

MIDD SOUTH CATHOLIC

The Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury

**St. John of the Cross
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September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Catechetical
Sunday**

Lord, when did we
see you hungry

MATTHEW 25:37

 UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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

*Is Jesus calling you to share
your faith with others?*

How?

WELCOME WEEKEND

October 5th & 6th

Invite someone to Mass!

Second Collection
Next Week for our
Catholic Elementary
Schools

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sacred Heart

Sunday Mass

7:30am, 9am

Sacred Heart

11am

St. John of the Cross

DAILY MASS

Mondays & Thursdays - 8am

St. John of the Cross

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 8am

Sacred Heart

RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

Saturdays 3pm - 3:30pm

1st & 2nd Saturday of the Month

St. John of the Cross

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday of the Month

Sacred Heart

REIMAGINE CHURCH | ENCOUNTER JESUS | LIVE WITH PURPOSE

THIS IS US...

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, “Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church’s life... her inner growth and correspondence with God’s plan depend essentially on catechesis” (no. 7). This ministry of teaching has a profound dignity. Today we invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents and guardians are truly the primary teachers of their children. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only pray for the work of teaching ministers and volunteers in the G.I.F.T. Program and Sacramental preparation, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them in their role of making their households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the faith formation model at Mid-South includes parents and guardians– it is a lifelong approach to growing in faith. Adults with or without children in the program continue learning and building our faith community.

It is a privilege to accompany each of you and your households this year. We are always learning and connecting faith to what is happening now in our lives. If you have not registered for the G.I.F.T. *Growing in Faith Together* Program we invite you to join us. The learning theme is Jesus Calling us to discipleship through the Church year.

How is your personal relationship with God?

Blessings,
-Ami

Mass of the Investiture of the Pallium for Archbishop Christopher Coyne

**Monday, October 14th, 11 am
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford**

It’s a historic moment for the Archdiocese of Hartford, as Archbishop Coyne will be the first Archbishop of Hartford to officially receive the Pallium in his home metropolitan archdiocese. (Pope Francis changed previous custom of public investiture by himself in Rome). Those attending are also invited to take part of a reception for Archbishop Coyne immediately following the Mass in Aetna’s auditorium.

Attendees from the parish are asked to register online by September 13th:
www.hartfordcathedral.org/pallium



In the United States, someone dies by suicide every 11 minutes. Suicide affects every race, gender, ethnic group, and orientation, so it's important to know and spread the word that suicide is preventable, and that help is available.

Every September we recognize Suicide Prevention Month as a time to continue learning about suicide prevention, remember those we have lost to suicide, and acknowledge the many individuals, families, and communities that have been impacted by suicide. This time is also an important opportunity to honor the strength and resilience of people who have experienced and continue to overcome suicidal thoughts and attempts.

Learn more by clicking the link or scanning the qr code:

[https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/
programs-and-services/finding-
services/suicide-resources](https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/programs-and-services/finding-services/suicide-resources)





G.I.F.T.

Growing in Faith Together

**G.I.F.T. is for everyone
AGES 6-106!**



If you haven't already,
please register today!
Scan the QR Code to register!
-or-
Go to our homepage:
www.midsouthcatholic.org

SEPTEMBER SESSIONS:

Sunday 1: Tonight!
Sept. 15th, 4-6:30 PM

Wednesday:
Sept. 18th, 5-7:30 PM

Friday:
Sept. 20th, 6-8:30 PM

Sunday 2:
Sept. 22nd, 4-6:30 PM

This month's meal will be catered
by **Nardelli's**.
Sandwich, chips & dessert will be served.

The first session
BEGINS TODAY
Sunday, Sept 15th!

Any questions?
Please contact:
ffo@mscatholic.org,
203.264.5065



Little Rock Scripture Study

TWO STUDIES!

The Acts of the Apostles:
Thursdays, 7 PM, SJCC
Group leader: Mary Ann Kelly

The Gospel According to Luke:
Begins Sept 25th,
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM, SHC
or Zoom
Group leaders:

Maureen McDermott & Deb McGrath

Both studies align perfectly with
this year's GIFT theme:

Discipleship-Following Jesus.

