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Second Sunday of Easter



Five Adults, Nancy Cirincione, Ashley Lopez, Robert Nedoszytko, Ronald Sanctuary, and Jennifer Voity celebrated Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil along with Julie Dasilva who also celebrated her Baptism are pictured with Fr. Phil Sharkey, Ami Conlan (Julie's Godparent), BJ Daly Horell and the OCIA teams leaders Ed Robinson and Deb McGrath and sponsors.

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

"Peace be with you"

What does the Peace of Christ mean to you?

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Anointing of the Sick

April 6th & 7th at all Masses

This Sacrament is deeply rooted in the care and concern of Jesus' Ministry for the sick. Please sit in the first rows around the church. The ushers will be available for your assistance.

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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Divine Mercy Sunday

At Easter we experience God's mercy at its most MASSIVE! God shares God's very life with us, a life which overcomes even our own death! Can you think of any greater gift? God must really love us, right?

Isn't it interesting, though, that this massive gift is given in the dark and quiet of what certainly seemed, to the disciples, to be an ordinary beginning to a new week.

In the same way, Easter changes us profoundly with the promise of our own resurrection. And then time goes on, and we go about our business with the same, ordinary activities. We still have the bills to pay, the pains that plague us, the politics that irritate us, and the temptations that continue to push their way under our radar, bringing with them their dark corruption.

I think that's why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter. God's great mercy must seep through, deep into the ordinary of our lives. We are not yet risen, but we have a sure and certain hope. We may be physically infirm, mentally suffering or spiritually deficient, so we all stand in need of God's tender ministrations.

This weekend, our faith community celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday by offering the Anointing of the Sick at all masses. The sick and infirm are invited, through this special sacrament, to place themselves again, wholly into God's care. And with them, the entire community prays and raises up our own needs for healing, knowing that we all depend on God's mercy—God's constant desire for our deep well-being.

The Easter Season is a time of jubilation like no other! We rejoice in our share of God's life and are called to open ourselves more and more fully to God's life, by humbly embracing our deep need for Divine Mercy.

-BJ



PASTORAL CARE & SMALL GROUPS

Women's Group at St. John of the Cross will be held on **Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 PM** in Father Fanning Hall. We are excited to have our parishioner, Rich Beebe, fresh off his 2nd Act debut at the Palace, *"Loss, Grief and Words"* be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 PM.

In May, 2007, Rich lost his wife Eileen after her three-year battle against colon cancer, leaving him a single parent of their only child, 14-year-old, Meghan. Six years later in December 2013, Meghan was killed in a hit-and-run accident. In the years since, Rich has had to come to terms with the loss of his family and finding a new path forward. Rich hopes that his experiences, though admittedly painful, will offer the audience a chance to gain insight into how one can face grief and loss and still live a full life, honoring those we have loved and lost.

Seating is limited, so if you have any interest in attending this talk and/or learning more about becoming a member of the St. John of the Cross Women's Group, please call Michele Cambra at 203-228-2001 for more information. We will be collecting items for the Blessed Michael McGivney Center for Renewal that evening.

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	Julia Logan	Brian Logan	Ray Eliason	Mary Wanag	Marian Pelletier
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Jennifer Pike	Bella Burns	James Forte	Mark Anderson	Samantha	Ed Robinson
Mary Arpaia	Audrey Brody	Maureen Ann Koren	Jolynn Parlature	Lisa Bredefeld	Taylor Richard
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Virginia Cartiglia	Marty Flanagan	Emilia Ayon	Kelli Leanden	Peggy Noel	Gayle Horrell
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Baby Declan Rowe	Martha D'Eramo	Infant John Vincent	Tony DeFelice	Rossomando	Adam Smith
Baby John	George Logan	Paul Pittman	Louise Pawlowski	Marcia Bartow	
Steve Brown	Paul Beavers	Andrew Perrella	Sam Falco	Michael Browne	

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@holymfamilyretreat.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, mrccambra@yahoo.com

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





GIFT Registration Weekend **April 27th & 28th - after all Masses**

Forms available online and at both campus locations.

GIFT Registration begins this month. GIFT "Growing in faith together" is for everyone starting at age 6-106! Faith formation is lifelong and for every stage of life. Student and Adult sessions are offered.

The G.I.F.T. program is the primary Faith Formation program in our parish. G.I.F.T. Growing in Faith Together is for everyone ages 6-106! Faith learning is lifelong and this catechetical model seeks to engage parents, as the primary educators of faith in the household, on their personal and family faith journeys. With adult (one or both parents/guardian register with child) and student sessions that combine with all ages gatherings; GIFT builds

community, forms and informs at all age levels. Through G.I.F.T. sessions, Sunday worship, participation in parish life and service and at home prayer and sharing, families grow in faith and help build a vibrant church.

