six then it would be less time consuming for all involved and could bear much fruit for our parish family, please consider this my personal invitation.

Anyone feeling called to this ministry or interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve our parish family is asked to call Sister Mary Rose at 203-272-3531, or email at [smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org](mailto:smaryrose@cheshirecatholic.org).

**DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY!!!** We are looking for the **YOUNG ARTIST AMONG US... ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH** are invited to submit a piece of art to be considered for the next 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>, **THIS THURSDAY**, for consideration! We look forward to many submissions!



**SUMMER REMINDERS!**

**Don't forget to attend Mass while on vacation this summer! I know many people travel during the summer, but please don't forget to attend Sunday Mass wherever you are,** or daily if you can, as part of your summer experience. If you are traveling, [www.massimes.org](http://www.massimes.org) is a great tool to help you locate a Mass near where you are.

*Stay connected with us here while*

*you travel with the use of our ParishApp, Facebook, and Instagram.* See page 4 of this bulletin for details on how to find us on social media. We want to stay connected with you these weeks of summer whether you are here or away enjoying some vacation time. 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.



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**Family Movie Night...**please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an Annual Family Movie Night on Saturday, July 30, 2022! We will be holding an outdoor movie night near the field (weather permitting—if it rains it will take place in the gym). You can bring your own food and beverages or arrange for us to order pizza. The movie will be *The Emperor's New Groove*. There will be plenty of time for socializing, and for games for our younger parishioners, such as kickball or whiffle ball out on the ball field and more, prior to the movie time. Please save the date, plan to join us, and register soon. Forms for registering are at the doors of the Church or you can call the Parish Office.

**Parish Picnic...**The volunteers are hard at work coordinating our Annual Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish Picnic for Sunday, September 18, 2022. We will, once again, begin with an Outdoor Mass on the field at 10:30AM, and the picnic will follow. I hope you will ALL mark your calendars and plan to attend with your families. There are some new surprises coming to this year's picnic, you won't want to miss it! To volunteer please email: [sbosparishpicnic@gmail.com](mailto:sbosparishpicnic@gmail.com).

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**The Reverend Piotr Buczek, Parochial Vicar**

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- Dr. Richard Wilber, Deacon, Senior Status
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**The Mass book for January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, will open soon! We will open the book on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.** Given the reduction in Masses over the past couple of years, I am asking that you limit the number of Masses you request to just three weekend Masses and five weekday Masses for the first three weeks. After July 27<sup>th</sup>, you can certainly call back and book additional Masses if they are available. Thank you for your understanding our attempt to give as many people as possible the chance to book Masses for their loved ones.



The donation for a weekday Mass is \$15, and that for a weekend Mass or Holy Day is \$25.

**Unannounced Masses are ALWAYS available for a donation of \$10.** We do book unannounced Masses and these can always be accepted. We keep a list on our computer and either these intentions are given to one of our parish priests for use on a day off when we hold a private Mass in our chapel or for use at a Mass with those in nursing care facilities such as at Elim Park. From time to time, we also send some of these intentions to the priests who work in the Pastoral Center who do not have a public Mass to celebrate, or to priests in the Missions throughout the world through our Mission Office. You can be assured that if you book an unannounced Mass with our office, your intention is used at a Mass within a short period of time.

**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 Romans*

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St. Bridget Church is open Monday through Friday after morning Mass until 4pm. Come and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection.

# MASS INTENTIONS



**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, & Family  
 Domenic Proto  
 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

**Monday, June 27th**

7:00 a.m. SBC John & Hannah O'Connor Peter & Mary Mongillo  
 9:00 a.m. SBC Harold Tarini & Garry Fuoco Sandra & Vin Fuoco

**Tuesday, June 28th: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

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

**Wednesday, June 29th: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

7:00 a.m. SBC Harold Ecke The St. Bridget of  
 Sweden Women's  
 Society  
 9:00 a.m. SBC Paula Wempe The Chamberlain  
 Family

**Thursday, June 30th**

7:00 a.m. SBC Vincent Giardina, Jr. Edward & Deborah  
 Pass

**Friday, July 1st**

7:00 a.m. SBC Harold & Marie Violette The Family  
 9:00 a.m. SBC Edward LaFrance, Jr. His Family

