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OCTOBER 17, 2021 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Confirmation students work with production manager, Brendan Dacey, broadcasting a recent ROC Mass.

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

How is Jesus calling you to meet him through others?

SMALL GROUPS

Spirituality, Prayer and Faith Sharing

See page 3.

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

Mon, Tues, Wed - 8AM
St. John of the Cross Campus
Thurs & Fri - 8AM
Sacred Heart Campus

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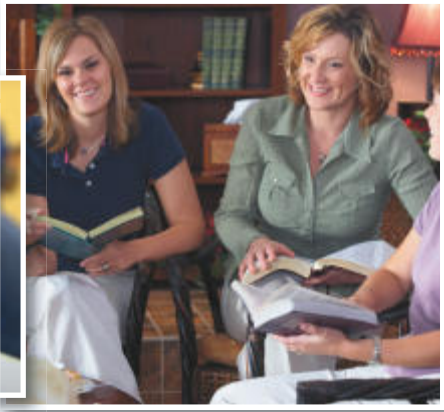
THIS IS US



As we reach the mid-point of October, in which the colorful leaves vibrantly speak to us announcing FALL IS HERE, we ready ourselves for the next steps in our journey as an emerging parish. Some have returned home from summering elsewhere, many have settled in to the family routines of school and activities, and others continue the steady pace of the day to day business that begins in the morning and ends into the late evening. All of us are still, in one way or another, negotiating the challenges and effects of the covid-19 pandemic. The Church eagerly awaits better understanding as to how the pandemic will ultimately impact parish communities. We look to our members for signs of connection through Mass onsite and online, Faith Formation registration, pastoral visits, conversations and inquiries, responses to service and outreach initiatives, giving, and ministry participation.

Unique to our community, is how we have also responded to the changes we are experiencing, as we look for the familiar ways to return in, perhaps, an unfamiliar environment. New faces, new places, new procedures, and new names may disrupt and deter connecting to the parish and faith we are ready to engage. Our pastoral and parish staff, ministry leaders and members are working hard to organize and serve our community but we have not yet *mastered the merge* process nor accomplished every goal in this time of transition. We care deeply and work purposefully, and not without error, to follow the mission of Jesus in our place and time.

My observation is that our connections are improving in these areas -to be honest I don't have recent giving data- but in many areas of participation and engagement we do see an increasing trend which is a wonderful and hopeful indication that we, albeit gradually, are seeking faith through Midd-South Catholic.

One way this is evident is the start-up of small group ministries offered on both campuses and on Zoom. With small groups John Ortberg writes "God uses people to form people. That is why what happens between you and another person is never *merely* human-to-human interaction– the Spirit longs to be powerfully at work in every encounter." So the goal of small groups is to create environments where Spirit-driven, life-giving experiences can flourish. While the type of group or study can help promote a positive environment, the real things that promote a healthy environment for flourishing are prayer, support, service, confession, worship, accountability, conflict resolution, social gatherings, and simply doing life together.

In the side bar on page 3 and throughout the bulletin we offer small group opportunities to experience the gift of relationship and community to support living out our purpose, both as individuals and as a collective group of believers– to be the church.

Blessings,
Ami

COMING SOON!

GIFT+

a small group addition to the GIFT program

UPCOMING G.I.F.T. DATES:

OCTOBER 2021		
Sunday 1	October 17th	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday	October 20th	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday	October 22nd	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Sunday 2	October 24th	4:00 – 6:00 PM

MISSION TRIP 2022

to Dexter, Maine

JULY 10TH - 16TH

Registration deadline: Oct 25th

This trip is for those currently in grade 9-12 and young adults up to age 20. Please sign up here to receive all forms and information:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945acaa2aa7fc1-shcmission

Anyone interested in being an adult leader/chaperone should also add their name to the link above.