Follow in the footsteps of Jesus
today. All are welcome!

For more information or to sign-up:
ffo@mscatholic.org or 203-264-5065



17th ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC

MEN'S CONFERENCE

THE FOUR LAST THINGS

DEATH, JUDGMENT HEAVEN, HELL

CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG
ORDER TICKETS ONLINE



DATE & TIME
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:30AM - 4PM VIGIL MASS

LOCATION
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST HARTFORD



Steve Ray



Peter Herbeck



Kevin Wells



Fr Wade Menezes

Special Guest:
Archbishop Coyne
Celebrant & Homilist

Special Event:
Procession of the
Saint's Reliquaries

Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions
National Speakers
Exhibitors & Vendors

We're Ready... Are You Ready? Come join the Women's Group at SJCC for a year of *Fun* and *Spiritually!* A "Welcome" meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 PM at St. John of the Cross campus in Father Fanning Hall.** If FFH is not available because of the storm repairs, we will be meeting down the road at the Shephardson Community Center in the Dining Room (please park in the upper lot where the wheelchair ramp is for easiest access). Nicole Plasky, Director of Pastoral Outreach at The Blessed Michael McGivney Center for Renewal in Waterbury, will talk about the good works being done at the Center and what help is needed. The collection for this meeting will be for the Center. Items needed are T-shirts and underwear for both Men and Women, size Medium and Large, socks, toothpaste, razors, small soaps, & deodorant. Prior to the talk, the evening will include a meet & greet, membership sign-up, review and offer suggestions for the Calendar of Events for the year, etc. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome! Check us out!! If you have questions, please call or text, **Michele Cambra** at 203-228-2001. Looking forward to seeing you!



This group, led by trained facilitators in a caring and supportive setting, takes you through the tasks of grieving that will eventually help you move forward in a very positive direction.

**Begins Thursday, Oct. 3rd
1:30 - 3PM, Hospitality Room
Sacred Heart**

For registration or questions, call **Catherine Hughes** at 203-592-8092

FIRST FALL MEETING Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT)

**Tuesday, Sept 17, 9:30 AM
Sacred Heart Campus
Jerusalem Room**

An opportunity to learn more about LIFT & to discuss the programs that are planned. All women are welcome.

For further information, contact:

Pat Kugeman at 203-417-9930
pmkugeman@aol.com

Hilda Henriques at 203-233-0242
hildahenriques@yahoo.com

Nancy Pisani at 203-525-7260
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Please pray for our sick at home, in hospitals and convalescent homes, especially:

Mary Frances	Marty Flanagan	Mark Anderson	Marcia Bartow	Maureen Ann Crowley
J.C. Corr	Valerie Venezia	Jolynn Parlatore	Michael Browne	Kathryn Lowkis
Jennifer Pike	Canadeo	Shannon	Sandy Romano	Jane Corbitt
Mary Arpaia	Ed Villamana	Joan Anderson	Ed Robinson	Sally Logan
Michael Berardelli	Carter Razz	Kelli Leanden	Taylor Richard	Michael Culhane
Joe Capobianco	Kayla Snabaitis	Harold Olcese	Frank Locasio	Carole Voytok
Virginia Cartiglia	Martha D'Eramo	Lynn	Mary Lou Cheek	Jay Bucko
Mark Cavallero	George Logan	Anthony Desimone	Gayle Horrell	Cole Richard Chabre
John Weyant	Paul Beavers	Norma Voels	Manuel Tomas	Joe & Rosetta Capobianca
J.A. Zawacki	Brian Logan	Albert Pagliaro	Esther Vilela	Fran Fraine
Ezra Black	Mary Ann Pingaro	Tony DeFelice	Jerelyn Fields	Renee Fraine
Baby Declan Rowe	James Forte	Louise Pawlowski	Cosmo Mazza	Bob Slowik
Baby John	Sal Lafata	Sam Falco	Adam Smith	Elvira Cino
Steve Brown	Raymond DiFonzo	Dorothy McNamara	Kristin Nauheimer	Roy Schmalling
Julia Logan	Olga Scileppi	Samantha	Gail Prager	Glen Gleissner
Ann Farrow	Infant John Vincent	Lucia Mannello	Sharon Wooley	Jeff Eliason
Bella Burns	Paul Pittman	Brandon Young	Betty J. von Bergen	Joan Slowik
Audrey Brody	Andrew Perrella	Tammy McAdams	Rose Sparano	Paul B. Burne
Jeanne Gray	Ray Eliason	Rhonda Ostrom	Connie Court	
Doug Mihalko	Jim Walsh	Larry Lucas	Christian Lawson	