**Saturday, July 2nd**

9:00 a.m. SBC Francis H. O'Neill The Family  
 4:00 p.m. SBC Sam Pascarelle, Sr. The Family  
 5:15 p.m. STBC Bill Wanat His Wife

**Sunday, July 3rd: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. SBC Millie Kennedy Pamela Missal  
 9:00 a.m. SBC Bill Aquila His Family  
 10:30 a.m. SBC Grazyna Gradowska Pat Sienkowski

**RECONCILIATION**  
 CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD  
 EVERY SATURDAY IN  
 ST. BRIDGET CHURCH  
 BEGINNING AT 3:00PM  
 UNTIL HEARD  
 COME EXPERIENCE  
 THE MERCY OF GOD!

ALL CHILDREN ARE  
 WELCOME TO BE BAPTIZED  
 IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
 as long as they will be  
 raised Catholic.  
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 contact the parish office at  
 203-272-3531.



When traveling, you can  
 get the Mass schedules for  
 local churches at  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

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



*The Tabernacle candle at  
 St. Thomas Becket Church  
 shines this week for  
 The People of  
 Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish*

# 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 Junipero Serra**

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>

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- Enter our parish's zip code or name to select our parish
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching FORMED Catholic in your app store.

## VIRTUS REMINDER

### Virtus Updates Needed—Training Available

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

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 203-272-6504

[dyatcko@cheshirecatholic.org](mailto:dyatcko@cheshirecatholic.org)

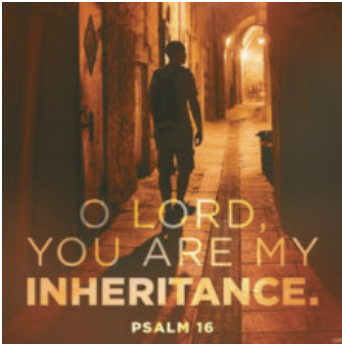
or

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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 acknowledgement page.

At the present time the Virtus Training can be done online. If you have not completed this training or are interested in attending a virtual training session, please contact Donna Yatcko.





## Today is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062622.cfm>

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.



Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

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Sunday Reflection "Living the Gospel in a Secular World" — [bit.ly/3Qwiw1x](http://bit.ly/3Qwiw1x)

**Movie Night!**

WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING **UNPLANNED**

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Center  
 Friday September 16  
 Following the 6pm Pro-Life Rosary  
 RSVP: [prolife@cheshirecatholic.org](mailto:prolife@cheshirecatholic.org)

OUR LADY'S  
 ROSARY GROUP  
 EVERY MONDAY  
 1:30-2:30PM  
 FATHER FRISBIE HALL



# St. Bridget School Update

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



## Summer Workshop Programs at St. Bridget School

This summer we are offering a variety of one-week workshops for students entering Grades 4 through 8 who attend SBS or who are parishioners. Each workshop is from 9:00am-12:00pm, with a snack included. Please visit the website at [www.stbridgetschool.org](http://www.stbridgetschool.org) or phone the school at 203.272.5860 for more information.

**June 27–July 1**  
*Enrichment Writing*

**July 5–8**  
*Cooking Fun*

**July 18–22**  
*Coding*

**July 25–29**  
*Makerspace*

**August 1–5**  
*Magnificent Math*

**These programs are open to all students entering Grades 4 through 8**



Just a reminder that our school office is open throughout the summer, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm. If you have any questions, or would like to visit the school, just give us a call or drop by! We continue to accept applications for enrollment. Please contact our Admissions Director, Christina Cummings for more information at 203.272.5860 or email at [ccummings@stbridgetschool.org](mailto:ccummings@stbridgetschool.org).

### Calling all SBS Graduates!

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



**August 1-5**

**for all PreK- Grade 8 students.  
(half days and full days available)**

Come and join us for a week of fun, prayer, faith-filled learning and to assist with designing and building Noah's Ark! Please visit our website, or phone our school, at 203.272.5860 for more information.



