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OCTOBER 24, 2021 | **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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 is someone who has helped you recognize Jesus' presence in your life?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Open House for new members

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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

REIMAGINE CHURCH | ENCOUNTER JESUS | LIVE WITH PURPOSE

THIS IS US

This Is Us; yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
This weekend the Knights of Columbus are speaking at all the Masses to share a brief explanation of who they are and to invite the men of our parish to consider joining the Knights. As you perhaps know, or will learn this weekend, the Knights of Columbus are a fraternal group of Catholic men. They were founded by Blessed Michael McGivney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford who grew up in Waterbury and while serving as priest at St. Mary parish in New Haven, founded the Knights of Columbus, which is now a worldwide Catholic fraternity whose headquarters is located in New Haven.

When Blessed Michael McGivney was alive, he died in 1890, the Catholic population in Connecticut was increasing dramatically as large numbers of Catholics, mostly from Europe, were pouring into the United States. What had been few Catholics and few priests in our state was becoming many Catholics and increasing numbers of priests just as now the opposite is occurring. This reality was brought home to me at the recent convocation of priests that took place earlier this month. As you can see below, we lost a large number of priests over the past several years; some were very elderly but a number were active, serving as pastors in several parishes.

This weekend a relic of Blessed Michael McGivney will be reserved in the daily Mass Chapel at Sacred Heart Church. Let us ask Blessed Michael McGivney to pray that God will bless our Church of tomorrow with many religious vocations, faith-filled staff and volunteers and pews filled with the faithful all joining to praise our loving God.

You are invited to stop in before or after Mass to pray before and reverence the relic. In celebration of All Saints Day, relics of several saints will be available to pray before at both our Churches the following times:

Oct. 30th through Nov. 1st
Daily Mass Chapel
Sacred Heart Campus

Nov 2nd through Nov. 3rd
Saint John of the Cross Campus

May Blessed Michael McGivney and all the saints pray for us,
Fr. Symolon

Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

2019

Rev. Robert J. St. Martin
Class of 1956
Date of Death: May 16, 2019

Rev. Msgr. John P. Conte
Class of 1964
Date of Death: May 21, 2019

Rev. James A. Archambault
Class of 1967
Date of Death: October 21, 2019

Rev. Robert B. Vargo
Class of 1989
Date of Death: November 8, 2019

2020

Rev. Thomas R. Mitchell
Class of 1979
Date of Death: January 16, 2020

Rev. Francis X. Callahan
Class of 1949
Date of Death: January 29, 2020

Rev. L. Randall Blackhall
Class of 1954
Date of Death: February 13, 2020

Rev. Thomas W. Hickey
Class of 2010
Date of Death: March 13, 2020

Rev. Joseph R. DeCarolis
Class of 1959
Date of Death: March 31, 2020

Rev. Ralph M. Colicchio
Class of 1967
Date of Death: July 8, 2020

Rev. William L. Traxl
Class of 1960
Date of Death: July 12, 2020

Rev. Msgr. Gene E. Gianelli
Class of 1970
Date of Death: July 29, 2020

Rev. John J. Keane
Class of 1962
Date of Death: August 20, 2020

Rev. John P. McHugh
Class of 1991
Date of Death: September 25, 2020

Rev. George F. Lauretti
Class of 1956
Date of Death: September 30, 2020

Rev. Salvatore J. Rosa
Class of 1968
Date of Death: December 9, 2020

Rev. William F. O'Keefe
Class of 1960
Date of Death: December 21, 2020

2021

Rev. Robert J. Burbank
Class of 1964
Date of Death: February 4, 2021

Rev. George G. Laliberte
Ordained in 1956
Incardinated into the Archdiocese in 1980
Date of Death: February 9, 2021

