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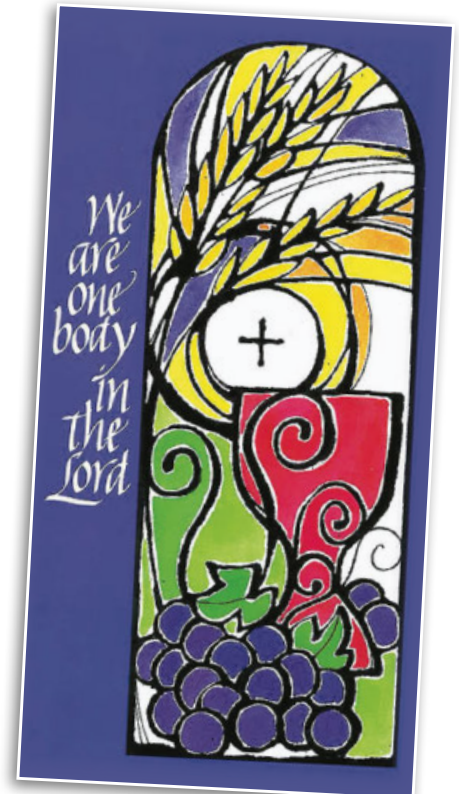
Sixth Sunday of Easter

God Bless & Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Students

Savannah Arnauckas
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Maximiliano Bennici
James Bieluch
Maeve Bouffard
Landon Boyle
Bianca Brady
Madeline Burke
Sophia Cangelosi
Stella Carlucci
Ella Carmody
Noelle Carrington
Isabella Carvalho
Matteo Catalano
Emilia Desena
Luciana Diaz
Adriana DiBiase

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Brooklyn-Rose Dorcy
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Erin Espitee
Ryan Fearon
Nora Ferraiolo
Matthew Fig
Avery Georgette
Charlotte Greco-Grosberg
Aniela Hamilton
Colin Irwin
Eva Irwin
Tyler Kennan
Noah Kochanowicz
Ava Libero
Mason Malyska
Anthony Marro
Alexa Maturi

Juliette Merole
Matthew Michitsch
Nathan Odenwaelder
Dominik Olsen
Michael Perugini
Edward Phillips
Kenzie Powers
Amelia Prisco
Christian Raad
Hayden Rayno
Aubrey Santora
Brady Scanlon
Brielle Sokolowski
Reagan Strollo
Stella Szymansky
Alda Zappone



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.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sacred Heart Campus

Sunday Mass

7:30am, 9pm

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



MAY 9, 2024
ASCENSION THURSDAY
MASS TIMES

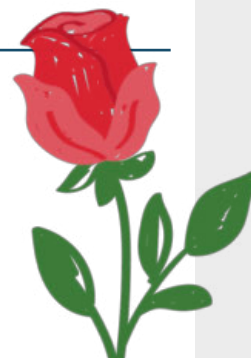
8am & 6pm
Sacred Heart Campus

12pm
St. John of the Cross Campus

MISSION TRIP
Fundraiser

Mother's Day
ROSE SALE

Next Weekend
after all Masses



THIS IS US...

The G.I.F.T. Program is welcoming registrations from households with members ages 6 and older- including single adults, couples, empty nesters. G.I.F.T. has members who are in their 60', 70's and 80's! This unique whole-community model serves families with children and adults at every stage of life.

Archbishop Blair sent a letter to all pastors encouraging a change in traditional child-centered catechetical models, "It is the time for us to reexamine the models of faith formation currently in use and adopt innovative ways of forming families... We have always presumed catechesis when what is often needed today is far more basic; namely, the kerygma, the foundational proclamation of the gospel message inviting people to believe not just with the head but the heart through an encounter with Christ." Fortunately, for Mid-South Catholic, intergenerational, life-long learning has been in place since 2005 and continues to be the primary form of family and adult faith-formation in our parish. All current Church teaching, research and trends throughout the country reinforce that parents are the primary influence in the faith of their children. Our program seeks to support parents in this role while offering quality learning opportunities for adults and age appropriate instruction for children.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) follows a six-year cycle that incorporates the Catechism of the Catholic Church through six learning themes: Church Year, Sacraments, The Creed, Morality, Prayer and Catholic Social Teaching. This year's theme is Jesus Calling: Called to be followers of Christ. It will be the fourth time we are teaching this theme. We look forward to engaging our response to God's calling in our own lives, through exploring the the liturgical year and life in Christ. Many adults without children in the program comment how their knowledge and faith have grown through this experience. See comments from Larry and Sue Gannon who have been a part of the program since it began in 2005.