***We wish students, parents, faculty and staff a safe and relaxing summer!***

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## PRAYER LINE

The St. Bridget of Sweden Prayer Line Ministry is available for all those in need of prayer and support. We also welcome anyone interested in becoming part of the Prayer Ministry. We know that life is hectic. You want to volunteer, but are not sure how. This ministry is something that you can do from your house, your office, or in the car. All we ask is that you pray with us to lift up the specific intentions submitted. Prayer requests and requests to join the ministry can be submitted online through our parish website or via email to: [StBridgetPrayerLine@gmail.com](mailto:StBridgetPrayerLine@gmail.com).



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, July 22 from 10am-3pm  
in Father Frisbie Hall.

To schedule an appointment call

1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: STBC

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office of Religious Education

Donna Yatcko, DRE

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203.272.6504

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Monday, June 27, 4:30-7:30pm

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Center

Parents will be able to come to the St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Center on Monday, June 27th between 4:30pm and 7:30pm to register their children for the 2022-23 Religious Education year.

If your child is entering our program for the first time, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. If your child is coming for the first time and has already received their First Communion, please bring a copy of their First Communion and baptismal certificates.

We will be accepting payment by check or cash only. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 27th.

## FORMED in FAITH

We're back with more on the Creed! **If you haven't already, go check out Parts 1 and 2** on Facebook, YouTube, and in prior bulletins (available at <https://bit.ly/3tJy8ow>); they'll give you some much-needed context! With that out of the way, let's jump right back into the section on God the Son.

Last week, we broke down the first half of the section of the Creed focused on God the Son, ending with **“And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”** We discussed the ramifications of some of the language relating to the Son's primacy and the Incarnation, and we pointed out how much of it clearly repudiates Arianism.

Here's what we'll be touching on this week: **“For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”**

Obviously, this is all still referring to Jesus Christ, God the Son. So, what does it mean?

- 1) **Jesus was crucified and died for our sins.**
- 2) **He rose from the dead after 3 days, fulfilling multiple Scriptural prophecies.**
- 3) **Jesus ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father.**
- 4) **He will come to earth a second time to pass final judgement on all souls.**

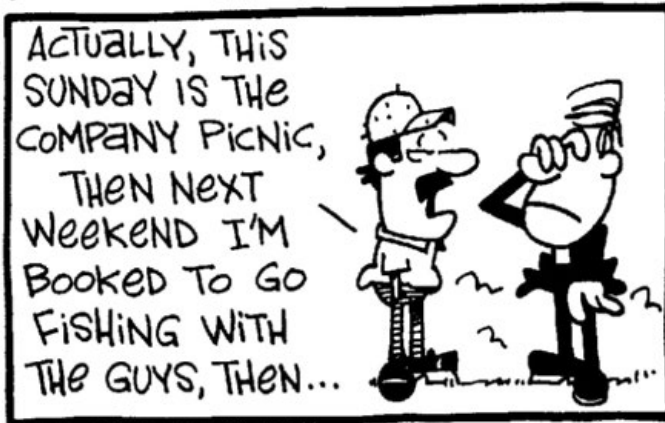
There is documented historical evidence for the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth; even atheists cannot dispute this. There is also significant evidence to support Jesus' Resurrection! **Regis highly recommends the film *The Case for Christ* as a great example of the historical evidence for the Resurrection.**

For examples of all the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled (there are literally dozens), we have 2 recommendations: **Firstly, read the Gospel of Matthew.** Matthew does a great job of citing the prophecies Jesus fulfills as He fulfills them. **Secondly, go back and watch our Prophecies Fulfilled video series from way back in Advent 2020.** There are some great videos there about prophecies that Jesus fulfilled! Find it at <https://bit.ly/3HFG3ZD>.

This section also establishes that Jesus ascended into Heaven after his Resurrection; He didn't “die again.” He sits at the right hand of God the Father as God the Son, equally worthy of praise, adoration, and glorification. Finally, we establish the Second Coming, our belief that **Jesus will one day return to earth, establish an eternal kingdom, and pass final judgement on all souls.** While Apocalyptic literature is rife with symbolism and not always easy to understand, the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelations are full of information on the Second Coming!

That completes our 2-part discussion of the Creed's section on God the Son. Next week, we'll tackle the part about the third Person of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit! We hope you'll join us.

