

# MIDD SOUTH CATHOLIC

*The Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury*

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**JUNE 2, 2024**

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
Corpus Christi**



## Welcome!

*Mid-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

*How will I carry Christ into my world today?*

### WELCOME Father Jaime!

*See next page*

### 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...

### *Welcome Father Jaime Maldonado-Aviles!*

Last weekend at all Masses, Father Philip Sharkey, Administrator, read an announcement, provided by Monsignor James A. Shanley, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia, that Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne has appointed Rev. Jaime Maldonado-Aviles as \*Administrator of Mid-South Catholic Parish, the Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury, effective June 12, 2024. Fr. Maldonado was ordained in 2020, is 45 years old, and most recently was Parochial Vicar of St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish in Manchester, where they are in the midst of "Rebuilt and have recently completed a feasibility study to merge multiple churches and parishes into one and build a new church to serve all."



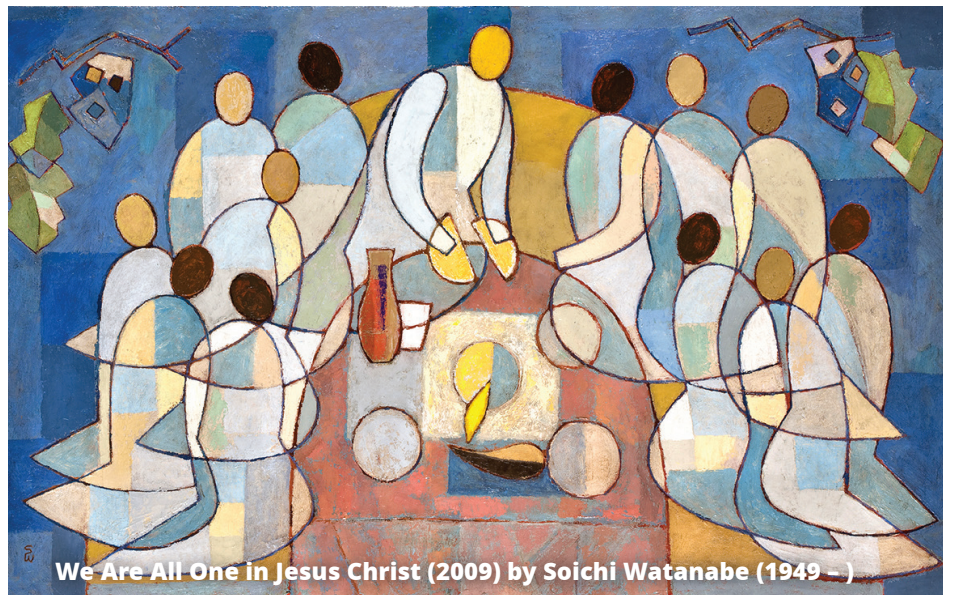
He attended seminary at Theological College at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. receiving a STB/M. Divinity dual degree. That followed his receiving a PH. D. in neuroscience from the University of Pittsburgh and a Fellowship at Yale University. It was in New Haven that Fr. Maldonado seriously discerned his vocation to the priesthood.

We warmly welcome Father Maldonado-Aviles to our parish, offer our prayers, support and wish him continued blessings in his ministry and pastoral leadership!

\*Priests are first assigned as "Administrator" of a parish and then a year or so later, after consultation among the parishioners and staff by the Vicar for Clergy are named as "Pastor" for a six year term.

### **For Reflection**

The gift of the Eucharist is celebrated today on this Solemnity; and like all of God's gifts, it is a gift to be shared. In receiving the sacrament of God's very self through the Eucharist each week, we renew our covenant with God and gain vital strength to continue to be both sacrament and sign of God's love alive and active in the world. Communities of faith all over the world are unified in this mission. God never withholds welcome or nourishment; there is always a place at the table, and enough for all. We celebrate the risen Christ alive in us and embody God's transforming love through our practical and integrated daily living with others. We are always called to become what we freely receive: wine of compassion, and bread of life for a hungry world. (<https://socialjustice.catholic.org>)





**REGISTER TODAY!**

Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information:

203-264-5065

[www.midsouthcatholic.org](http://www.midsouthcatholic.org)

## 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 Midd-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 were due 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](http://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.

### The 2024-25 GIFT Schedule:

Choose your timeslot from the four options below. Need to change? Just email us before the session.

