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March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday & Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday Mass Times **March 24th**

5pm Vigil (*Mar 23rd*), 7:30am, 9am - **Sacred Heart**
11am - **St. John of the Cross**

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

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

Daily Mass - 8 am

Monday - **St. John of the Cross**
Tuesday & Wednesday - **Sacred Heart**

Holy Thursday - March 28th

7:00pm - **St. John of the Cross**

Good Friday - March 29th

3:00pm - **Sacred Heart**

Holy Saturday - March 30th

Blessing of the Easter foods/baskets
12:00pm - **Sacred Heart**
7:30pm Easter Vigil - **Sacred Heart**
No 5pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - March 31st

7:30am, 9am, 11am - **Sacred Heart** | 10:30am - **St. John of the Cross**

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.*

*Please note that there
is no 8 AM Mass and
all Parish Offices will be closed
Easter Monday, April 1st.*



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THIS IS US...

*"Love one another
as I have loved you."*

Today begins Holy Week – it is the holiest week in our Christian Tradition. In our prayer we follow Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem through the Last Supper, his death on the Cross, and finally celebrate his Resurrection from the dead.



Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins with the commemoration of Christ's Passion. Our celebration starts with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Sunday is called **Palm Sunday** because we bless the palm and read the Gospel story of Jesus proclaimed *as the king who comes in the name of the Lord* (Lk 19:38). The liturgy begins with rejoicing but the mood quickly changes as we move from the joyous anticipation of the One who comes to save all people – to the angry cries of all people wanting to crucify Jesus. Sunday is also called **Passion Sunday**.

Reflection: *What is one thing you will do this week to make it a "holy week?"*

Today at 4pm at Sacred Heart Campus we offer The Palm Sunday Faith Reflection Service where 7 parish members share a moment from their lives when they knew God's presence, in joy or in pain. Each story is accompanied by a selection performed by the Adult Choir. Come with an open heart to listen and to pray.



Holy Thursday

The Sacred Triduum begins with Holy Thursday and ends with the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday at St. John of the Cross Campus: At 7:00 pm we will commemorate the Last Supper, Christ's gift to us of himself. Central to this Liturgy is Jesus' mandate to love one another as we have been loved. This is proclaimed ritually through the washing of the feet. Father Phil will wash the feet of 12 parish members and then some of them will do the same for those gathered who choose to participate. Jesus said "As I have done so you must do."

This is a deeply moving experience and we encourage all to be open to this ritual action. At the presentation of the gifts, in addition to the bread and the wine, we present the oils of catechumens, chrism and oil of the sick that are used in the celebrations of our sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick.

Our Liturgy will end with the rite of transfer of the Eucharist to an altar of repose. This procession recalls Jesus' journey into the night – from his meal with the disciples to the Mount of Olives – and onto to Gethsemane where he prayed for this cup to pass. Jesus invited his disciples to pray with him. The Altar of Repose will be open for prayer in holy silence until 10pm in the lower level of the church.

Reflection: *What is one thing you can do this Holy Thursday to live Jesus' command to love another? Who needs your love, your forgiveness, your compassion?*



Good Friday

Good Friday at Sacred Heart Campus: At 3 pm we commemorate the Lord's Passion, the only day of the year when Mass is not celebrated. The altar was stripped bare after the conclusion of the Holy Thursday liturgy and it remains so. There are no altar cloths or candles. Songs are sung without accompaniment. The liturgy consists of the reading of the Passion and Death of Jesus from the Gospel of John, a reflection on the readings, intercessions and communal veneration of the Cross. (We offer drive through stations of the Cross in the Sacred Heart Campus parking lot. We remember the walk Jesus made on his way to Calvary)

Reflection: *What needs to 'die' in you so that new life may take root?*



Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Blessing of the Easter Foods at Sacred Heart Campus: At 12pm bring any sample of your food items and enjoy a blessing to enhance your Easter table celebration.

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Campus:

Held after nightfall on Holy Saturday in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This Easter Vigil is the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. The vigil is divided into four parts: 1) the Service of Light 2) the Liturgy of the Word 3) the Liturgy of Baptism 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is the Night Until darkness falls on Holy Saturday, we meditate on the loneliness felt while Jesus lay in the tomb. Our Easter Vigil moves our hearts powerfully from emptiness to fullness, from silence to song, from death to everlasting life.

As the great Vigil prayer (the Exsultet) reminds us, "This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld."

At our Vigil, this is the night when one young person will rise in freedom from the waters of Baptism. This is the night when men and women will come into full communion with our faith community, along with multitudes of others all over the world.

Welcome the newest Midd-South Catholic Christians into our faith community on Saturday, March 30, beginning at 7:30 PM.

The grace of the night is for all of us.



OCIA Group photo at Rite of Election



Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday: We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over sin and death. Alleluia! We remember and give thanks for the Jesus' invitation to each of us to follow in his footsteps and become more deeply his disciples. We renew our baptismal promises - our 'yes' to all that God has done for us.

Reflection: On Easter morn, with whom will you share the good news of Jesus' peace and joy?

Easter Sunday Masses:

7:30am, 9am, 11am
Sacred Heart

10:30am
St. John of the Cross

Together, let us keep Holy Week holy. May we be renewed in our faith as we walk with Jesus in life, through death, to resurrection.

Blessings of Joy & Peace!

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



Little Black Book Reflections

A quick-6 minutes daily guide to reflect on the scriptures. Use this as an individual devotion, use it in your small group, **or join us!**

In under 10 minutes we share the reading and prayer together. Parish members read the scripture and reflection to unite and share the prayer experience.

7:30 pm, LIVE ONLINE, every night through Holy Week:
shcsouthbury.online.church

Books available on the tables at all Masses.



NURSE MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Screenings

April 13th and 14th
after all Masses.