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our collection for the week of June 19th

Collected

Offertory ..... \$13,921.00  
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**Ask Father**

**Dear Father: Aren't Christians hypocritical when they judge people, since Jesus said, "Don't judge"?**

Dear friend in Christ,

Jesus condemned hypocritical and inaccurate judgments, but we know he could not have condemned judgment itself, because he taught the crowds the right way to judge! "Do not judge by appearances but judge with right judgment" (John 7:24).

We don't know the content of someone's soul, so we can't ever say with certainty if he is in a state of grace or not. That's why St. Paul tells us not to "pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart" (1 Cor. 4:5). We can, however, judge human actions and determine if they are good or evil.

If we couldn't do that, then we could never say any act is right or wrong—including the act of judging other people's actions!

So, we should judge whether people's actions are right or wrong but not in order to make ourselves feel morally superior to them. That is the attitude Jesus condemned when he said, "Judge not, that you be not judged." If we judge other people's sins, then we must take care, because that same judgment will come upon us (and possibly in a harsher way) if we commit those same sins (Matt. 7:2).

Best, Fr. Peter





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**Saint of the Week:** *Saint Junipero Serra*

Bio: Saint Junipero Serra was born in 1713 in Mallorca, Spain. He joined the Franciscan Order, and taught as a professor of theology until he was 35. However, he had long felt a yearning for missionary work, and left for the New World shortly thereafter. He and a companion walked 250 miles to Mexico City from their port of arrival in Vera Cruz, and Junipero sustained an infection from an insect bite along the way that would trouble him for the rest of his life.

He spent 18 years in Mexico, serving as president of the missions there. King Charles III of Spain, fearing a Russian invasion of the Americas through Alaska, ordered an expedition to beat the Russians to California. Junipero and Jose de Galvez, a military leader, travelled there together. It was a 900-mile journey, and they founded a mission in what is now San Diego. Junipero was responsible for over a dozen other missions in the area, leading to the conversion of many Native Americans. He is one of the main reasons that so many places on the Pacific coast and in the American Southwest have Spanish religious names!

Towards the end of his life, he fought for just treatment of Native Americans against the protestations of the Spanish military. All told, this great Saint baptized over 6,000 people and confirmed over 5,000. Laid in a straight line, his travels would have circled the globe. He died in 1784 and was canonized in 2015. Saint Junipero Serra, pray for us!

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**Verse of the Week** *Numbers 6:24-26*

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”



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## *a farewell . . .*

After having been Grand Knight of our council for the past two years, I am sad to say that my term is ending on June 30th. Hence, this is my farewell column. It has been a privilege serving the council and the parish for the past two years.

I don't want to call this a farewell, because I still plan to be very active in the council. But my time as Grand Knight is ending and it is time to pass the torch. I am thrilled with what our council has accomplished over the past two years: **free throw contests** and **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contests for the kids, several **Grab-and-Go Dinners** during the pandemic, **pancake breakfasts**, **Coats for Kids**, **food drives**, **blood drives**, **Into the Breach** men's video series, and most recently - our **Father's Day Pie Sale** to raise money (\$1,816.27 as of this typing!) for the **Ukraine Solidarity Fund**. Although I was Grand Knight, these accomplishments are not mine, but rather are the fruits of our entire council. They would not have been possible without the many hours of work my brother Knights put in, and I want to thank the guys for all their hard work. It has been a sincere pleasure leading them these past two years.

I would like to thank Fr. Romans for his unwavering support of our council and also for recruiting so many of the men of the parish into the Knights. I want to specifically thank Harold Metz, who as Council Lecturer, wrote many of these columns on my behalf. Finally, I would like to thank my Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Shemo, who has been my right-hand man for the past two years. In his time as our Deputy, he has assisted me in countless ways behind the scenes. My job as Grand Knight would have been far more difficult without his assistance. On July 1st, Bob will succeed me as Grand Knight. The council will be in excellent hands with Bob at the helm. John Minardi will succeed Bob as the Deputy Grand Knight. Our Council can only improve with time.

*-Jason*

If you have scheduled an intention for Mass and would like to take up the gifts at offertory, please sit in the pew or chairs near the gift table.







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