For more information, contact Ami Conlan:
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PASTORAL CARE

Please Pray For sick at home, in hospitals and convalescent homes, especially:

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Carole Bogardus
Steve Brown
Elsa Molitor
Nancy Kabasakalian
Sue Adams
Diane Turano
Carol Jameson
Teresa Helbock
Barbara Ditter
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Rina Conte
Phyllis Phelan
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Gloria Browning
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Respect Life

We often think of the Samaritan who stopped to help a man who had been beaten and left for dead as being kind and compassionate. What he did was more than an act of kindness. What he did was lifesaving. We live in an age when some lives no longer seem to matter. Among these are the unborn and the elderly. God is calling us to remind others that every human life is precious in the eyes of God and deserves protection from the moment of conception to the time of natural death. Our response is more than an act of kindness. It is lifesaving.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 16

5:00 PM **Jack & Nicki Nocera**
Requested by Tony & Jackie DelNegro

George Gubitose
Requested by his wife

Edward Boulanger
Requested by Eileen Omundsen

Sunday, October 17

7:30 AM **Mike Marchionna**
Requested by Sandi Tolles

9:00 AM **John & Eileen McGuinness**
Requested by their daughter Kate

James Welsh
Requested by his family

11:00 AM **John & Nicki Nocera**
Requested by their daughters and families

Richard & Sandra Ricciardi
Requested by their children

Monday, October 18

8:00 AM **Florence Luchetti**
Requested by Fran & Pat Grandpre & family

Tuesday, October 19

8:00 AM **Deacon Steve Savarese**
Requested by Vince & Dorothy Calio

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 AM **Lucille Conlon**
Requested by the Morning Breakfast Group

Thursday, October 21

8:00 AM **David Shannon**
Requested by Eileen Omundsen

Elizabeth Donovan
Requested by her sister & family

Friday, October 22

8:00 AM **Sally Jarvis**
Requested by her sister Bobbie Calabrese

Saturday, October 23

5:00 PM **Robert A. Appicelli**
Requested by Ken & Mary Korsu

James Dunn, Sr.
Requested by Adriana Paris

Michael Marchionna
Requested by Harry & Paula Cohan

Sunday, October 24

7:30 AM **Dorothy Kowalski**
Requested by Adriana Paris

9:00 AM **Maria deSimone**
Requested by her daughter Lisa Mayer

Catherine Welch
Requested by Norma Theibault

Paul Westbook
Requested by his wife Sue

11:00 AM **Steve Savarese**
Requested by Regina Kotchian

John Cole
Requested by his wife

Frank Henderson
Requested by his mother Suzanne Henderson

The Marian Votive Candle of SH Campus burns in loving memory of *Ray Patchkofsky by his wife & children*

Pray for & remember those who are Serving– *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., Sage D., Scott D., Gordie F., Miles G., Jeremy G. (Staff Sargent), Michael I., Andrew P., Patrick P., Gill R., Brandon S., Jack S., Julian S., Matthew W.*

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament–SJCC Mondays after the 8:00 am Mass *Anyone is welcome to stop by for a prayerful visit any part of the Holy Hour.*

Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT) is a group of women that meets Tuesday mornings at the Sacred Heart Campus to pray, study, share, and provide service. Because October is the month of the Holy Rosary, we will be reciting the rosary in the church at 9:30 AM on October 19. Afterwards, we will adjourn to the Jerusalem Room for our usual meeting where we will discuss Chapter 3 of the book we are studying, The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream. All women of Midd South Catholic are invited to attend. 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, npisani@sbcglobal.net

Children's Rosary – SHC

Happy 'Month of the Holy Rosary'! Wonderful news! The Ladies of the Columbiettes will resume our Children's Rosary on **Sun, Oct 24th** after the 9:00 AM Mass.

What to expect: pick out a rosary that has been prayed on for you, put your prayer requests at Our Lady's feet so she can bring them to the throne of God, pray with color coded prayer sheets (great for beginners), volunteer opportunities for children to lead prayers or bring up a flower, sing a Marian hymn, color a card for our local Senior friends, and take home a treat! Children of all ages are welcome with their parents or guardian. Please pass this invitation on to a friend. The Columbiettes look forward to seeing you in the Daily Chapel of Sacred Heart Campus in Southbury. Mother Mary will be so happy! For Covid safety, please wear a mask. Many thanks! Please contact Roseanne Verlezza at rverlezza@charter.net if you have any questions.

