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December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family



Welcome!

Midd-South Catholic is a welcoming and accepting Catholic community that fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and lives that faith through love and service.

JESUS CALLING

*How would you like to be blessed
in the New Year?*

*Who would you like to bless
in this New Year?*

Have a
**HAPPY &
BLESSED**

New Year!

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5PM

Sacred Heart Campus

Sunday Mass

7:30AM, 9AM

Sacred Heart Campus

11AM

St. John of the Cross Campus

DAILY MASS

Mon, Thurs, Fri - 8AM

St. John of the Cross Campus

Tues & Wed - 8AM

Sacred Heart Campus



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THIS IS US

As you know, Deacon Mike will enter Senior Status on December 31st. Knowing Mike and ministering with him for the last two years, I can wholeheartedly say well deserved!

Senior status means that he will no longer be assigned to parish ministry. Of course, he is still a Deacon in every way and I am sure that occasionally we will have the joy of seeing him in that role.

Mike was ordained a Permanent Deacon 14 years ago. He was immediately assigned to St. John of the Cross and for the past 3 years to Mid-South Catholic.

Deacon Mike and his wife, Rose, have been members of St. John of the Cross for about 40 years. They are a great partnership! As a parish, we are so grateful to them for their faithfulness and unwavering dedication to our parish.

In particular, Deacon Mike will be so missed by us all. I have heard many priests and deacons preach over the years. Deacon Mike is the best preacher I have ever had the privilege to minister with and have all been blessed and touched through his homilies.

Deacon Mike has many gifts, and is a truly humble servant, who has used them to help us all get closer to Jesus. He has mirrored for us God's kindness, warmth and God's caring love. He has done this for us in so many ways: his warm welcome at the entrance to the church, that smile that makes him so approachable, his pastoral ministry to some of our home-bound parishioners and those in Convalescent homes and his dedication to Pro-life issues. As we all know through some of his wonderful stories, he has been very active in prison ministry as well. Deacon Mike leaves a great legacy of hundreds of babies he has Baptized over the years.

On a very personal note, I will miss Deacon Mike very much. He has been a great support to me and I hope I have done the same for him.

We need to show Deacon Mike our sincere gratitude. Therefore there will be a reception for him after the 11:00 Mass at St. John of the Cross campus on December 31st. If you are unable to attend that Mass, the reception will begin around 12 pm.

On behalf of our Parish Staff and our whole parish-

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Ad multos annos!

-Father Bob



PASTORAL CARE & SPIRITUALITY

In need of a prayer shawl or lap blanket?

For Shawls:

Peggy: 203-888-4298
Cookie: 203-837-0164

For Lap Blankets:

Mary: 203-264-9497

Prayer Shawl Meeting

will take place on **January 3** at **9:30 AM** in the **Jerusalem Room**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mariana Coelho at coelhomariana512@gmail.com.

In need of a prayer shawl?

Contact Mariana at the email address listed above.

Women Sharing Wisdom (WSW) meets on the first Monday evening of the month at **6:30 PM**. We meet in the Emmaus Room to share the wisdom that comes to us from our experience of God and faith. Our first meeting of the year will take place on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 PM in the Emmaus Room. We look forward to seeing you. Please contact Deb McGrath at 203-733-4239 for more details.

Altar Servers We would like to begin altar server ministries at St. John of the Cross Church. Please contact BJ in the parish office for more info: bj@mscatholic.org or 203-264-5071 x 203

Attention Angel Teams... Take down time... We are asking for help to take down our Christmas Angels on our Christmas Trees at the Sacred Heart Campus. This year, we will meet after the 8:30 AM Mass on **Tuesday, January 9**. Please check your schedules to see if you are free to help. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 203-264-5071 x0.

Twelve Days of Christmas! The Incarnation ("in-fleshing") of God in Jesus deserves to be celebrated for twelve full days (Christmas to Epiphany, traditionally December 25 to January 6). Look for ways you can "in-flesh" Jesus by caring for others this Christmas season.

Holy Matrimony Married couples are themselves a powerful sacrament of God's love. Please pray for Kelsey Bulger and Michael Amarillo, who were joined in Matrimony from our parish this weekend! If you are planning to be married and would like to celebrate it as a sacrament in the community of Midd-South Catholic Parish, contact Fr. Bob at least six months prior to your wedding.