#### **SUNDAYS 1: 4-6:30 PM**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY: 5-7:30 PM**

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

#### **FRIDAY: 6-8:30 PM**

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

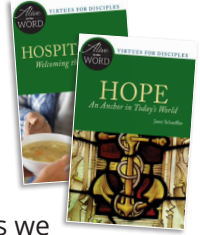
#### **SUNDAYS 2: 4-6:30 PM**

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

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

### Little Rock Scripture Study Program

will wrap up our twentieth year of study 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, insights into how in difficult times we can find God's care in our lives, and Hospitality, Welcoming the Stranger, what it means to be an authentic Christian community. The first program has one more session May 29th at 9:30. The second will be a Wednesday evening program, presented on Zoom, **June 5th, 12th & 19th**. The program consists of reading and reflection on three passages from Scripture, and no DVD program will follow. Books are available in the Faith Formation Office for advance reading. For more information, please contact: **Maureen McDermott:** [mfmcd@netscape.net](mailto:mfmcd@netscape.net) or **Deb McGrath:** [deb.mcgrath27@gmail.com](mailto:deb.mcgrath27@gmail.com).



#### What to Expect:

- Learn the mechanics of the rosary.
- Gain a glimpse of its history & champions.
- Find out what its benefits are.
- Engage and pray step-by-step.
- Leave able to put it into practice.

**JUNE 3RD 2024**

Monday | 6:30pm

The Chapel at Sacred Heart Campus

To reserve your spot:  
Call/text or email Rosanne:

**203-770-8642**

[rverlezza@charter.net](mailto:rverlezza@charter.net)

## Altar Server Training Schedule

You will need to register with BJ to get the protocols in preparation for the training at 203-264-5071, ext. 203 or email at [bj@mscatholic.org](mailto:bj@mscatholic.org).

- **June 8th, 11:00 AM**, Sacred Heart campus
- **June 30, 9:30 AM**, St. John of the Cross campus

## Celebrating the Sacraments

The Sacraments are the most treasured ways we celebrate Christ Alive in the life of our faith community! Lately, you've seen our newest Catholics participating fully in our sacramental life. What sacraments might you be missing at this time? Contact the parish office to get started at 203-264-5071, or contact BJ or Ami directly at [bj@mscatholic.org](mailto:bj@mscatholic.org) or [ami@mscatholic.org](mailto:ami@mscatholic.org).

## 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.

## Praying the Holy Rosary at Sacred Heart Campus

The Columbiettes and the Knights of Columbus from Council 5066 will lead the praying of the holy rosary in the Daily Chapel of Sacred Heart campus **today, June 2nd**. The prayer will start promptly at 8:35 AM and will end by 9 AM. Please come to increase the intensity of your regular prayers, to meditate in Roman Catholic tradition, and/or to focus your prayers on any special intentions that you may have. Guides for praying the rosary will be made available. This will be the final Rosary until the fall.



## Columbiettes News!

Thank you to all the families who collected pop tabs this year. The Columbiettes will bring the full bags and boxes to Ronald McDonald House in June. It looks like we beat last year's 251 pounds donation. Please continue to help the New Haven Ronald McDonald House throughout the year. This is a charity that provides housing for children and their families during cancer treatment. A container is located near the Covenant to Care box in the atrium. There is still time before we close out this year.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The June WSW meeting will take place on **JUNE 10 IN THE EMMAUS ROOM**. Please join us as this will be the last one of the season!

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

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|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Mary Frances       | Audrey Brody      | Christopher Yonka   | Harold Olcese    | Rosemary         | Kristin Nauheimer   |
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| Jennifer Pike      | Doug Mihalko      | Ethan McGuinness    | Anthony Desimone | Marcia Bartow    | Sharon Wooley       |
| Mary Arpaia        | Marty Flanagan    | Elizabeth Walsh     | Norma Voels      | Michael Browne   | Betty J. vonBergen  |
| Michael Berardelli | Valerie Venezia   | Sal Lafata          | Albert Pagliaro  | Marian Pelletier | Rose Sparano        |
| Joe Capobianco     | Canadeo           | Raymond DiFonzo     | Tony DeFelice    | Sandy Romano     | Connie Court        |
| Virginia Cartiglia | Ed Villamana      | Olga Scileppi       | Louise Pawlowski | Ed Robinson      | Maureen Ann Crowley |
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| John Weyant        | Kayla Snabaitis   | Paul Pittman        | Mary Wanag       | Frank Locasio    | Kathryn Lowkis      |
| J.A. Zawacki       | Martha D'Eramo    | Andrew Perrella     | Dorothy McNamara | Mary Lou Cheek   | Jane Corbitt        |
| Ezra Black         | George Logan      | Ray Eliason         | Samantha         | Gayle Horrell    | Sally Logan         |
| Baby Declan Rowe   | Paul Beavers      | Jim Walsh           | Lucia Mannello   | Manuel Tomas     | Michael Culhane     |
| Baby John          | Brian Logan       | Mark Anderson       | Brandon Young    | Esther Vilela    | Carole Voytok       |
| Steve Brown        | Mary Ann Pingaro  | Jolynn Parlatore    | Peggy Noel       | Jerelyn Fields   | Richard Dube        |
| Julia Logan        | James Forte       | Shannon             | Tammy McAdams    | Sheila Drakeley  |                     |
| Ann Farrow         | Maureen Ann Koren | Joan Anderson       | Rhonda Ostrom    | Cosmo Mazza      |                     |
| Bella Burns        | Rick Small        | Kelli Leanden       | Larry Lucas      | Adam Smith       |                     |