The Women's Group – SJC

Wednesday, October 20th at **7:00 PM**, **Fr. Fanning Hall**

Come join the Women's Group at the SJC Campus. This month we will be creating Cleaning Supply Baskets for clients of ACTS 4 Ministry and making Christmas Ornaments for patients at Harold Lever Cancer Center in Waterbury. This month's collection will be non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank or feminine hygiene products to donate to ACTS 4 Personal Care Closet. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Soccer Challenge The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a soccer challenge for boys and girls 9-14 years of age from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 24th, at Settlers Park in Southbury. Winners will be eligible for the statewide challenge to be held in November. Participants must come with their birth certificates to verify their ages, along with a parent. Please contact Art Zbrozek at art.zbrozek@gmail.com to register by October 20th.

SPIRITUALITY

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?

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together): A group of women that meet **every Tuesday** at **10 am** in the **Jerusalem Room** at the Sacred Heart Campus to pray, study, share, and provide service. It is also a social gathering, as well as a prayer-centered, learning experience. For additional information, contact the group's facilitators:

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

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

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Little Rock Scripture Study: **Thursdays**, five sessions *(began Sept. 23)*, a Zoom option at 9:30 AM, or in-person sessions at 7:30 PM, St. John of the Cross Campus, Father Fanning Hall. Books are $13.00. Registration is encouraged, particularly for Zoom participants. Sign-up sheets are posted in both campuses or email/call the Faith Formation Office: ffo@mscatholic.org, 203-264-5065

Facilitators: Maureen McDermott (Zoom) and Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC)

Men's Ministry: Meets every Saturday morning, 6:30 to 8:00 AM in the Jerusalem Room. Contact: Dave Kania at dkania08@gmail.com or Patrick Fellin at pfellin21@gmail.com

WomenSharingWisdom (WSW): This prayer and faith-sharing group will meet the **first Monday of every month** at SHC campus in the **Jerusalem Room**, **6:30 to 8:00pm.** All women parishioners are welcome to attend. Please call or text Deb at 203-733-4239 with any questions. If you are new to the group, please let us know you will be attending.

Mom's Bible Study (MBS): Meetings are every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Hospitality Room at Sacred Heart. You can also join via Zoom if you are not comfortable meeting in person. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Trista DiDonato at Trista_DiDonato@yahoo.com or 203-313-1556.

The Women's Group at SJCC: **Wednesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM, Fr. Fanning Hall.** See article on this page for details.

The Knights of Columbus Raise More Than $2700 for Local Food Banks

This past month the Knights of Columbus from Middlebury and Southbury conducted a virtual food drive for the food banks in each town, collecting $2708.43 in grocery store gift cards and checks. The ongoing concern regarding the coronavirus made the sorting of food donations -- and the many hands it takes to do so -- too risky. Hence, the virtual food drive for both food banks to purchase their critical food needs and provide support as the holiday season approaches. The Knights would like to send a special thanks to the many generous parishioners of Midd-South Catholic who made this drive such a success. ***Pictured Left to Right:*** Bruce Palmatier, Member, Knights of Columbus Msgr. Collins Council 5066, Ann Marie Galus, Director, Southbury Food Bank, Jo Ann Cappelletti, Director of Elderly Social Services, Middlebury, Jim Roy, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Fr. Loftus Council 3992

Seeds of Hope for Haiti

Once again, Seeds of Hope for Haiti is unable to host our annual Gala in October. Like 2020, we will conduct a fall fundraiser to support our Haitian sisters and brothers in Grand Boulage. The Covid-19 Pandemic continues to impact our lives and schedules so significantly that we have decided not to hold a physical event this year to keep our community safe. But the tremendous need for your generous support remains.