Please pray for our sick at home, in hospitals and convalescent homes, especially:

Mary Frances	J.A. Zawacki	Valerie Venezia	Elizabeth Walsh	Lynn	Bob Hughes
J.C. Corr	Ezra Black	Canadeo	Sal Lafata	Anthony Desimone	Tammy McAdams
Lina Savard	Baby Declan Rowe	Ed Villamana	Raymond DiFonzo	Norma Voels	Maureen Eifert
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Michael	Doug Mihalko	Emilia Ayon	Harold Olcese	Brandon Young	Cosmo Mazza
John Weyant	Marty Flanagan	Ethan McGuinness	Gary Normandin	Peggy Noel	

Are you searching for something more?

Have you noticed a restlessness, an emptiness within?

Do you desire to connect your faith to life, life to faith?

Centering Prayer Group:

Every 1st Monday, online 7:00 PM

Every 3rd Saturday, online 8:30 AM

To join the online group, please contact:

Esther Rada: erada@outlook.com

Dawn Fleming: dfleming@hollyfamilyretreat.org

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together):

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem Room to pray, study, share, and provide service.

All women of Midd-South Catholic are invited to attend. For further information or to obtain schedules for future meetings, contact one of the following members:

Pat Kugeman: 203-417-9930

pmkugeman@aol.com

Hilda Henriques: 203-233-0242

hildahenriques@yahoo.com

Nancy Pisani: 203-525-7260

nsvlp4@gmail.com

Little Rock Bible Study:

For further information or to obtain schedules for future meetings, please contact one of the following facilitators:

Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC)

Maureen McDermott (SHC) (Zoom)

203-264-5065, ffo@mscatholic.org

Men's Ministry:

In-person and Zoom, Every Saturday, 6:30 to 8:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem Room

For further information, please contact:

Dave Kania: dkania08@gmail.com

Patrick Fellin: pfellin21@gmail.com

Mom's Bible Study (MBS):

Every Wed, 7:30pm-9pm Hospitality Room at SHC or on zoom

For information, please contact:

Trista DiDonato: 203-313-1556,

trista_didonato@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

First Wed every month, 9:30 AM, SHC, Jerusalem Room, For information or requests, contact: **Peggy:** 203-888-4298 or **Cookie:** 203-837-0164 (for Shawls) or **Mary** 203-264-9497 (for Lap blankets)

The Women's Group at SJCC:

For further info: **Arlene Sullivan:**

203-758-9962, arlene.sullivan2018@gmail.com

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FAITH FORMATION

Keep Praying through the Entire Christmas Season!

You have spent four weeks preparing for Christmas – don't let your celebration end after only one day!

Starting on Christmas Day, we invite you to light a Christ Candle (usually a tall, white candle), and gather with your family each evening or during a regular family meal. You may wish to place your Christ Candle in the middle of your Advent Wreath, or you may wish to place it alongside a tabletop nativity set.

As you gather, we invite you to pray. Prayer can be as unique as your family is – so you are encouraged to go off script!



The first session of 2024 is next Sunday!

Any questions? Please contact:
fo@mscatholic.org, 203.264.5065

This month's meal will be catered by
Miranda's.



JANUARY SESSIONS:

Sun 1: Jan. 7th, 4-6:30 PM

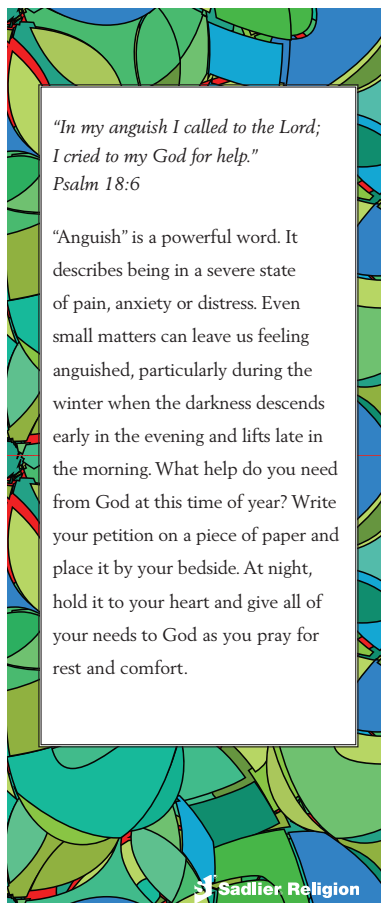
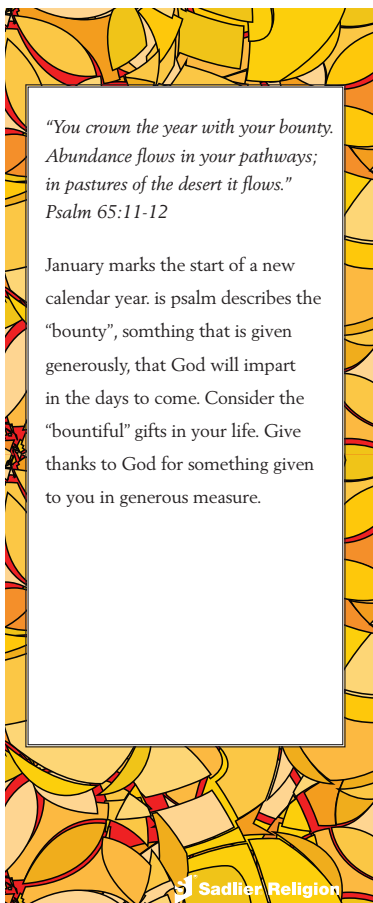
Wed: Jan. 10th, 5-7:30 PM

