



SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN PARISH

Where Christ is Our Light

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

From the Pastor's Desk

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**The Reverend
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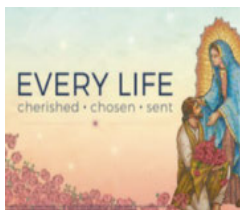
Dear Friends in Christ:

Did you know that the Pro-Life Movement in the Church is more than simply working to end Abortion? Leading up to and following the monumental Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, we have witnessed a whole spectrum of highly charged, volatile, and understandably emotional reactions, whether for or against the decision, and its potential scope.

Personally, I was struck by the remarks made by Archbishop Blair in a recent interview he gave to a reporter in New Haven, in which he shared that although he felt joy over the Dobbs decision, this was not a time for champagne bottles or anything like that. That definitely left an impact on me.

While this is surely a moment of pensive joy for those of us who have been praying, fasting, and marching in the streets, some of us for over forty-nine years, demanding an end to this human atrocity, we must also understand that there are many in the wider human community, and in our church, who are scared and hurting right now. There are many people who still bear the wounds of the experience, have participated in the decision to have an abortion, or to this day, many years after having made “the choice,” find themselves wondering, “what if?”

Statistics suggest that one in four women in our country will have an abortion by the age of 45 – and as a confessor, having heard this come up many times in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I have reason to believe that this is true. I



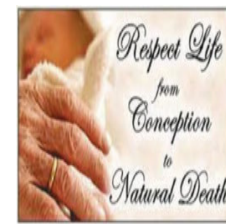
have also met with and listened to young women and sometimes couples, some of whom are married and have children, who feel that they are not ready or do not have the resources to care for a child or another child – and feel that terminating the pregnancy is their only option.

As the Archbishop said in that interview this is a time of a more pensive joy and a challenge! A challenge, YES. A challenge certainly for us as Pastors to help our Catholic people remember that we are not a “one-issue” pro-life church. **We are COMPLETELY pro-life from conception until natural death!** We stand for dignity and respect for life in all its stages—the life of the unborn, the elderly, the terminally ill, and those on death row. These may certainly be controversial issues in our society—and some of them may brush up against our political, ideological, or social commitments—but we as a people of faith, and as a Church must speak the truth and stand up for what is right, we must defend life—all life! We must promote a greater respect for ALL human life from conception to natural death. We must let our elected officials know that there are many people in this great state who view life as a sacred gift from God and want to do all we can to show honor and respect to that gift.

So what is the challenge? It is to truly be pro-life at every step of life, to recognize our need and our obligation to redouble our efforts to make a difference in all lives. How do we do this?

The Catholic Church does this by our outreach to those in need. We do this through our Catholic hospitals in which we serve the needs of God’s people and minister to their physical well-being. We do this through the outreach and services of Catholic Charities in which we minister to the mental health of others, promote self-sufficiency and leadership development, strengthen families and train young parents to be role models for their children, provide for basic human needs for individuals

and families, and a variety of other services to help individuals and families better themselves. We do this through ministries such as Saint Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury that offers many services to meet the basic needs of those who come to the church in a moment of need whether it is food at the soup kitchen, a bed at the shelter, mental health services, and other

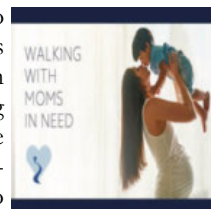


services through which in the name of the church, as they say on their website, “we aid, support, and empower people experiencing poverty, homelessness, hunger, and mental health challenges so they may recover with dignity and develop sustainable solutions for a brighter future.” We do this through pregnancy crisis centers, such as Carolyn’s Place in Waterbury, which we support throughout the year, who exists solely to help women and men who face unplanned pregnancy to choose life.

We, as Catholics, are pro-life in other ways as well. We are pro-life in care for others, in concern for immigrants, in educating young people in inner cities who may not be of the catholic faith, in promoting an end to violence in our neighborhoods and in our schools, in providing charitable outreach to those in need, in caring for those in desperate circumstances, feeding those who are starving and lack adequate nutrition, and in caring for the elderly, the terminally ill, and those on death row.

We, as a Catholic people, must see in this recent decision a challenge to strengthen ALL that we do to show a greater respect for ALL life from conception until natural death. A challenge to

see the manifold ways that life and human dignity are being threatened, and to be disturbed and distracted enough to want to do something about it.