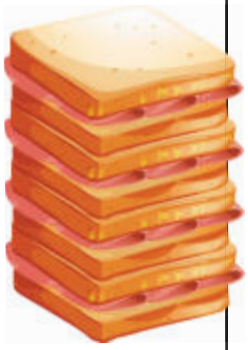
Disasters, natural and man-made, continue to plague Haiti. The country is still recovering from the recent earthquake and tropical storm. These disasters damaged crops and food processing and distribution centers resulting in food shortages throughout the country, including Grand Boulage. Vaccines and therapeutics to fight the COVID-19 pandemic in Haiti remain scarce. Haiti's ongoing political strife, including the assassination of its president, coupled with gruesome gang violence, make even routine travel and daily life dangerous. So, the situation is dire.

Your contribution, no amount being too small, will educate and feed 450 children each day and provide health care for almost 10,000 villagers in Grand Boulage. ***No funds pass through Haitian government hands, but goes to the clinic and to our Twinned Parish, Our Lady of Sorrows.***

Please be as generous as you can by donating at:
www.seedsofhopehaiti.org or mail your donation to:
Seeds of Hope for Haiti, Inc., P.O. Box 284, Southbury, CT 06488

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Sandwich Ministry



Sacred Heart Campus
Next drop off:
Oct 26 & Nov 9
7:30am to 4:30pm

St. John of the Cross Campus
Sandwich Team 2

At **SHC,** sandwiches can now be placed in the main church refrigerator. Thank you for your help and assistance in this special ministry. If you need a copy of the 2021-22 Sandwich Schedule or have any questions, please call, Claire Barlow, at 203-262-0599 or email: cb06488@gmail.com.
If you have any large boxes that can be used to pack the sandwiches, please leave them in the hall.

At **SJCC,** teams meet weekly in Father Fanning Hall to make sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter each week. We currently have 6 teams.
Tuna, Mayo and sandwich bags are provided. Bread and eggs for egg salad are donated by each team. Teams meet in the morning and deliver the sandwiches to the shelter before lunch. For additional information or to join a team, please call Jackie Desmarais at 203-509-6502.

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield,
50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield new Fall hours are now Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, 11:30 AM (after Mass) to 4:00 PM. Come and experience the peace and tranquility of the Shrine and visit the Gift Shop, which has Christmas and traditional stock arriving daily. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or email: lourdesshrinect@gmail.com.

A REMINDER! The regular deadline for all bulletin articles is Monday 12 PM. Please send all articles to bulletin@mscatholic.org

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Church Sanctuary Hours:

St. John of the Cross Campus: **7am-12pm (7 days/wk)**
Sacred Heart Campus: **9-4:30pm (Mon-Fri), 4-6pm (Saturdays) and 7-10am (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 (*new!*)
Sunday, 7:30am, 9am 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 or 11am. Chat with others from our community, offer your prayer intentions during the Prayer of the Faithful and be uniquely connected in this time when it is not easy to be together physically. If you can't be at Mass onsite– this is the place to be!

www.middsouthcatholic.org: See post on homepage.

Facebook: The 7:30am Sunday Mass is ***live*** and ***on demand.*** Please ***like*** and ***share*** our page with friends and family both near and far. Chat, offer intentions, comment and pray together.

YouTube: Our Youtube channel: **https://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartSouthbury** has a library of our previous broadcasts of Masses and reflections.

We are streaming on ROKU, Amazon Fire & Apple TV through the *Boxcast App*!

Safe Environment

The Archdiocese of Hartford requires all church employees and volunteers to have Background Check, Virtus Training and review the Hartford Diocese Safe Environment Policies and Procedures Handbook. Over the coming weeks, letters will be sent to those whose file needs updating.
Please respond as soon as possible. Thank you!

@sacredheartchurchSBYCT

The Archdiocese & Town of Southbury are recommending face masks for indoor facilities to combat the spread of Covid-19 in the area. Middlebury also has face mask recommendations for town facilities- see their website at www.middlebury-ct.org.

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