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

The Season of Creation

Begun by the Orthodox Catholic Church as a World Day of Prayer, it was adopted and enlarged by the World Council of Churches. Later Pope Francis warmly welcomed it through his statements and prayer. The Pope has used this season and to call all Roman Catholics to respond with teachings, prayer and action.

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, The Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



Please help the Knights Support our Food Banks this September!

Southbury and Middlebury Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Grocery Store Gift Card Drive for the Southbury and Middlebury Food Banks.

Look for the blue collection boxes at both parishes throughout the whole month of September!



Toiletry Collection Sponsored by the Columbiettes

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a collection of toiletries for the homeless who go to the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter. We are asking for donations so we can fill a plastic gallon size bag with travel size items, such as: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion and deodorant. Also, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste and wash cloths. Any of these items can be dropped off to a bin marked for St. Vincent DePaul Toiletries in the Atrium at Sacred Heart in Southbury or in the back of St. John of Cross in Middlebury, starting after all masses on the weekend of **September 28th/29th** through **October 4th**. If you have any questions, please call/text **Susan McKenna**: 203-232-5881. We thank you.

NURSE MINISTRY

Mental health is just as important as physical health. If you or a loved one experience any of the following, know there is help available:

1. Excessive worry or fear
2. Excessive feelings of sadness
3. Prolonged or strong feelings of anger or irritability
4. Changes in mood
5. Avoiding friends or social activities
6. Changes in eating or sleeping habits.

Know there is help just a phone call away. Call or text 988 or 211 (in CT only) for free confidential support. You matter and are not alone.

**This Weekend
BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENING
September 14 & 15
After all Masses**

The Sandwich making ministry at Sacred Heart needs a new leader.

This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to step up and get involved with our parish's great support to the St. Vincent DePaul Homeless Shelter. This ministry provides sandwiches to the Shelter in Waterbury. The homeless shelter can house over 100 men, women and children per night and sandwiches provide lunches and alternative option for dinner. At Sacred Heart, sandwiches are prepared at home every other Tuesday, according to the schedule, brought to the Church and stored in the refrigerator for pick up on Wednesday by a representative from the shelter. The role of the leader is to coordinate the scheduling, drop-off and the pick-up of the sandwiches. If you are interested in finding out about this opportunity, please contact, **Bob Byrne** at rbyrne519@gmail.com or 203-267-7778. We look forward to working with you.

Sandwich Ministry

Sacred Heart Campus:

Next drop off:

Sept 24th & Oct 8th

7:30am - 4pm

Thank you for all you do! If you did not receive the new schedule, please contact the Parish Office.

St. John of the Cross Campus:

Sandwich Team 4,

Week of 9/15

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 info, please contact:
Jackie Desmarais 203-509-6502



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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)**

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, September 14

5:00 PM Ted Genthe
Requested by his parents & sister

Bill Murray
Requested by his wife, Marie

Sunday, September 15

7:30 AM Gen Weaving
Requested by Eileen Gorham

9:00 AM Joseph Collette
Requested by John & Liz Schmidt

11:00 AM Patricia Ann Mensik
Requested by Nick & Noreen Corsi

Monday, September 16

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Thursday, September 19

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners

Friday, September 20 NO MASS

Saturday, September 21

5:00 PM Samuel J. Falcone
Requested by his wife

Robert Donnelly
Requested by his brother, Paul Donnelly

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM Elaine Norris
Requested by Eileen Gorham

9:00 AM Louis & Jennie Comparetta
Requested by their family

Meghan Kyla Tateo Beebe
Requested by her father

11:00 AM Joanne Duranceau & Meghan Dowling
Requested by Christian Dowling

Mary Melchiorre
Requested by The Beltran 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 Al & 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 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