Rev. John J. Daly
Class of 1958
Date of Death: February 26, 2021

Rev. Francis P. Johnson
Class of 1960
Date of Death: March 6, 2021

Rev. William J. Killeen
Class of 1959
Date of Death: July 14, 2021

Rev. Nicholas J. Cesaro
Class of 1954
Date of Death: August 10, 2021

Rev. James F. Leary
Class of 1968
Date of Death: September 21, 2021

Deceased Religious Order Priests Who Served In The Archdiocese Of Hartford:

Rev. Augustine Pilatowski, OFM Conv
Date of Death: January 24, 2021

Rev. Stanislaw Staniszewski, CM
Date of Death: March 27, 2021

Rev. William J. McCarthy, MSA
Class of 1959
Joined the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles in 1983
Date of Death: June 8, 2021

PASTORAL CARE

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

Mary Frances
J.C. Corr
Carole Bogardus
Steve Brown
Elsa Molitor
Nancy Kabasakalian
Sue Adams
Diane Turano
Carol Jameson
Teresa Helbock
Barbara Ditter
Colleen Anne
Rina Conte
Phyllis Phelan
Jim & Terri McCarthy
Andrew Francis Parisi
Gloria Browning
Richie Monarch
Hildegard Bayer
Gina Montini
Stephen Putman
Mark Fox
Jeff Ealison
Charmaine Hamann

Charlie Longo
Debbie Sima
Terry Hale
Lina Savard
Jennifer Pike
Mary Arpaia
Carolyn Barbieri
Ellen Barrett
Michael Berardelli
Jenn Bona
Jewel Brice
Joe Capobianco
Eleanor Carroll
Virginia Cartiglia
Mark Cavallero
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Michael C. Culhane
Gindee Dabkowski
Annie DeLeonibus
Betsy Desmarais
Frank & Rita Dest
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Kristen Fedor

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Owen Gallino
Jaxson
Juanito Josef
Art Johnson
Clem Johnson
Joan Johnson
Violet Kelly
Jacqueline Kliese
John Krejci
Michael Lombardi
Thomas MacDonald
Joseph Martino
Michael
Thomas Monteleone
Lynn Musto
Gary Normandin
Leigh O'Brien
Donna Orsatti
Lou Orsini
Michael Panasci
Marilyn Perin
Greg Phelan
Susan Pimpinella

Evelyn Poremba
Mary Rachich
Joel Rivera
Shannon
Lorraine Shepard
Robert Swift
Ana Valle
Christine Walz
Patricia Watterworth
John Weyant
J.A. Zawacki
Ezra Black
Regina Burns
Baby Declan Rowe
Baby John
John Rotante
Tyler Toomey
Matthew Haig
Walter Kloss
Joe Rock
Lori DeFelice
Linda Elkins
Richard Grailich

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MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

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
Jeanne Ulmet
Requested by Kathy Rushton
9:00 AM **Maria deSimone**
Requested by her daughter Lisa Mayer
Catherine Welch
Requested by Norma Theibault
Paul Westbrook
Requested by his wife Sue
11:00 AM **Deacon Steve Savarese**
Requested by Regina Kotchian
John Cole
Requested by his wife
Frank Henderson
Requested by his mother Suzanne Henderson

Monday, October 25
8:00 AM **Alfreda Ptaszynski (Birthday remembrance)**
Requested by Don & Nancy Richardson

Tuesday, October 26
8:00 AM **Deanna Tucker**
Requested by LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together)
Alan H. Dederick
Requested by The Dederick Family

Wednesday, October 27
8:00 AM **Cathy Kontout**
Requested by Fran & Pat Grandpre & Family and Michael & Marc Grandpre & Family

Thursday, October 28
8:00 AM **Michael Winking**
Requested by Chris Calabrese
Pat Flanagan
Requested by her husband Ed

Friday, October 29
8:00 AM **Jennie Calabrese 4th Anniversary**
Requested by Dom Calabrese & J ohn Calabrese and Families

Saturday, October 30
5:00 PM **Angelina McAvoy**
Requested by Sheila Joseph
Pat Conte
Requested by Ed & Mary Comstock
Tom Ahern
Requested by his sister Barbara Jeffery

