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NOVEMBER 28, 2021 — **First Sunday of Advent**

Advent and Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE
3 PM– Sacred Heart
5 PM– Sacred Heart
6 PM– St. John of the Cross
10 PM– Sacred Heart

CHRISTMAS DAY
9 AM– Sacred Heart
11 AM– St. John of the Cross
No Vigil Mass Christmas Day

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26
9 AM– Sacred Heart
11 AM– St. John of the Cross

NEW YEAR'S EVE
5 PM– Sacred Heart

NEW YEAR'S DAY
9 AM– St. John of the Cross
(Solemnity of Mary)
5 PM Vigil Mass – Sacred Heart
(Epiphany)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
9 AM– Sacred Heart
11 AM– St. John of the Cross

Masses are onsite & online!

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

To what or whom is Jesus calling your attention to this Advent?

An evening with Santa
Polar Express
TICKET SALES
This weekend!

See page 4.

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

Happy Advent!

It is estimated (pre-covid) that 23% of adult Catholics are attending Mass weekly. During Advent attendance increases to mid-40% and at Christmas 68%. What an opportunity we have these coming weeks to invite, welcome and share the hospitality, depth, mission and vision of our parish. As a newly emerging parish we may not altogether have exactly the same expression of some of these ideas yet we can unite in the mission to lead others to a personal relationship with Jesus. Advent is the perfect time for each one of us to reflect where we are in our faith this sacred season. In the side bar is a reflection on asking ***"How does this Advent find you?"*** May it provide you with a response to share, invite and welcome the people God puts in your path at this moment.

On our website and in this bulletin, in addition to the many ministry opportunities, please note the special events and liturgical celebration offerings this month: Polar Express; Lessons and Carols; Giving Tree; *Life is Messy* book and reflections; Stations of the Creche; Communal Reconciliation Service.

If you are returning to Mass, new to the area, discovering our parish for the first time or seeking a new faith community we wholeheartedly welcome you. May you encounter Jesus in these days of invitation and reflection as we prepare to celebrate the gift of God's love becoming human for us.

-Ami

How does this Advent find you?

Does it find you empty, wondering how this story can become new again when you have already wrung every miracle and promise within it dry?

Does it find you cynical, wondering how long you can hold the faith when, with all the waiting and yearning and longing of Advent's past, the world has barely changed?

Does it find you wanting so badly for this all to be true that you will walk the world into joy and hope out of fear that, if you don't, it just might not appear?

Does it find you reluctant, here only because the lectionary tells you it's that time of year again and the world offers you no other choice?

In this time of worship this morning let your act of faith be to let Advent find you wherever you are, to create a space inside us and the world where mystery and presence might grow.

Perhaps it is best that we let this Advent find us, draw us, nourish us, enlighten and enliven us as God desires rather than how we plan. That in itself is a great act of faith in God: to believe that in this quiet season God can renew in us again the hope, the promise and the life that God desires for us all.

So, how does this Advent find you?

PASTORAL CARE

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

Mary Frances,
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Phyllis Phelan
Jim & Terri McCarthy
Andrew Francis Parisi
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Evelyn Poremba
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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
Richard Grailich
Mary Ann Kendall
Tom Linnivers
Lorraine Cable

Ladies Prayer Shawl - SHC

Next meeting is **Wednesday, December 1st** in the Jerusalem Room from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. If there are any questions, please contact Mariana Coehlo at 203-206-0338.

Referrals Coordinators
Mark Nagy: 203-525-0387
Catherine Hughes: 203-758-5421

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 27
5:00 PM **Bobby Grailich**
Requested by Richard Grailich
Anthony Gonzales, Sr.
Requested by Anna Ramirez
Charlie Hellreigel
Requested by his brother Don

Sunday, November 28
7:30 AM **Mark J. Serafine**
Requested by Joe & Diane Tomas
Dan Simone
Requested by The Dugan Family
9:00 AM **Patty Richards**
Requested by John & Liz Schmidt
Helen Aquero
Requested by Lina Savard
Michael Simonells
Requested by Michael & Ann Halford
11:00 AM **Hedwig Rank**
Requested by Helen Garbish
Gennaro Abate
Requested by The Carrano Family
Deacon Steve Savarese
Requested by The Women's Group

Monday, November 29
8:00 AM **Don Watterworth**
Requested by his wife & family
Mary Carew
Requested by The LoFi Family

Tuesday, November 30
8:00 AM **Lucille Conlon**
Requested by The Morning Breakfast Group

Wednesday, December 1
8:00 AM **Frank Henderson**
Requested by his mother Suzanne Henderson

Thursday, December 2
8:00 AM **Vin Tichey**
Requested by his family

Friday, December 3
8:00 AM **Intentions of our Parishioners**

Saturday, December 4-ROC Mass
5:00 PM **Intentions of our Parishioners**

Sunday, December 5
7:30 AM **Anna Poplees**
Requested by The Chabalik Family
Andrew McGeever
Requested by his family
9:00 AM **Jack Mancini**
Requested by The Gumbardo & Golymbieski Families
Paul G. Meyer
Requested by his family
John & Eileen Quinn
Requested by Margaret Dunscomb
11:00 AM **David Melchiore**
2nd Anniversary
Requested by The Beltran Family
Antonio R. Santos, Sr.
Requested by Ana Martinez Cario
Soad Hanna
2nd Anniversary
Requested by The Beck & Hanna Families