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Certainly this decision is also a challenge for us here in our parish family. What are we doing, and what can we do, to provide a safety net to ensure that pregnant and parenting moms have the resources, the love, and the support they need to nurture the lives of their children? What are we doing to show the wider community that we care about ALL life from conception to natural death? I welcome this discussion in the near future with our Pro-Life Ministry leaders and members. I welcome any ideas from any parishioner in this regard as well.

As we move forward in this regard it would be good for all of us to remember the words of Micah the prophet when he said (6:8) "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? **To act justly and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.**"

Happiest Congratulations to Sister Mary Rose!!! OUR OWN SISTER MARY ROSE on last Friday made her



First Vows officially with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist (FSE). Father Piotr and I were privileged to be asked to be present and to celebrate the Mass for her First Vows on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart last Friday. Pictured here with us is Sister Mary Rose, FSE, and Mother General of the Community, Mother Miriam Seiferman, FSE. Did you notice Sister Mary Rose, FSE, now has the initials of her Religious Community after her name now that she is a vowed member of the Community!

Sister Mary Rose, FSE, joined the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist a couple of

years ago and went through the various stages of formation. During Pre-Postulancy, she became familiar with the community life and the mission of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Then during one year of Postulancy, she formally entered the life of the Community and began to learn about Franciscan spirituality. Then Sister Mary Rose, FSE, spent two years as a Novitiate during which she received the habit and a religious name, and focused on study and the lived experience of the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, Franciscan spirituality, community life, and the teachings of the Church.

As you know from her participation in the ministry of our parish here as our Pastoral Associate, she, as a Novice, wore the habit with a simple cord cincture and no insignia around her neck. But during her "First Vows" Mass this past Friday, I was privileged to offer the Church's blessings upon her new cincture which has three knots for each of her vows of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience, as well as the insignia of the order which is a simple cross with a circular band of metal signifying the penetrating power of the Cross and the integrating power of the Eucharist!



During this time of her "first vows," which can be as long as six or so years, she will participate more fully in the mission and apostolate of the community and she will intensify her relationship with the community. So as you see her around the parish, join me, Father Lavorgna, and Father Piotr in congratulating Sister Mary Rose, FSE, on her First Vows and continue to pray for her and her community! **We offer happiest congratulations to Sister Mary Rose, FSE, as well as to her family, and we promise our prayers as she continues to follow God's call in her life.**

The Mass book for January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, will open THIS WEDNESDAY, July 6th, 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 27th, you can certainly call back and book additional Masses if they are available. Thank you for your understanding of 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 Roman

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TOURS OF DISTINCTION

Day 1: This morning we depart at 7:30am from St. Bridget Church parking lot. Our travels take us to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Our first stop is at the historic **Lititz Springs Inn & Spa**, where lunch is served. Built in 1764 and originally named The Zum Anker, the hotel later became the Lititz Springs Hotel. In 1930, it became the General Sutter Inn, and recently changed to the Lititz Springs Inn and Spa. You will be entertained with the history of the building during your lunch. After, we depart for Lancaster, arriving at **The Cork Factory Hotel**, our historic accommodations for the night. This 19th Century building once housed the historic Armstrong Cork and Kerr Glass Companies. There is time to freshen up before our **private wine, cheese and paint party** hosted by our instructor from **Creatives by Michelle**. While your masterpiece is drying, sit back and enjoy **dinner**.

Day 2: This morning, a **full breakfast** is included before travelling into the heart of Lancaster County to take our reserved orchestra seats at **Sight & Sound Theatre** for their brand new production of **“David.”** Master Poet, Fearless Warrior, Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David’s ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Join this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God’s own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, “David” is a state of the art theatrical experience. Watch as this Bible story comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals. After, we travel to **Kitchen Kettle Village**, known to be a quick stop where we stock up on jams and jellies, but today, we’ll stay for a bit longer to take part in the flavorful *‘local bites’ experience!* Upon arrival, receive a tote and journey throughout the Village, collecting local favorites. This afternoon, we travel home with great memories of a more stylish side of Lancaster County. PA.