G.I.F.T. builds community, involves generations interacting together, and is done in six 2.5 hour monthly sessions. It begins with a meal, all-ages opening segment, grade level breakout student sessions and an adult session, and concludes with a quick all-ages closing. There is a discounted fee of \$60 for those ages 60 and older. The full schedule and additional information are on the next page or kindly contact the Faith Formation Office 203.264.5065 or ffo@mscatholic.org with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

-Ami



Every time we come & participate in the Gift program, a gift is given to us.

Sometimes it's just a small gift,
like a meal out with people in our parish family.
(and I don't have to cook, plan or clean up). Yay!

Sometimes it's a great big gift, *like seeing so many children with their families, coming & learning about a Loving & Caring God. One who loves them so much. And how each one of them is wonderful & important to God to help bring love & peace to the world.*

And Sometimes it's a great big enormous gift,

that makes us cry with tears of compassion, love, & peace, as we all together, gathered around the altar & prayed when singing "LET There Be Peace On Earth," to our suffering brothers & sisters in Haiti, & all the peoples of the world in wars, "And Let It BEGIN With Me."

All GIFT programs have been a gift to us. *Sometimes when we are tired & we don't feel like going, I think, "Let's just go, we don't want to miss the "gift," so we come and are always happy we do.*

And we hope that all who read this, will say the same, and come too.

-Larry and Sue Gannon



The 2024-2025 GIFT theme is
Jesus Calling
 Called to be followers of Christ

This year's program theme invites each of us to recognize and respond to the unique way God calls us in our lives. Through learning in the context of the liturgical year and through Sacred Scripture stories, feasts and seasons, we will follow Jesus' journey and discover meaning and purpose in our own. Join us as we Grow In Faith Together!

G.I.F.T. IS FOR EVERYONE AGES 6-106!

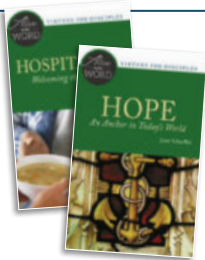
It is not only a catechetical program for children and families— it is for adults of every age and stage of life.

Registration for Mid-South's Faith Formation Program G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) is here!

The 2024-25 G.I.F.T. program is open to single adults, couples and families (Ages 6-106!)

- Please pick up a new family or returning family registration form from the bulletin board area in the atrium or on the website: [Faith Formation > G.I.F.T. > Registration](#)
- **New Families:** please note that you will also need a parish registration and copies of previous records of faith formation attendance.
- Our Sacramental (First Reconciliation/Holy Communion or Confirmation) programs are a two year process typically beginning in 1st Grade/9th Grade but we accommodate students and adults of every age.
- **Returning Family registrations are due by June 1st.** New Family registrations do not have a deadline.
- Please pick up a Returning Family or New Family Registration form from the back tables, Atrium, Faith Formation Office, or download from our website www.msccatholic.org under Faith Formation > G.I.F.T. > Registration.
- Our program is open to single adults and families! All new students must provide any Sacramental certificate copies to the Registrations.

Little Rock Scripture Study Twenty years of Little Rock Scripture Study will wrap up in our parish with two short faith-sharing programs of three weeks each. From the Alive in the Word series we will present *Hope, an Anchor in Today's World*, and *Hospitality, Welcoming the Stranger*. The first program will be given on Wednesday mornings in **May, the 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 9:30 AM**. The second will be an evening program, presented in June. Each program will consist of reading and reflection on three passages from Scripture. Books will be available from the Faith Formation Office for advance reading. For further information, contact **Maureen McDermott:** mfmcdern@netscape.net or **Deb McGrath:** deb.mcgrath27@gmail.com.



Register today!
May 5th
 at St. John of the Cross

Stop by... Ask questions...
 Get information...

And register!

