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APRIL 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



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

*Who show's you
Easter hope?*

THE DEACON CHUCK DIETSCH MEMORIAL 5K RUN & WALK

See page 5

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



THIS IS US...

Shining the Light of the Resurrection

The readings for this Sunday challenge us to live as witnesses to the Resurrection, embodying the joy it signifies. The resurrection of Jesus has the power to transform our lives today.

As witnesses to the Resurrection, we are called to share the message of hope with the world. In a world marked by division and despair, the message of the Resurrection is a beacon of hope. It is a reminder that love is stronger than death, and that God's mercy can transform even the darkest situations.

This Sunday the readings invite us into a deeper encounter with the Risen Lord. They call us to live as witnesses to the Resurrection, and to spread the message of hope and renewal to the world.

As we begin to celebrate Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmation we witness the life and hope that is abundant in our parish. Worship, Service, Spirituality groups and various ministries which fill the bulletin pages every week reveal the Light of Christ, the Easter joy, in each of us.

As we reflect on the readings this week, let us open our hearts to the power of the Resurrection. May we continue to walk in the light of Christ, and seek ways to share the Good News of His Resurrection with all whom we meet.



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Confirmation students shine through creating Easter egg baskets for skilled care facilities



PASTORAL CARE & SMALL GROUPS

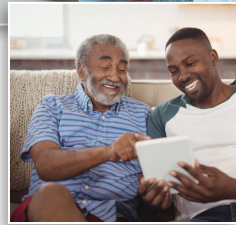
Women's Group at St. John of the Cross meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 PM in Father Fanning Hall. We are excited to have our parishioner, Rich Beebe, fresh off his 2nd Act debut at the Palace, "Loss, Grief and Words" be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 PM

In May, 2007, Rich lost his wife Eileen after her three-year battle against colon cancer, leaving him the 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 to find 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 Women's Group at St. John of the Cross, 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	Sandy Romano
J.C. Corr	Ann Farrow	Mary Ann Pingaro	Jim Walsh	Dorothy McNamara	Ed Robinson
Jennifer Pike	Bella Burns	James Forte	Mark Anderson	Samantha	Taylor Richard
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Michael C. Culhane	Canadeo	Elizabeth Walsh	Lynn	Rhonda Ostrom	Jerelyn Fields
John Weyant	Ed Villamana	Sal Lafata	Anthony Desimone	Larry Lucas	Sheila Drakeley
J.A. Zawacki	Carter Razz	Raymond DiFonzo	Norma Voels	Rosemary	Cosmo Mazza
Ezra Black	Kayla Snabaitis	Olga Scileppi	Albert Pagliaro	Rossomando	Adam Smith
Baby Declan Rowe	Martha D'Eramo	Infant John Vincent	Tony DeFelice	Marcia Bartow	Kristen Nauheimer
Baby John	George Logan	Paul Pittman	Louise Pawlowski	Michael Browne	
Steve Brown	Beavers	Andrew Perrella	Sam Falco	Marian Pelletier	

Assistance Needed We are looking for a few good people to assist as Sunday Counters at the Church. You need only give a few hours on Sunday morning, once a month. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, please contact Mary in the Parish Office at 203-264-5071 x0. We look forward to hearing from you.

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@holyfamilyretreat.org

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together):

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM, SHC, Jerusalem

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 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

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,

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

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: 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)

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.