MASS INTENTIONS



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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

Monday, July 4th

NO 7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. SBC	Special Intentions	Carusillo Family
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Tuesday, July 5th

7:00 a.m. SBC	The People of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish	
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Wednesday, July 6th

7:00 a.m. SBC	June Sheehan	A Friend
9:00 a.m. SBC	John & Philomena Mongillo	Peter & Mary Mongillo

Thursday, July 7th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Father Michael Dorgan	The Haensel Family
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Friday, July 8th

7:00 a.m. SBC	Joe O'Reilly	The Haensel Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Gloria & Robert Hill	Her Daughter

Saturday, July 9th

9:00 a.m. SBC	Sheldon Pollock	Joe & Rosemary Adinolfi
4:00 p.m. SBC	Abel Sarmiento, Jr.	The Molkenbuhr Family
5:15 p.m. STBC	James Hoffman	Ceil Holuba

Sunday, July 10th: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. SBC	Anthony Iovene	Family
9:00 a.m. SBC	Sheldon Pollock	The Rooney Family
10:30 a.m. SBC	Robert Ralston	The Hellendrung and Picozzi Families

Holiday Office Hours

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 4th for Independence Day

Marriage Banns

Please pray for these coupled as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage:
 I Phillip Bowman & Jordyn Guliuzza
 I Adam Rivers & Nicole Ciaramella



The Tabernacle candle at St. Bridget Church shines this week for An Increase In Vocations



The Tabernacle candle at St. Thomas Becket Church shines this week. In Living Prayer for Ellen Wing Requested by Kate Carriero

In-Person Services THIS WEEK

Mass Schedule This Week:

Monday—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.

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 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 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 Isaac Jouxes

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.
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VIRTUS REMINDER

Virtus Updates Needed—Training Available

The Office of Safe Environment has di-
 rected that any parishioner who submit-
 ted a background check before January
 1, 2012 needs to submit a new back-
 ground check in order to continue volun-
 teering in the parish.

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

dyatcko@cheshirecatholic.org

or

ptodman@cheshirecatholic.org

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

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



Today is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for today can be found at

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070322.cfm>

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

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Back to School SUPPLY DRIVE

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. would like to make sure that all of our school aged clients have Back to School Supplies for the 2022-23 school year.

We are currently collecting the following items:

- backpacks (solid colors)
- 2-inch three ring binders
- folders
- looseleaf notebook paper
- composition books
- markers
- Highlighters

If you are able to donate items please drop them in the food donation area at the Cheshire Food Pantry at 175 Sandbank Road or Amazon can deliver them directly to the food pantry. If you have any questions please email BTS@cheshirefoodpantry.org.



Xavier High School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors

Francesco De Vivo
 Daniel Fischer
 David Houle
 Seamus McCormack
 Alvin Nellik
 Mario Pugliese
 Aedan Quan

Honors

Colby Ciampi	Rory McCormack
Carter Dominello	Cristiano Ponte
Braden Downey	Charles Puckhaber
Jake Gesseck	Jack Purpora
Perry Mackey	Robert Quan
Michael Mahon	John Strell



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 or phone the school at 203.272.5860 for more information.

July 5–8 <i>Cooking Fun</i>	July 25–29 <i>Makerspace</i>
July 18–22 <i>Coding</i>	August 1–5 <i>Magnificent Math</i>

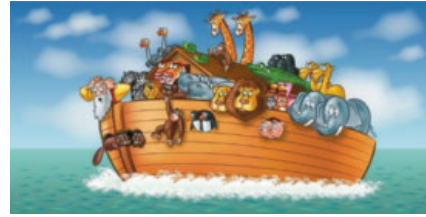
These programs are open to all students entering Grades 4 through 8



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.

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.



Camp is in full swing with a visit from "Forever in Our Hearts" rescue dogs and their handlers.

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Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

Please see the parish website,
www.cheshirecatholic.org
for the registration forms which can be found
under the Religious Education tab.

The Religious Education Office is open from
8:30 AM until 1:30 PM, Monday through Fri-
day.

If your child is entering our program for the
first time, please bring a copy of their bap-
tismal 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.

At the present time, payment can be made via
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For any questions please contact us at 203-
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Our collection for the week of June 26th

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Offertory \$7,944.00
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Thank you for your kind generosity!

Thank you for your generous support in last week's
Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join
those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help
Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church,
including relief to people in need and support for the
Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too
late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Ask Father

Dear Father: At the Transfiguration, the apostles seemed to know that the persons conversing with Jesus were Moses and Elijah. How?

Dear friend in Christ,

The Gospels do not explain how the disciples were able to recognize Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, so any answer is a guess.

Possible ways the disciples were able to recognize Moses and Elijah:

Jesus referred to them by name in his conversation with them, and the disciples overheard it.

The disciples overheard the conversation, and the context informed them with whom Jesus was speaking.