A Hint on How to Avoid Stress:

Embrace the present. Avoid obsessing on what needs to be done next or what went wrong yesterday, so you can fully appreciate God's presence next to you.

Read Luke 10:38-42

Please note that spam emails are sent out periodically in Father Phil's name. Father Phil will NEVER ask for assistance or anything financially from you through email. He uses the phone only. Please disregard any email that requests your assistance in any way.

MUSTARD SEED FUND Deadline: Sunday, March 31st

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

Lisa Ferguson at ferg.lisam@yahoo.com.

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.



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

Mary Frances, J.C. Corr, Lina Savard, Jennifer Pike, Mary Arpaia, Michael Berardelli, Joe Capobianco, Virginia Cartiglia, Mark Cavallero, Michael C. Culhane, John Weyant, J.A. Zawacki, Ezra Black, Baby Declan Rowe, Baby John,	Lorraine Cable, Steve Brown, Julia Logan, Ann Farrow, Bella Burns, Audrey Brody, Jeanne Gray, Doug Mihalko, Marty Flanagan, Valerie Venezia Canadeo, Ed Villamana, Carter Razz, Kayla Snabaitis, Martha D'Eramo,	George Logan, Paul Beavers, Brian Logan, Mary Ann Pingaro, James Forte, Maureen Ann Koren, Rick Small, Christopher Yonka, Emilia Ayon, Ethan McGuinness, Elizabeth Walsh, Sal Lafata, Raymond DiFonzo, Olga Scileppi, Infant John Vincent,	Paul Pittman, Andrew Perrella, Ray Eliason, Jim Walsh, Mark Anderson, Jolynn Parlatore, Shannon, Joan Anderson, Kelli Leanden, Harold Olcese, Lynn, Anthony Desimone, Norma Voels, Albert Pagliaro, Tony DeFelice,	Louise Pawlowski, Sam Falco, Mary Wanag, Dorothy McNamara, Samantha, Lisa Bredefeld, Lucia Mannello, Brandon Young, Peggy Noel, Bob Hughes, Tammy McAdams, Rhonda Ostrom, Larry Lucas, Rosemary Rossomando,	Marcia Bartow, Michael Browne, Marian Pelletier, Sandy Romano, Ed Robinson, Taylor Richard, Frank Locasio, Mary Lou Cheek, Gayle Horrell, Manuel Tomas, Esther Vilela, Jereelyn Fields, Sheila Drakeley, Cosmo Mazza, Judy Massiccotte
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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:

"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

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):

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: Michele Cambra:

203-228-2001, 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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Our Appeal has been running for a few short weeks and we thank those who have already sent in their gifts. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not made your gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time gift. Join us, your parish community, and **Do This In Memory of Me**, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate. For more information, you may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. NO APPEAL FUNDS ARE EVER USED FOR LEGAL FEES OR SETTLEMENTS.

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 drlarosa84@gmail.com. All completed applications are due **April 12, 2024**.

The Deacon Chuck Dietsch Memorial 5K Run & Walk

HOORAY! The Deacon Chuck Dietsch Memorial 5K Run & Walk will be live again this year at the Sacred Heart Campus, **Saturday, April 27th**, starting with the kids fun run at 8:30 AM. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 9:00 AM. We hope an enthusiastic crowd of runners, walkers, and donors will help us achieve our goal of \$30,000 to help support our education and health programs for our sisters and brothers in Grand Boulage, Haiti.

As you know, Haiti is facing severe challenges with escalating gang violence and political unrest. In light of these dangers, we've made the difficult decision to suspend fund transfers temporarily. However, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the people of Grand Boulage and Our Lady of Sorrows and to the covenant we made with them almost 15 years ago. We stand with them for the long haul. Therefore, we continue to raise funds to ensure swift support for the school and clinic once it's safe to send funds again. Together, we are planting seeds of hope for Haiti.

For more information, to register, or to donate, please go to: <https://runsignup.com/haiti5k>

We will also register participants and donors after all masses the weekends of April 13-14 and 20-21.



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.

St. John of the Cross Campus:
Sandwich Team 3, Week of 3/24

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

"She poured the alabaster jar of perfumed oil on his head"

Matt 26:7



Reflect:

It may have been an impulsive act. We can all relate to impulsive ideas that pop into our heads. Maybe grace raining down on to that mixture of thoughts in our minds can mix them into something beautiful. We don't need to suppress them – just let God's love rain on them.

Fast: from technology. Use that time to care for your relationship with God, the earth, yourself and others.

Action: March 22 is World Water Day. Learn about the sacred role of water for all life. Google Maryknoll Water and the Community of Life

Praise be to you!
Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.



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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.

For Online Giving, go to:

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

Mass and Prayer intentions

Saturday, March 23 Palm Sunday Weekend

5:00 PM Dom Narducci, Jr.

Requested by his wife & family

Samuel J. Falcone

Requested by his wife & family

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday Weekend

7:30 AM Lesley Petrafassi

Requested by Joe & Diane Tomas

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

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM William Riddle

Requested by The Jones Family

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Marian Ortmann

Requested by friends, Dominick & Camile

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

8:00 AM NO MASS

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass at SJCC

Friday, March 29 Good Friday - Offices Closed

8:00 AM NO MASS

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord at SHC

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

12:00 PM Blessing of the Food at SHC

5:00 PM NO MASS DUE TO EASTER VIGIL

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners - At SHC

9:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners - At SHC

10:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners - At SJCC

11:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners - At SJCC

Monday, April 1 - Easter Monday

8:00 AM - NO MASS - OFFICES CLOSED



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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* **Deadline** for all bulletin articles is **Monday, 12 pm**. Send articles to: mkorsu@mscatholic.org





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