Fri: Jan. 12th, 6-8:30 PM

Sun 2: Jan. 14th, 4-6:30 PM

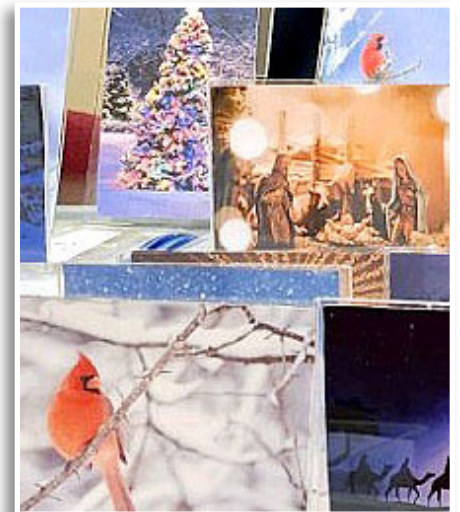


January Psalm Reflection Cards



Confirmation Students

framed images and wrote notes to residents at Riverglen Health Care in Soutbury and Comfort Care in Middlebury. They also created cards for Middlebury Community Emergency Fund recipients.



SOCIAL OUTREACH

Respect Life The first days of the New Year give us a chance to give thanks to God for the blessings of the past year, to prepare for the challenges we will encounter in the year ahead and to renew our efforts to transform the current culture into one in which the lives of all God's children are protected by law from the moment of conception to the time of natural death. The Pro-Life movement is one of hope... hope that one day the unborn, the elderly and all those who have been cast aside in today's society will be seen, not as problems to be solved, but as gifts to be embraced. We look forward to a future filled with hope that hearts and minds will be changed every day. The challenges that lie ahead are enormous, but our hope rests in the grace of God... the God of light, the God of love and the God of life. –Deacon Mike

Southbury Food Bank Donations Did you know that the SFB currently serves 170 households in our community? That is, 170 families with food insecurity, benefiting from your generous donations. Our parish provides support through the Adopt-A-Shelf program, keeping their meat shelf generously stocked for those in need. The next delivery of food donations to the Southbury Food Bank is **Saturday, January 13th**. Please help us kick the New Year off strong with robust support for this important ministry and stock our shelf with canned meat (canned corned beef hash, chicken, tuna, stew, spam, and chili). Inventory could use a boost! Donations can be left in the Food Bank box in the Atrium at Sacred Heart campus before or after all Masses or any time weekdays from 9am to 3:30pm and up until 10:30 AM on January 13th... Thank you for your continued support. For information, you may contact Susan Salcito at susansalcito@yahoo.com. Any donations brought to 11:00am Mass at St. John's campus will go to the **Middlebury Food Bank**.

Sandwich Ministry Update

Merry Christmas to all! A big Thank You to all for your gracious donations of 65 loaves of sandwiches, many boxes of toaster pastries and snacks. Also, we collected 16 cooked hams for our first annual Ham collection this year. Father Bob blessed and helped load the van heading to St. Vincent DePaul Mission. I am humbled by the generosity shown by all! Merry Christmas to all! God bless and may we keep St. Vincent DePaul in our prayers... If you have any questions, please contact me at bhahn23@sbcglobal.net. Thank you, Bill Hahn.

Photo: Fr. Bob blessing the food that will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter provided by the Sandwich Makers Ministry. Pictured with Fr. Bob is Chris from St. Vincent de Paul Mission who picks up the donated sandwiches and snacks.