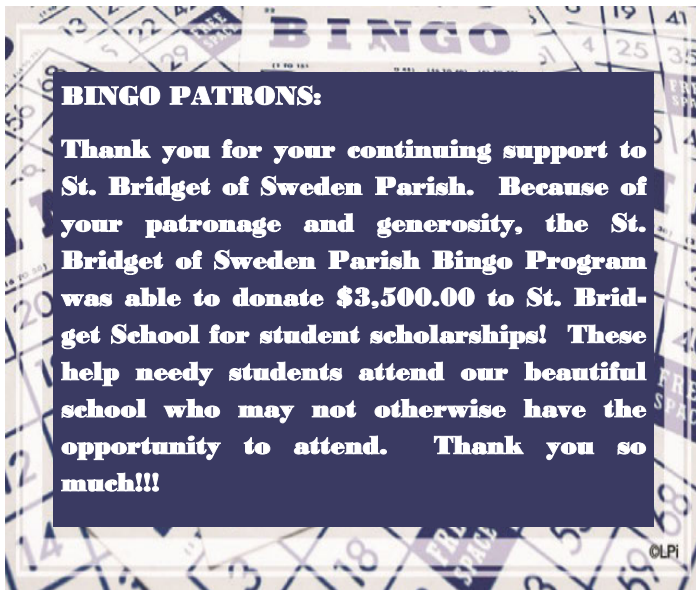
They had something unique about their appearance that made them readily recognizable (Exodus 34:29; 2 Kings 1:8).

There was some sort of heavenly announcement that wasn't recorded in the Gospels.

Jesus explained to the disciples who they were.

They were divinely inspired to recognize them, similar to God's revelation to Peter that Jesus is the messiah.

Best, Fr. Peter



FORMED in FAITH

How are we at Part 4 already? It feels like we just finished up with the Sacraments, and we're almost to the end of the Creed! **In case you've been away the past few weeks, this is the penultimate episode of our series on the Nicene Creed.** We've covered the sections on God the Father and God the Son in our first three episodes, so you can probably guess who comes next...

If you guessed the Holy Spirit, you're right! **The next-to-last section of the Creed focuses on the Holy Spirit, how He relates to the Father and the Son, and His role in Salvation History.** Did you know that the Holy Spirit used to be known as the Holy Ghost? The change came about in part because "Spirit" is a better linguistic descriptor for the third Person of the Trinity, but also because the word "ghost" has colloquially come to refer to the spirit of a dead person.

Okay, here's the section we're focusing on today: **"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets."** Again, this should all sound familiar...if not, there's a problem!

As per usual, let's break down what this piece of the Creed establishes:

- 1) **The third Person of the Trinity is God the Holy Spirit.**
- 2) **The Holy Spirit is the "giver of life," and therefore was also instrumental in the creation of all things.**
- 3) **The Holy Spirit originates in both the Father and the Son, binding the Trinity together in unconditional love.**
- 4) **The Holy Spirit is equally worthy of adoration and glorification along with the Father and the Son.**
- 5) **The Holy Spirit is the inspiration that has guided the Prophets and the Church through the millennia.**

It wouldn't be much of a Trinity without a third Person, right? As with the section on the Son, we establish here that the Holy Spirit was instrumental in the creation of all things, as He gave them life. He also, therefore, has the same primacy as the Father and the Son and is equally worthy of praise, honor, and glory.

The Holy Spirit is perhaps the most difficult Person to understand, as He is not described in the terms of man. We have a concept of what a Father is and what a Son is, but a Spirit? That is beyond our human experience. He is the love between the Father and the Son, the inspiration behind the Scriptures, and the manifestation of the truth that reveals Jesus Christ to us as God the Son.

As with just about everything, this is where we turn to Jesus. He gave us the best description of the Holy Spirit when speaking with His Disciples at the Last Supper: "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you...When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

That passage is from John Chapter 16, and we can't recommend reading through it highly enough. The Holy Spirit has been described as the Advocate, the Paraclete (Counselor), the Helper, and other such terms. This is because He is the Person of the Trinity that inspires us, speaks through us, and shows us the truth about Jesus (and all things, for that matter). Since He descended upon the nascent Catholic Church on Pentecost, His inspiration has been burning in the hearts of the faithful each and every day!

Let us all pray that the Spirit never stops moving in and through us; Come, Holy Spirit! We hope you'll join us next week for the final episode of this miniseries.



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June 25, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For a very long time people of upright conscience and good will have worked and prayed for an end to the scourge of abortion on demand in our country and around the world. From ancient times our forebears in the faith rejected abortion as a moral evil, and over the last half-century people of a correctly formed and upright conscience have striven to undo the *Roe v. Wade* decision which has resulted in the death of well over 60 million unborn babies in our country alone.

