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**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

# SHINE



## **Palm Sunday Reflection Service**

**March 24th  
4:00-5:30pm (SHC)**

*Adult choir performs  
song selections  
and 7 parish members  
share a brief faith story*

## **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**

*Where do you  
need to grow  
in faith right now?*

### **COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE:**

*Monday, March 18th,  
7:00pm (SHC)  
Open to all in the area.*

### **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**

**Mondays - 8am**

*St. John of the Cross Campus*

**Tues & Wed - 8am**

*Sacred Heart Campus*



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# Finish Lent Strong. . .

Deepen my awareness of God; commit to an act of service; go to Holy Week; attend Faith Reflection Service; and attend the... **COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT SACRED HEART CAMPUS:**

*All area friends are invited to the Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service.*

*Priests from Midd-South Catholic, Prince of Peace and St. Thomas parishes will be available for individual confessions after the communal service. All are welcome, please join us!*

## Are any of these reasons keeping you away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent?

**Fear:** Fear is always the opposite of faith. But, what am I afraid of? God? My sin? Admitting that I am not perfect?

**A lack of a true sense of sinfulness:** It is fair to say that in our culture people have lost a "sense of sinfulness." Any wrong I do can be blamed on something or someone else like my parents, another person, circumstances beyond my control, or a bad experience.

### **An undeveloped or immature sense of sin:**

When an adult confesses the same things they did as a child, ("I missed my morning prayers," "I had a bad thought," "I got angry") it indicates that their faith and/or their sense of sin has not matured. As a result, confession seems silly or ineffective to a reflective adult so they stop going.

**A lack of real awareness of sin:** People say things like, "I don't murder or rob banks or anything like that so I don't know what to confess" (as if murder and bank robbery were the only real sins.) or "I'm too old to sin." (as if sin were age-restricted) All of us can and do sin.

**Scrupulosity:** This unhealthy and incessant examination of my life, seeing sin where there is in fact no sin or confessing sins that have been already forgiven is not

healthy. It keeps me from having an appropriate and healthy relationship with God, the God that Jesus reveals. It also keeps me from appreciating God's great gift of life, faith and mercy in a healthy way.

**Inability and/or unwillingness to forgive others who have hurt or betrayed us:** Jesus put it best in the "Lord's Prayer:" "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If I will not forgive others and appreciate its value for my life and happiness, then the experience of forgiveness by God will be lost on me.

**Pride:** Guilt and shame never "feel" good and so sometimes I am too proud to admit that I have sinned. I stay away because it is too hard to admit my sin to God or another human person. If we wait until it is easy to do, we will never celebrate this sacrament.

**A bad experience of the sacrament:** Being yelled at or demeaned in confession can readily turn people away from it. A priest in confession is supposed to reflect God's love and mercy as Jesus did or else he is abusing the sacrament and those who come to receive it. No one should tolerate such an attitude.

## Stations Of The Cross

### **Walk or Drive-Thru (SHC)**

Until Mar 29th  
Parking lot 24/7  
Giant colorful murals with reflections for each station throughout the parking lot.



### **Self-guided (SHC) (SJCC)**

During open sanctuary hours

### **Stations of the Cross (SHC)**

Check website & bulletin

## Little Black Book Reflections

A quick 6-minutes daily guide to reflect on the scriptures.

**7:30 pm, live online every night through Holy Week:**  
[www.shcsouthbury.online.church](http://www.shcsouthbury.online.church)



## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, March 23rd - 3:00pm (SHC)

### **Communal Reconciliation Service:**

Monday, March 18th, 7:00pm (SHC)  
*Open to all in the area.*

### **Palm Sunday - March 24th**

5pm Vigil (Mar 23rd), 7:30am, 9am (SHC)  
11am (SJCC)

### **Palm Sunday Reflection Service**

4:00-5:30pm (SHC)

*Adult choir performs song selections and 7 parish members share a brief faith story*

### **Holy Thursday - March 28th**

7:00pm (SJCC)

### **Good Friday - March 29th**

3:00pm (SHC)

### **Holy Saturday - March 30th**

Blessing of the Easter foods/baskets

12:00pm (SHC)

7:30pm Easter Vigil (SHC)

No 5pm Vigil Mass

*Let your faith*  
**SHINE**

**Easter SUNDAY**

## March 31st

7:30am, 9:00am, 11am (SHC)

10:30am (SJCC)

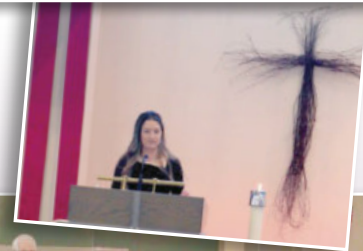
## Faith Reflection Service

**An afternoon of personal faith stories, music to lift the soul and prayer in God's presence.**

The Faith Reflection Service has become a treasured tradition during Lent. Each year, seven people from our parish are called upon to consider sharing their personal stories of Faith. These personal stories are followed by reflective music offered by the Music Ministry of the Adult Choir.