The Marian Votive Candle of SH Campus burns in loving memory of *Thor & Lily Peters by their family*

We Welcome through the waters of baptism!
Allison Mary Krolikowski
Juliana Palma Lombardi

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.*

This Advent we offer

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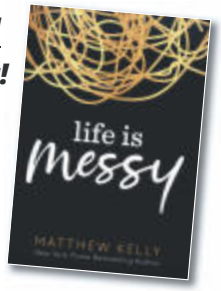
an <u>additional</u> & <u>optional</u> way to Grow in Faith Together!



LIFE IS MESSY is a perfect compliment to our GIFT Living the Good Life learning theme this year. Building a resilient and purposeful faith helps one accept the mess... are you ready to make peace with the mess? Join us this Advent– in any way that works for you! No sign-up or commitments. Each week we will cover a section of LIFE IS MESSY and offer many ways to reflect on your messy life!

All are welcome and invited to participate!

There is a $10 program fee for <u>non-GIFT participants</u>.

Pay online or in the Faith Formation office when picking up your book. If viewing digitally, click <u>here</u> to pay.

Email or call with any questions.
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- Quick weekly reflections and opportunities to gather online
- Onsite gathering opportunities
- Video reflections from parish members
- Small group reflection questions
- Read & enjoy the book on your own
- No registration or fee for GIFT participants

Join us this Advent– in any way that works for you! You will find resources and other info posted on our homepage.
If viewing digitally, <u>click here</u>!

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 Bible Study: **Thursdays, 7:00 PM, St. John of the Cross, Father Fanning Hall** <u>Zoom option</u> at <u>9:30 AM</u>. Facilitators: Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC) & Maureen McDermott (Zoom) 203-264-5065, ffo@mscatholic.org

Men's Ministry: Meets **every Saturday**, **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): Meets **first Monday of every month** at **SH 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): Meets **every Tuesday, 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: For meeting schedule, contact: Noreen Corsi at 860-841-2905

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Giving Tree-SHC & SJCC

Our Giving Tree gift card collection will continue through **Sunday, December 12th**. Please choose a gift tag and return your purchased gift card with the tag attached in a Gift Bag by Sunday morning, December 12th. For anyone feeling they would like to purchase a gift, there is a great need for winter jackets size 12 and larger. The jackets can be left in the bin in the back of the church at SJC and in the bench/Covenant Care box behind the tree at Sacred Heart. If you have any questions, please contact Noreen Corsi at 860-259-6198 at the St. John of the Cross Campus or Sue Ellis at 203-264-2555 at the Sacred Heart Campus. Thank you for your generosity!

Respect Life

During the Advent season, we are, once again, reminded to stay alert as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to stay awake as we await His glorious second coming, and to give thanks that, although He has yet to return in His full glory, Jesus is with us today, in the ordinary events of our lives.

Our Lord began His life on earth just as we did, in the womb of a loving mother. What better way to celebrate this season of joyful expectation that to renew our efforts to build a culture in which the life of every person is embraced and protected from beginning to end.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development-SHC & SJCC

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As a parish, our continued generosity will support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed this collection, it is not too late to donate! Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd and click "How to Give" under the word "Resources." Thank you for your support!

Seeds of Hope for Haiti Fall Campaign Exceeds Goal!

Dear Friends, As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we are incredibly grateful to the more than 150 donors and the Mustard Seed Fund for pushing us through our campaign goal of $81,000, reaching *$82,500!* Thank you!

These funds enable us to support the Our Lady of Sorrows School, its lunchtime canteen, and the Grand Boulage Clinic, which served over 4,400 patients this past year. ***No funds pass through Haitian government hands, but they go to the clinic and our Twinned Parish,Our Lady of Sorrows.***

To learn more about our ministry, go to:

www.seedsofhopehaiti.org or mail us at:

Seeds of Hope for Haiti, Inc., P.O. Box 284 Southbury, CT 06488

Sandwich Ministry

Sacred Heart Campus

Next drop off:
Dec 14 & 28, 7:30am - 4:00pm

Please take necessary steps to make and deliver the sandwiches with safety and prevention guidelines in mind. If you are feeling well, feel free to volunteer. Sandwiches can be left in the refrigerator and can be delivered from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE that the drop-off time has been changed to 4 PM!

St. John of the Cross Campus

Sandwich Team 2

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 and deliver the sandwiches to the shelter before lunch. For information, please call Jackie Desmarais at 203-509-6502.

Southbury Food Bank Donations

The next delivery of food donations to the Southbury Food Bank is **December 11th**. 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 during weekdays from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Donations can be left anytime up until 10:30 AM on December 11th. This donation will supply food for the Holidays so your continued support is appreciated.

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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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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