**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@holyfamilyretreat.org](mailto: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](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:

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**

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,** 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)

### 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

**Last meeting of the season - June 10th**

# SOCIAL OUTREACH

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal** As the active phase of the 2024 Appeal begins to wind down, we want to express our gratitude to those who have already made a gift or a pledge. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal. As we near the completion of the active phase, we thank those who have given and encourage those who have not to join us in this important endeavor. We thank you for your continued support of this year's Appeal and please pray for its success – so many are counting on us! For more information, you may also visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://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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## Sandwich Ministry

**Sacred Heart Campus**

**Next drop off: June 4 & 18**

**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. A new schedule will be out shortly. For more information, please contact Bill Hahn: [bhahn23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhahn23@sbcglobal.net).

**St. John of the Cross Campus:**  
**Sandwich Team 1, Week of 6/2**

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 B** will serve their meal at the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter on **Monday, June 3rd**. It consists of chicken and rice casserole, salad, and cookies for dessert. Thank you for your support. The residents of the shelter look forward to our meal and appreciate it very much! If you have any questions, please contact **Bob Byrne** at 202-770-5297.



## Grand Boulage Clinic Update

For the past six years, the Grand Boulage Community Health Project has been making significant strides in enhancing the health and well-being of vulnerable families in Grand Boulage, Haiti. This village is home to Our Lady of Sorrows, our Twinned Parish. The collaborative efforts of Medicines for Humanity (MFH), Seeds of Hope for Haiti, and the Grand Boulage community have yielded notable improvements in access to health services, community outreach, and nutrition services for the residents.

We are pleased to present the latest report from the MFH project. To review the detailed report and see the impact of our combined efforts, please visit our website: <https://www.seedsofhopehaiti.org>

While you're on our website, please consider donating through the Travelers Championship Birdies for Charity. Webster Bank will increase your donation by 15%. Thank you!



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**Southbury Food Bank Donations** The next delivery of food donations to the Southbury Food Bank is **next Saturday, June 8th**. 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 in the past, please consider participating in this important ministry. We currently have a **SHORT SUPPLY OF CANNED CHICKEN AND BEEF STEW**. Please consider helping to stock our meat shelf! Kindly leave any donations in the Food Bank box in the Atrium at Sacred Heart Church before or after all Masses or any time weekdays from 9 AM to 4:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support. For information about helping with this ministry, please contact Susan Salcito at [susansalcito@yahoo.com](mailto:susansalcito@yahoo.com).



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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](https://www.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, June 1 – ROC Mass**

**5:00 PM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**Sunday, June 2**

**Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood**

**7:30 AM Judith Houle**

*Requested by Susan McKenna*

**William Stevens**

*Requested by The Dugan Family*

**9:00 AM James E. Ricker, JR.**

*Requested by Diane Regan*

**Roseanne Giusto**

*Requested by Sal Pace*

**11:00 AM Margaret Kenny**

*Requested by Stephen Kenny*

**Patrick Dwyer**

*Requested by his family*

**Monday, June 3**

**8:00 AM Jennie Calabrese**

*Requested by her family*

**Helen Van Wicklen**

*Requested by Arlene Sullivan & family*

**Tuesday, June 4**

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

**Wednesday, June 5**

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

**Thursday, June 6 - NO MASS**

**Friday, June 7 - NO MASS**

**Saturday, June 8**

**5:00 PM George Dunleavy**

*Requested by Ed & Mary Comstock*

**Angelina Tusa D'Amico**

*Requested by her family*

**Sunday, June 9**

**7:30 AM Ed DiGuisto**

*Requested by The Dugan Family*

**Jim Reel**

*Requested by Malcolm & Nancy McLachlan*

**9:00 AM Helen Bernardis**

*Requested by her family*

**Lina Savard**

*Requested by Linda Rubino*

**11:00 AM Robert & Daria Capobianco**

*Requested by their family*

**Michael & Vilma Lombardi**

*Requested by their 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 Gordon A. and Veronica F. Fry requested by their 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 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](mailto:mkorsu@mscatholic.org)





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