Each of the seven reflections tells of a personal story that stood out as an experience of God's presence in their lives. The Faith Reflection Service is intended for people of all ages who want to deepen their awareness of God among us. Everyone encounters God in their lives and often listening to a personal story or reflection, we may find ourselves identifying with a similar situation. ***Please join us for an inspirational, authentic and uplifting service intended to accompany you on your journey this Lent!***

**Palm Sunday  
Reflection Service  
4:00-5:30pm  
Sacred Heart Campus**



**Adults Celebrating the Sacraments** Eight adults are currently moving toward the celebration of new (for them) sacraments. Five of them will receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil this year. Is something holding you back from participating fully in the life of our faith community? Most adults can enjoy a full sacramental life, and we can help you get there! Our Pastoral Team will walk with you at your own pace, focusing on your own hopes, on a timetable that works for you. What Sacrament would enrich your life at this time?

**Congratulations** to Dick and Helen Kramer who received the St. Joseph's Medal of Appreciation from Archbishop Blair on March 10th. The Kramer's were awarded the medal for their many years of devoted service and participation previously at St. John of the Cross Parish and currently at Midd-South Catholic. The couple are cherished and beloved members who have taken on many roles which have supported liturgies, parish office functions, parish events and community service, Knights of Columbus and Women's Group.







Each year the Mustard Seed Fund makes grants to charitable organizations and Service Awards to graduating seniors. To be considered for a Charitable Grant, organizations must be nominated by parishioners. Grant applications are available at both parish offices, and due at the end of March. This deadline will be strictly observed, so if you'd like to nominate an organization, please be sure to submit your application no later than **Sunday, March 31st**. Applications for Service Awards for students will be available on April 1st and are due at April 30th. *Questions can be directed to: Cheryl Gibbons at [dc91.gibbons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dc91.gibbons@sbcglobal.net) or Lisa Ferguson at [ferg.lisam@yahoo.com](mailto:ferg.lisam@yahoo.com).*

### Women's Group at St. John of the Cross

The next meeting will be held this **Wednesday, March 20th, at 6:30 PM** in the **Father Fanning Hall**. Please contact Michele Cambra at (203) 228-2001 for more information. We look forward to seeing everyone!

### Do you want to be a "Friendly Visitor"?

"Friendly Visitor" ministry began years ago at Midd-South Catholic to bring Christian companionship to those who may be lonely or simply need someone to talk to. An outgrowth of Stephen Ministry, Friendly Visitors visit with the homebound or those in a skilled care facility, talking away the hour, playing cards, making music—whatever the "friend" would like. They also might visit stay-at-home moms who long for adult conversation. Friendly Visitors do not relieve professional caregivers. FVs do not bring food into the home or facility or assist with household chores or errands. Midd-South Catholic will be hosting a training for new Friendly Visitors after Easter. If you're interested in participating contact BJ in the Parish Office: [bj@mscatholic.org](mailto:bj@mscatholic.org).



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

Mary Frances,	Lorraine Cable,	George Logan,	Paul Pittman,	Louise Pawlowski,	Marcia Bartow,
J.C. Corr,	Steve Brown,	Paul Beavers,	Andrew Perrella,	Sam Falco,	Michael Browne,
Lina Savard,	Julia Logan,	Brian Logan,	Ray Eliason,	Mary Wanag,	Marian Pelletier,
Jennifer Pike,	Ann Farrow,	Mary Ann Pingaro,	Jim Walsh,	Dorothy McNamara,	Sandy Romano,
Mary Arpaia,	Bella Burns,	James Forte,	Mark Anderson,	Samantha,	Ed Robinson,
Michael Berardelli,	Audrey Brody,	Maureen Ann Koren,	Jolynn Parlature,	Lisa Bredefeld,	Taylor Richard,
Joe Capobianco,	Jeanne Gray,	Rick Small,	Shannon,	Lucia Mannello,	Frank Locasio,
Virginia Cartiglia,	Doug Mihalko,	Christopher Yonka,	Joan Anderson,	Brandon Young,	Mary Lou Cheek,
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Ezra Black,	Kayla Snabaitis,	Raymond DiFonzo,	Norma Voels,	Larry Lucas,	Sheila Drakeley,
Baby Declan Rowe,	Martha D'Eramo,	Olga Scileppi,	Albert Pagliaro,	Rosemary Rossomando,	Cosmo Mazza,
Baby John,		Infant John Vincent,	Tony DeFelice,		Judy Massiccotte

**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](mailto:erada@outlook.com)

Dawn Fleming: [dfleming@hollyfamilyretreat.org](mailto: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](mailto:pmkugeman@aol.com)