Now that *Roe v. Wade* has finally been set aside, it is for the people of the United States, and not the Supreme Court, to decide the protections that can and should be afforded to the unborn. We need to make every effort to ensure that this happens, and that life is respected from conception until natural death. This is all the more urgent, living as we do in a “culture of death” fueled by abortion and euthanasia, where suicide among young people, lethal violence by guns or other means, and disrespect and intolerance are increasing.

Our Catholic Church has a monumental commitment to fostering the spiritual, moral and material wellbeing of our nation and our world, beginning in our own families, communities and parishes. Outreach and care for pregnant women in difficult and trying circumstances has been an integral part of Catholic pro-life efforts, and we need to commit ourselves all the more to the Respect Life Ministry of our Archdiocese (prolifeministry.org) and to our parish pro-life groups.

I want to thank all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford who have persevered in their pro-life commitment through thick and thin and have never given up hope that one day the evil of abortion on demand would no longer be the untouchable law of the land.

The Supreme Court published its decision on June 24, the Solemnity this year of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the cross, contrary to all appearances, life conquered death. And as the great champion of life, Pope St. John Paul the Great, once wrote, “No absolution offered by beguiling doctrines, even in the areas of philosophy and theology, can make a person truly happy: only the Cross and the glory of the Risen Christ can grant peace to one’s conscience and salvation to one’s life” (*Veritatis Splendor*, n. 120).

I join you in praying that truth and love may prevail in our country and in our world.

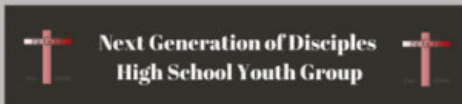
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Saint of the Week: *Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*

Bio: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal was born in 1271 in (you guessed it) Portugal. As a child she was renowned for her self-discipline and spirituality. She was married as a young woman to Denis, King of Portugal. Elizabeth quickly took to charity, befriending pilgrims, the poor, and the sick alike. She was also a loyal and faithful wife, even though her husband's infidelity was well-known throughout. Even though he treated her poorly, she prayed long and hard that he would be reconciled with God, and he eventually gave up his sinful way of life. Elizabeth was also quite the peacemaker, moderating disputes between the King and his son, another local king, and a cousin who claimed he was the rightful heir to the throne. After her husband died, she retired to a monastery of the Poor Clares. She died in 1336.

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal, pray for us!

Verse of the Week *Proverbs 14:29*

"Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly."



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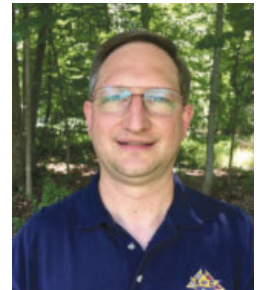
The Changing of the Guard

Last week's offering featured a farewell address by our departing Grand Knight, Jason Molitierno, who's "Right Hand Man" during his two year term was . . .

Bob Shemo

Grand Knight,

fraternal years 2022 - 2024



When Bob became Deputy Grand Knight two years ago he and Jason formed a true partnership to lead our council the likes of which none of us could recall. Not simply 'avail-able' when Jason was absent, Bob assumed control of much of the technology necessary to council operations, as well as some important fund-raising events.

CyberSecurity Architect at The Travelers, Bob, a Fourth Degree Knight, lives across the town line in Wallingford with his charming wife Stephanie (of CCD fame) and their three children.

A new member Knight of our council, recruited by Father Romans and former Grand Knight Ron Painchaud, is . . .

John Minardi

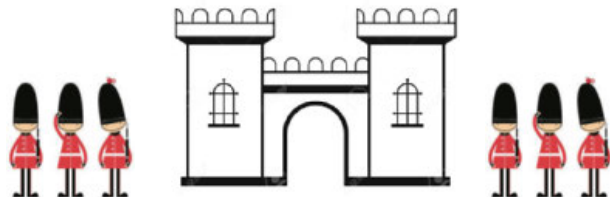
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Not content to "wait and see," John has already pledged to form another storied partnership with Bob to keep our council moving forward in many areas.

Supervisor - Power Delivery Overhead Construction with United Illuminating, John and his lovely wife Alisa and their two children moved to Cheshire in 1996 and became parishioners of St. Thomas Becket Parish before the town-wide merger.



Please join us in welcoming Bob and John as the next leadership team of Cheshire Council 2978.



Our U.S. Military Prayer List



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If you have a name to place on our U.S. Military prayer list, please contact Mary Beth in the Rectory at 203-272-3531 or office@stbridgetcheshire.org with the names of family & friends who are on active duty. Please provide name and branch of service. In this way, our whole parish community can help bring them home safely by our prayers.



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