There are six sessions per year offered at different times and days to accommodate busy schedules. First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation is done in additional workshops and commitments. Enrollment in grades 3-8 is required prior to Confirmation. Once registered in GIFT you will be mailed a packet with workshop and Sacrament celebration dates.



DEADLINE:
April 30th

Service awards are for deserving graduating high school seniors for higher education or vocational development with the stipulation that the recipient regularly attends mass and has given service to the church/community. The Mustard Seed Fund Service Award submission deadline is April 30th with no exceptions.

Questions can be directed to:

Cheryl Gibbons (dc91.gibbons@sbcglobal.net) or

Lisa Ferguson (ferg.lisam@yahoo.com)

2024 High School Collection

Thank you parish members for contributing \$1587.00 in support of the 2024 High School Collection. Fr. Michael Whyte, Vicar, Center for Catholic Education and Formation shares "In our Catholic schools, the whole child is taught, body, mind and spirit. Thank you for helping to extend the power of a Catholic education into the world around us. There is something greater here!"

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 his email drlarosa84@gmail.com. All completed applications are due **April 12th**.

Columbiettes Council #5066 Scholarship News!

The Columbiettes are offering a scholarship for students graduating from high school this year who plan to further their education at a 4-year College, Community College or Technical School. Students interested in applying must be registered members of Midd-South Catholic Parish. Applications will be available in the Kiosk at the Sacred Heart Campus and at the back of the church at the St. John of the Cross Campus. All applications must be received by **April 24th**. For more information or to request an application be emailed, please contact Diane Favier at dfavier@mscatholic.org. Applications can be returned to the parish office (attention Columbiettes) or emailed to the above email address.



Blood Pressure Screenings

April 13th & 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

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Our Appeal is in full swing! We thank those who have already sent in their gifts. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2024 Appeal literature! Our local organizations right here in our Town receive funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. 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

Save the Date - April 13th, Join us for a Day of Education for Parish Pro-Life Representatives! Connect with other pro-life advocates in the Archdiocese to share ideas, successes, and challenges. Topics to be discussed include key legislative issues, pregnancy care centers in Connecticut, advocating for life, and parish ministry. Lunch is included and we will also have the gift of the Mass. Respect Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford: 203-639-0833 / 203-213-5079 / 203-694-4189 / prolifeministry.org

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.

A Haiti Update from Medicines for Humanity (MFH) who partners with our Haiti Ministry to run the clinic in Grand Boulage.

Dear Midd-South Parish,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter! Kristen (MFH's Executive Director) is on vacation this week, but I am happy to share a few positive updates with you.

I am thrilled to let you know that since the Grand Boulage clinic reopened on March 18th, there have not been any security incidents. In fact, the clinic has been extremely busy! The first week it opened for four days, Monday through Thursday, and saw 116 patients! This is more than three times the number of patients seen the week before the clinic shut down in February. Last week, the clinic was open for three days and completed 60 patient visits. These numbers demonstrate how much the community relies on our services at the Grand Boulage clinic!

I also want to let you know that Dusson St. John (MFH's In-country coordinator) continues to maintain close communication with Pe Roland, and he spoke with him today (1 April). Pe Roland reports that he plans to reopen the school next week on Monday, April 8th.

Best wishes,
Laurie Hurley, MFH Staff

St. Vincent DePaul SANDWICH MINISTRY

Sacred Heart Campus
Next drop off: Apr 9 & 23rd
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 5, Week of 4/7

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.

St. Vincent DePaul MEAL MINISTRY

Team "D" will be preparing Chicken Noodle Casserole, salad, and cookies/dessert on **Monday April 8th**, for the St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Shelter on Benedict Street in Waterbury. Trays and lids will be available in the church kitchen for the casserole only. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, we are always looking for new volunteers to make part of the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Paret at 203-267-3123 or j.paret@frontier.com. Thank you for your continued support. The residents look forward to our meal and they appreciate it very much!





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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, April 6 - ROC Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, April 7

Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

9:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

11:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, April 8

8:00 AM Paul J. Meyer

Requested by The Langrock & Meyer Families

Joyce Langrock

Requested by The Langrock & Meyer Families

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Thursday, April 11

8:00 AM NO MASS

Friday, April 12

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, April 13

5:00 PM Adrienne Mansour

Requested by her parents

Louise Cronan

Requested by her family

Sunday, April 14

7:30 AM Mary DeCosta

Requested by Cheryl Smith

9:00 AM Tom Magrane

Requested by Ken & Mary Korsu

Jim Tessier

Requested by Phyllis Anglemeyer

11:00 AM Frank Blakaitis

Requested by Jack & Paula Walsh

Mariela Oliver

Requested by Maria Jose Pastor



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 Robert 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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