The 2024-25 GIFT Schedule:

Sundays 1: 4-6:30 PM

Sept. 15th	Jan. 5th
Oct. 13th	Feb. 2nd
Nov. 10th	Mar. 9th

Wednesdays: 5-7:30 PM

Sept. 15th	Jan. 8th
Oct. 16th	Feb. 5th
Nov. 13th	Mar. 12th

Fridays: 6-8:30 PM

Sept. 20th	Jan. 10th
Oct. 18th	Feb. 7th
Nov. 15th	Mar. 14th

Sundays 2: 4-6:30 PM

Sept. 22nd	Jan. 12th
Oct. 20th	Feb. 9th*
Nov. 17th	Mar. 16th

*** NOTE:**

The 2-9-25 session time will be **1-3:30pm** due to *Super Bowl Sunday*.



Next Weekend!

Mother's Day Rose Sale

May 11th & 12th
 after all Masses

Dozens, triples & singles in a variety of colors!



Eucharistic Ministry Information and Training

Have you thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister (EM) and would like more information? Or do you already have the desire to serve Mid-South Catholic as an EM, but need to learn the ropes? On **Saturday, June 1st**, from **10:30 AM to 12 PM**, there will be an information and training meeting for prospective Eucharistic Ministers. TO REGISTER for the session or simply to learn more about this ministry, please contact BJ Daly Horell at bj@mscatholic.org or 203-264-5071, ext. 203.

Altar Server Information and Training Meeting

Anyone entering grade 4 and beyond (teens and adults very welcome!) who wants more information about becoming an Altar Server, please contact BJ for information or to sign up for ONE of the following training sessions:

Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 PM OR **Saturday June 8 at 1:00 PM**

Additional details will follow upon registration.

The Women's Group at St. John of the Cross meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 PM** at the **Father Fanning Hall**. Our speaker, Rich Beebe was unable to speak at the April meeting so he will be speaking at the May Meeting. We are excited to have our parishioner, Rich, fresh off his 2nd Act debut at the Palace, "Loss, Grief and Words" be our Guest Speaker at 7:00 PM. 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, please call Michele Cambra at 203-228-2001 for more information. We will be collecting items for Safe Haven that evening.

Parish Nurse Health Tip: Skin Cancer Prevention

As the weather begins to warm up, please consider these tips to keep your skin protected against the harmful rays of the sun:

1. Stay out of the sun as much as possible between 10 AM and 4 PM.
2. Cover up with long sleeves, long pants, hat, and sunglasses.
3. Use sunscreen SPF 15 or higher on any exposed skin.
4. Check your skin for any changes regularly.

Blood Pressure Screening next weekend:

May 11th & 12th after all Masses

New Reader Ministry Training To those who have signed up to attend the Spring Reader Training Session: Your class will be held on **Saturday, May 18th at 1 PM** at the **Sacred Heart Campus**. Please mark your calendars. If you have questions, please contact **Susan Cassidy, Reader Training Coordinator** at susanmcassidy@yahoo.com.

Baptismal Ministry: If you are expecting a child or considering baptism for a pre-school age child, please contact Donna Ryan in the Parish Office at least three months prior to your target date for Infant Baptism.

Weddings-Correction Congratulations to Ashley Lopez and Justin Krajewski who will be married from Sacred Heart Church this coming week. We apologize that the groom's name was misspelled in previous notices.

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

Mary Frances	Ann Farrow	Mary Ann Pingaro	Jim Walsh	Dorothy McNamara	Taylor Richard
J.C. Corr	Bella Burns	James Forte	Mark Anderson	Samantha	Frank Locasio
Jennifer Pike	Audrey Brody	Maureen Ann Koren	Jolynn Parlatore	Lucia Mannello	Mary Lou Cheek
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Joe Capobianco	Marty Flanagan	Emilia Ayon	Kelli Leanden	Tammy McAdams	Esther Vilela
Virginia Cartiglia	Valerie Venezia	Ethan McGuinness	Harold Olcese	Rhonda Ostrom	Jereilyn Fields
Mark Cavallero	Canadeo	Elizabeth Walsh	Lynn	Larry Lucas	Sheila Drakeley
John Weyant	Ed Villamana	Sal Lafata	Anthony Desimone	Rosemary	Cosmo Mazza
J.A. Zawacki	Carter Razz	Raymond DiFonzo	Norma Voels	Rossomando	Adam Smith
Ezra Black	Kayla Snabaitis	Olga Scileppi	Albert Pagliaro	Marcia Bartow	Kristin Nauheimer
Baby Declan Rowe	Martha D'Eramo	Infant John Vincent	Tony DeFelice	Michael Browne	Gail Prager
Baby John	George Logan	Paul Pittman	Louise Pawlowski	Marian Pelletier	Sharon Wooley
Steve Brown	Paul Beavers	Andrew Perrella	Sam Falco	Sandy Romano	Betty J. vonBergen
Julia Logan	Brian Logan	Ray Eliason	Mary Wanag	Ed Robinson	

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 Mid-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 Monday 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

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge a commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact on someone's life. 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**

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St. Vincent DePaul

Sandwich Ministry

Sacred Heart Campus
Next drop off: May 7th & 21th
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. Please make sure you pick up your new schedule from the Church kitchen. For more information, please contact **Bill Hahn:** bhahn23@sbcglobal.net.