Hilda Henriques: 203-233-0242

[hildahenriques@yahoo.com](mailto:hildahenriques@yahoo.com)

Nancy Pisani: 203-525-7260

[nsvlp4@gmail.com](mailto:nsvlp4@gmail.com)

### Little Rock Bible Study:

"Passion and Resurrection Narratives"

For further information please contact one of the following facilitators: Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC)

Maureen McDermott (SHC) (Zoom)

203-264-5065, [ffo@mscatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:dkania08@gmail.com)

Patrick Fellin: [pfellin21@gmail.com](mailto:pfellin21@gmail.com)

### Mom's Bible Study (MBS):

For information, please contact:

Trista DiDonato: 203-313-1556,

[trista\\_didonato@yahoo.com](mailto: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: Michele Cambra:

203-228-2001, [mrcambra@yahoo.com](mailto:mrcambra@yahoo.com)

We look forward to seeing you.

### Women Sharing Wisdom (WSW):

First Mon every month, 6:30 PM, SHC,

Emmaus Room Sharing the wisdom that

comes to us from our experience of God

and faith. For further information, contact:

Deb McGrath at 203-733-4239

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**Knights of Columbus Scholarship News** The Knights of Columbus will be offering a Scholarship for High School students that will be going to college next year. You must be a registered member of Midd-South Catholic and must attend a High School other than Pomperaug High School (PHS distributes our application to its students only). You may contact Rob LaRosa for an application at 203-263-5575 or [rdlarosa84@gmail.com](mailto:rdlarosa84@gmail.com). All completed applications are due **April 12, 2024**.

**Adults Making First Reconciliation** Recently, several of our adult candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! Please continue praying for them: Jennifer Voity, Ron Sanctuary, Rob Nedoszytko, Ashley Lopez and Nancy Cirincione. Please consider joining us for "the greatest and most noble of all solemnities," the Easter Vigil, to welcome in our new Catholic sisters and brothers on **Saturday, March 30, 7:30 PM** at our **Sacred Heart campus**.



OCIA Group photo at Rite of Election

## St. Vincent DePaul SANDWICH MINISTRY

**Sacred Heart Campus**  
Next drop off: Mar 26, Apr 9  
7:30am - 4pm

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](mailto:bhahn23@sbcglobal.net).

**St. John of the Cross Campus:**  
**Sandwich Team 2, Week of 3/17**

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.

## Our Common Home: Caring for Creation through Lent

**Reflect:** Today's scriptures speak of God making a new covenant with his people. Covenants center around relationships. Our



covenant is between God, humans and all that is. We enter into a relationship that is both a gift and a responsibility to love and care for everything God loves and cares for.

What elements in your life help you feel most deeply your own relationship with nature?

**Fast:** Meat and dairy products are a major driver of climate change due to carbon and methane emissions through their production and distribution chains. Consider eating less meat and fewer dairy products.

**Action:** In 2023 the Catholic Climate Covenant sent a letter with thousands of signatures to U.S. leaders urging forgiveness and restructuring of debt as part of our agenda for international climate action. Join their campaign: <https://mogc.info/CCC-advocacy>



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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](https://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.middsouthcatholic.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.

### For Online Giving, go to:

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

## Mass and Prayer intentions

### Saturday, March 16

**5:00 PM Anne Traynor**

*Requested by The Prayer Shawl Committee*

**Michael Halford**

*Requested by Greg & Michele Licalzi*

### Sunday, March 17

**7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**9:00 AM Michael Halford**

*Requested by Gene & Lorraine Rosenquest*

**Bob Fox**

*Requested by Larry & Sue Gannon*

**11:00 AM Patrick Dwyer**

*Requested by his wife & family*

**Patricia Ann Mensik**

*Requested by Dick & Helen Kramer*

### Monday, March 18

**8:00 AM Joseph & Philomena Urso**

*Requested by their family*

### Tuesday, March 19

**8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

### Wednesday, March 20

**8:00 AM Mary Chomitz**

*Requested by Eileen Omundsen*

### Thursday, March 21

**8:00 AM NO MASS**

### Friday, March 22

**8:00 AM NO MASS**

### Saturday, March 23

**5:00 PM Don Narducci, Jr.**

*Requested by his wife & family*

**Samuel J. Falcone**

*Requested by his wife & family*

### Sunday, March 24

**7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**9:00 AM Andrew Battaglia, Sr.**

*Requested by The Mulchay Family*

**Tom Magrane**

*Requested by Larry & Sue Gannon*

**11:00 AM Lora Grossi**

*Requested by James Tiffany*



**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 Edward Milton Peters by his 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: R. 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 Mercedes, Major Sarah Mobilio-USMC, Captain Andrew Perrella, USAF; SWCC Kevin Howe, SGT. Jay DeZinno, The 142nd Medical Company, Danbury, CT., PFC Brody Schwartz, US Army, Private John Massi, USMC*

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