St. Vincent DePaul Sandwich Ministry

Sacred Heart Campus

Next drop off: Jan 9 & 23

7:30am - 4:00pm

Please take necessary steps to make and deliver the sandwiches with safety and prevention guidelines in mind. Sandwiches should be left in the large refrigerator inside the Church. We are in need granola bars, chips, crackers. Thank you for all you do. For more information, please contact **Bill Hahn:** bhahn23@sbcglobal.net.

St. John of the Cross Campus

Sandwich Team 3

Week of 12/31

Teams meet weekly in Fr. Fanning Hall to make sandwiches. Tuna, mayo and sandwich bags are provided. Each team donates bread and eggs for egg salad. Teams meet in the morning and deliver the sandwiches to the shelter before lunch. For additional information or to join a team, call **Jackie Desmarais at 203-509-6502**.



Coffee And... hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council # 5066 at Sacred Heart

Please mark the date for our next Coffee and. It will take place on **Sunday, January 28th** after the **9:00 AM Mass** in the Church Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Ron D'Uva at paparonduva@gmail.com.



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Church Sanctuary Hours:

St. John of the Cross Campus: **7am-12pm (7 days/wk)**
Sacred Heart Campus: **9am-4:30pm (Mon-Thur), 9-12 (Fri)**
4-6pm (Saturdays) and 7am-10am (Sundays)

Confessions/Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3-3:30pm


St. John of the Cross Campus: **1st & 2nd Saturday each Month**
Sacred Heart Campus: **3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday each Month**

Online Platforms

BROADCAST LIVE: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:30, 9 or 11am

■ **shcsouthbury.online.church:** An innovative space where our community can gather and experience Mass in real time! We strongly encourage you to gather together on Sundays on the shcsouthbury.online.church platform at 7:30am, 9am, 11am or 5pm Saturday Vigil. Chat with others from our community, offer your prayer intentions during the Prayer of the Faithful and be uniquely connected when it is not easy to be together physically. If you can't be at Mass onsite- this is the place to be!

■ **www.midsouthcatholic.org:** See post on homepage for easy connection to **live** masses.

■ **YouTube**  Our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartSouthbury> has a library of our previous broadcasts of Masses and reflections and can be watched live.

* Mailing address for Midd-South Catholic Parish:

910 Main Street South, Southbury, CT

Please make sure to use this address for any correspondence to the Parish Office.

* **Deadline** for all bulletin articles is **Monday, 12 pm.**

Send articles to: mkorsu@mscatholic.org



For Online Giving, go to:

<https://osvhub.com/midsouthcatholic/giving/funds>

Mass and Prayer intentions

Saturday, December 30

5:00 PM Thomas Malchodi
Requested by Jeanne Kaufman
Rosella Purcell
Requested by Paul Donnelly

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
9:00 AM Dawn Wehrberger-Browne
Requested by her mother
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Petrillo & Dowling Families
Requested by their family
Deceased Members of the Holmes & Riley Families
Requested by their family

Monday, January 1

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners (at SJCC)

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 AM - NO MASS & PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 AM John N. Calabrese, SR.
Requested by his family
Bob Ross
Requested by his sister, Monica

Thursday, January 4

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Friday, January 5

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Saturday, January 6 - ROC Mass

5:00 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 7

7:30 AM Jeffrey Coelho
Requested by Joe & Diane Tomas
9:00 AM Ed Anglemeyer
Requested by Sheila Yonch
Sarah Solomita
Requested by her daughter, Nancy Prager
11:00 AM Celeste Morningstar
Requested by Richard & Helen Kramer
Joan Bennis
Requested by The Gilland Family



Presentation of the Gifts *Those who have requested prayer intentions will be invited first to offer the gifts at your mass. Thank you in advance as we begin to celebrate again more fully together.*



The Marian Votive Candle of Sacred Heart
burns in loving memory of Marietta Citta
requested by her family



For those who are serving in our Military, please keep the following in your prayers
God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

Jay C.; Alicia C., Scott D.; Miles G.; Jeremy Gibbons (Staff Sergeant); Michael I.; Patrick P.; Brandon S.; Julian S.; Matthew Wynne; Andrew P.; Gordie Fry-Coast Guard; Gill Rosario, Special Forces -US Army; Jack S., Ryan Mercede, Major Sarah Mobilio-USMC, Captain Andrew Perrella, USAF; SWCC Kevin Howe, SGT. Jay DeZinno, The 142nd Medical Company, Danbury, CT.



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