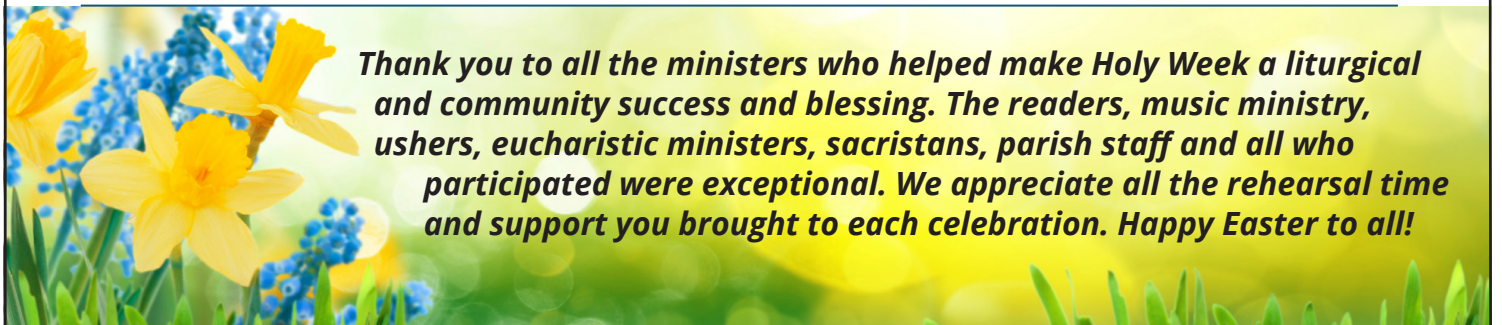
Blood Pressure Screenings

This Weekend!
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 In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows, and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. Your gift to the Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our 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

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 8:30am. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 9:00am. 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 this weekend and the weekend of April 20-21.

Knight of Columbus Council Baby Bottle Drive

This Sunday is the final return date for Carolyn's Place Baby Bottle Drive! Please return all bottles full or not! Bottles will be needed for other drives throughout the state, so we thank you for returning them to us. To date the response has been terrific! The Knights thank you for your support!



National Drug Takeback Day

April 27th is National Drug Takeback Day & Southbury Police Department is on the map! Get to spring cleaning by clearing out any unused or expired prescription meds so that they don't pose a risk to anyone visiting your home.



**Saturday 4/27/24
10 AM to 2 PM
Southbury Police Department
421 Main Street South,
Southbury, CT 06488**

If you aren't near Southbury, find a drop off site here:
<https://www.dea.gov/takebackday>

St. Vincent DePaul SANDWICH MINISTRY

**Sacred Heart Campus
Next drop off: Apr 23rd & May 7
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@sbcbglobal.net.

**St. John of the Cross Campus:
Sandwich Team 6, Week of 4/14**

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 more information, please contact **Jackie Desmarais:** 203-509-6502

A Big Hooyah! To the Sandwich Ministry Team

for setting a record of 90 loaves of sandwiches delivered to the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter on March 26th. Thank you all for all your generosity and belief in this important ministry to help those in need. God bless all and may St. Vincent DePaul pray for us. If you wish to join this ministry, or would like more info, please contact **Bill Hahn:** bhahn23@sbcbglobal.net

HomeFront Day, May 4th

**Sign-up sheets are available
after all masses this weekend.**

Volunteers are needed on for HomeFront Inc. to help a family in Southbury who needs many hands to do repairs around their home. Repairs includes replacing the entire bathroom, new kitchen floor, window repair, etc. Lunch will be provided by our great crew from the Knights of Columbus.

If have any questions, please contact, **Jim Brooks** at **203-509-6726**.



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Parish Office Hours:

All offices are located at Sacred Heart campus
9am-4:30pm (Mon-Thur); 9am-12pm (Fri)

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 13

5:00 PM Adrienne Lila 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

Monday, April 15

8:00 AM Louis & Dominica Urso
Requested by their family
Eugene & Evelyn Slason
Requested by Evelyn Gobstein

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM Victoria Abel
Requested by her daughter, Michelle

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM Leonard Maceli
Requested by his daughter

Thursday, April 18

8:00 NO MASS

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, April 20

5:00 PM Ann Lattimore
Requested by Eileen Omundsen
George F. Zucca, Jr.
Requested by Bill & Patty Hahn

Sunday, April 21

7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
9:00 AM Keith Butterfield
Requested by his wife Kris
George Logan
Requested by Ian & Paulette McDermott
11:00 AM John Vaszauskas
Requested by Debbie
Raymond Rivard
Requested by his 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 Ray Dahlstrom by his family and friends*



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 Mercede, 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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