St. John of the Cross Campus:
Sandwich Team 3, Week of 5/5

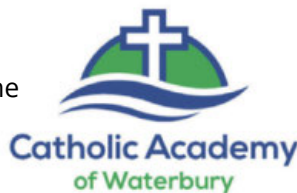
Teams meet weekly in Fr. Fanning Hall to make sandwiches. Tuna, mayo and sandwich bags are provided. Each team donates bread and eggs for egg salad. Teams meet in the morning and deliver the sandwiches to the shelter before lunch. For more information, please contact **Jackie Desmarais:** 203-509-6502

Meal Ministry

Team A will be serving Shepherd's Pie with salad and desert on **Monday, May 6th** at the St Vincent DePaul homeless center in Waterbury. Let's share our giving spirit with those less fortunate. We need new members to join our team as well. If you would like to join our ministry, please contact Mike Leonetti at mikeleonetti123@gmail.com or call 203-768- 0820. Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Academy of Waterbury

Are you looking for a preschool that feels like a home away from home and a compassionate community where your child will feel comfortable falling in love with learning? Catholic Academy of Waterbury is the place to be! Join us on **Wednesday, May 8th** between **4-6:00 PM** for a Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 Open House. Tour our classrooms, discover what learning in a STREAM Academy means for our little ones, and fall in love with a community that will set your child up for success now and in the future. For more information, please give Janet or Patti a call at 203-756-5313 and visit us online at: catholicacademywaterbury.org. Register by May 15th for a special \$150 discount! Financial assistance may also be available.



Southbury Food Bank Donations The next delivery of food donations to the Southbury Food Bank is **Saturday, May 11th**. We continue to support the very crucial canned meat supply through the SFB Adopt-A-Shelf program. This includes canned tuna and chicken, chili, corned beef hash and spam. Thank you to all who help to keep our shelf abundantly stocked! If you haven't donated in the past, please consider participating in this important ministry. Canned goods and food supplies can be left in the Food Bank box in the Atrium at the Sacred Heart campus before or after all Masses or any time weekdays from 9 AM to 4:00 PM. Donations can be left anytime up until 10:30 AM on May 11th. Thank you for your continued support. For information about this ministry, contact Susan Salcito at susansalcito@yahoo.com. Food donated at the St. John of the Cross is donated to the Middlebury Food Bank.



Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds collected remain here in the Hartford Archdiocese to support local communications efforts. Your donation helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.



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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, May 4 – ROC Mass

5:00 PM Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, May 5

7:30 AM Elaine Lynch

Requested by John Lynch

9:00 AM Thomas Richard Minter

Requested by Emily Sampino

Kathy Conklin-Tompkins

Requested by Patrick Griffin

11:00 AM Robert & Barbara Brennan

Requested by their family

Monday, May 6

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 AM Harriet Mitchell

*Requested by her daughter,
Pat Kugeman*

Thursday, May 9

Feast of the Ascension

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
at Sacred Heart

12:00 PM Intentions of our Parishioners
at St. John of the Cross

6:00 PM Intentions of our Parishioners
At Sacred Heart

Friday, May 10

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 11

5:00 PM Ann Lattimore

Requested by Jeanne Kaufman

Evyette Lopez Hetherington

Requested by The Piro Family

Sunday, May 12

7:30 AM Ligia Mesquita de Sousa Godinho

Requested by her daughter

Diana & Lucilea Brito

Requested by the family

9:00 AM Josephine Matozzo

Requested by Lina Savard &

Marie Sinopoli

Lorraine Cable

Requested by Carole VanTassel

11:00 AM Laurence Kenausis

Requested by his family

Patricia Ann Mensik

*Requested by the Women's Group
at St. John of the Cross*



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 Al and Lina Savard by their 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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