Sunday, October 31
7:30 AM **Michael 'Mike' Marchionna**
Requested by Joseph & Carmela Shanahan Vincent McDonald The Dugan Family
9:00 AM **Margaret Sorahan**
Requested by Barbara Lindmark
David Shannon
Requested by Gail & Joel
Deanna Tucker
Requested by John & Liz Schmidt
11:00 AM **Deacon Steve Savarese**
Requested by the Father Loftus Council Knights of Columbus

The Marian Votive Candle of SH Campus burns in loving memory of *all deceased Choir members of the Sacred Heart Campus by the Sacred Heart Choirs*

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.*

We welcome through the waters of baptism!
Theo Rocco Lungariello

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.*

Children's Rosary – SHC

Happy 'Month of the Holy Rosary'! Wonderful news! The Ladies of the Columbiettes will resume our Children's Rosary on today 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.

Little Rock Scripture Study Program- SHC & SJC

The Zoom participants engaged in the Little Rock Scripture Program will be doing one of the three-week sessions from the Alive in the Word Series, called "Prayer: Biblical Wisdom for Seeking God," a program of scriptural readings, reflection and discussion designed to enrich the spiritual life of those studying and learning from Sacred Scripture. The program will begin **Thursday, October 28th at 9:30 AM.** Books will be available from the Faith Formation Office for a $6 fee payable to Sacred Heart Church. Registration is requested. If you have questions, please contact Maureen McDermott at mfmcder@netscape.net.

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 - ami@mscatholic.org

FAITH FORMATION

COMING SOON!

GIFT+

a small group addition to the GIFT program

UPCOMING G.I.F.T. DATES:

TODAY!
October 24, 4-6 PM

NOVEMBER 2021		
Sunday 1	November 14th	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday	November 17th	5:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday	November 19th	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Sunday 2	November 21st	4:00 – 6:00 PM

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

Nancy Pisani - 203-525-7260 or npisani@sbcglobal.net

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.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

This past Saturday, October 16th at 12 pm, a Public Rosary Rally was held outside of the Sacred Heart Campus of Midd-South Catholic Parish. It was one of thousands of peaceful, prayerful events held across the United States. This Public Square Rosary Crusade was coordinated by the America Needs Fatima campaign (please visit www.ANF.org for details). This year's Southbury Rally was led by Marianne Simonetti and Rosanne Pallini-Verlezza, under the initiation and guidance of Gail Mikolsky (previous years' captain). The goal of these rallies was to reach fallen away Catholics and remind people that conversion is possible.

Respect Life One of the common misconceptions among many Christians is that God expects nothing from us as long as we believe in Him and worship at Mass. Faith is a precious gift, but it is not an end in itself and it doesn't excuse us from participating in God's divine plan for our salvation and the salvation of the world. Nowhere is this more clearly expressed than in the Book of James where we learn that faith, which doesn't show itself by good deeds, is not faith at all. It is useless. It is dead. Genuine faith transforms, not only how we think, but also how we act. This is Good News for the weakest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters, both those alive in the world and those alive in the womb.

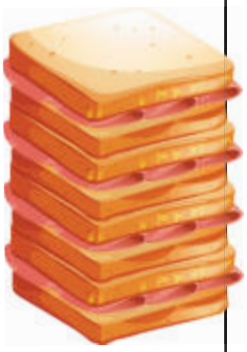
Open House The Knights of Columbus will be having an open house for all men in Midd-South parish who are interested in learning about membership on Tuesday, November 9, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Campus Parish Hall. Men who would like to attend are invited to also bring their wives or girlfriends to meet the members and to learn about activities that support the parish and communities. For Covid-19 safety, please bring your mask. Any questions may be directed to Art Zbrocek at art.zbrocek@gmail.com.

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 3

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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St. John of the Cross Campus: **9-3pm (Mon-Wed)**
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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!

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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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