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*The Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury*

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JANUARY 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord



“Because of  
their baptism,  
all members  
of the  
People of God  
have become  
missionary  
disciples.”  
-Pope Francis

## 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 is Jesus calling you through  
the affection of a parent or other  
significant person in your life?*

### JANUARY G.I.F.T. SESSIONS ONLINE ONLY

*Details 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*



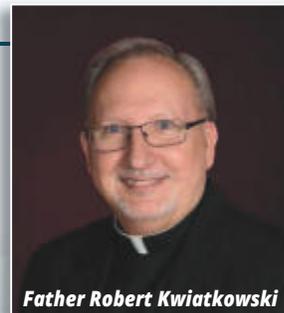
## THIS IS US...

*We begin this year in a bittersweet fashion... saying farewell to Father Lawrence Symolon and welcoming Father Robert Kwiatkowski to our emerging parish community.*

While this change may seem unsettling at first consideration, since we are just over seven months in to a newly formed parish community, I can sense God purposefully at work in our continued time of transition.

Fr. Symolon has been a trusted and genuine pastor to the former St. John of the Cross Parish Community accompanying them through many difficult changes with gentle compassion and pragmatic honesty. His calm, kind and humble presence was the exact spiritual temperament the former Sacred Heart Parish needed as they adjusted to parish life without Monsignor Joe Donnelly, a beloved pastor of 18 years and the departing, soon after, of Sister Pat Torre, DW, a trusted spiritual and caring pastoral leader. Fr. Symolon offered an openness to the new community and parish staff with an unassuming attitude that allowed time and space to acclimate to the decisions made in the transition planning process. In these months Fr. Symolon kept a steadfast and reverent liturgical presence that revealed his devotion to the priesthood and the Church. Fr. Symolon believed his change in ministry was best for the parish and for the important work with the retired community of priests in the Archdiocese. His remarkable display of humility and kindness these many years with St. John of the Cross Parish and more recently with our new Mid-South Catholic Parish will forever be an example of faith and leadership centered on the Gospel. Thank you Father Symolon and we pray that God continues to bless your faithful ministry.

And now we welcome Fr. Bob with great warmth and anticipation! Many in the community are aware of Fr. Bob's faithful and spiritual leadership from his service as pastor in Woodbury at the former St. Teresa of Avila Parish prior to his most recent assignment at St. Peter Claver Parish in West Hartford. We look forward to growing in faith and building a parish community that centers on Jesus while navigating the challenges and possibilities before us. Fr. Bob we offer you our support, invite you in to our lives and vibrant community with great hope and trust in our faithful God who has brought all of us together in this time and place with purpose.



**Father Robert Kwiatkowski**



Happy, Healthy and  
Blessed New Year to All!

Ami

*Dear Members of  
Mid-South Catholic,  
Thank you for your  
kind words, notes and  
donations made in  
my honor to various  
charities; Mustard  
Seed Fund, St. Vincent  
de Paul and others.  
As I settle in to my  
new assignment know  
that you will always  
be in my thoughts and  
prayers. God bless the  
Roman Catholic Parish  
of Middlebury and  
Southbury.*

*-Fr. Symolon*



## PASTORAL CARE

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

Mary Frances	Betsy Desmarais	Violet Kelly	Lou Orsini	Watterworth John	Richard Grailich
J.C. Corr	Frank & Rita Dest	Jacqueline Kliese	Michael Panasci	Weyant	Tom Linnivers
Carole Bogardus	Liam Dwyer	John Krejci	Marilyn Perin	J.A. Zawacki	Lorraine Cable
Carol Jameson	Rick Ericson	Michael Lombardi	Greg Phelan	Ezra Black	Steve Brown
Barbara Ditter	Kristen Fedor	Thomas MacDonald	Susan Pimpinella	Regina Burns	Barbara Pelletier
Jim & Terri McCarthy	Claire Fulham	Joseph Martino	Evelyn Poremba	Baby Declan Rowe	Julia Logan
Andrew Francis Parisi	Owen Gallino	Michael	Joel Rivera	Baby John	Baby Madison
Gina Montini	Jaxson	Thomas Monteleone	Shannon	John Rotante	Louise Capobianco
Stephen Putman	Juanito Josef	Lynn Musto	Lorraine Shepard	Tyler Toomey	Ann Farrow
Mark Fox	Art Johnson	Gary Normandin	Robert Swift	Matthew Haig	Bella Burns
Jeff Ealison	Clem Johnson	Leigh O'Brien	Ana Valle	Walter Kloss	Annamae Fournier
Charmaine Hamann	Joan Johnson	Donna Orsatti	Christine Walz Patricia	Joe Rock	Audrey Brody



*Feeling sad, lonely, fearful,  
or finding it difficult  
to get through the Advent  
and Christmas season?*

*We are here to help...*

**Let a Stephen Minister  
be by your side.**

*Please contact a referral coordinator:*

**Mark Nagy**  
203-525-0387

**Catherine Hughes**  
203-758-5421

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, January 8, ROC Mass Baptism of the Lord - Vigil Mass**

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

### **Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord**

**7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**9:00 AM Johanna Cahill**

*Requested by May Rich*

**Paul Katzmark**

*Requested by his wife & family*

**Sarah Solomita**

*Requested by her daughter Nancy*

**11:00 AM Anthony Mastroianni**

*Requested by Zoya Kalmanovsky*

**Don Richardson**

*Requested by Mara Husted*

### **Monday, January 10**

**8:00 AM Ron Vitarelli**

*Requested by Fran & Mary Brennan*

### **Tuesday, January 11**

**8:00 AM Donald Richardson**

*Requested by the Women's Group  
at St. John of the Cross campus*

**Josefina Simone**

*Requested by Emлие Kaplan*

### **Wednesday, January 12**

**8:00 AM Ron Vitarelli (Month's Mind)**

*Requested by Denise & Lori*

### **Thursday, January 13**

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

### **Friday, January 14**

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

### **Saturday, January 15**

**5:00 PM Gennaro Abate (Birthday  
Remembrance)**

*Requested by his family*

**Bob Sitar**

*Requested by his wife & family*

**Reed Buonincontri**

*Requested by his family*

### **Sunday, January 16**

**7:30 AM Intentions of our Parishioners**

**9:00 AM Patricia Convery**

*Requested by Gary & Bernadette Walsh  
& James & Courtney Walsh*

**Paul Sblendorio**

*Requested by friends*

**11:00 AM Louise Lawrence**

*Requested by her family*

**Donald Richardson**

*Requested by Ronald &  
Stephanie Robinson*

**Robert J. Erwin**

*Requested by his family*



*The Marian Votive Candle  
of Sacred Heart Campus  
burns in loving memory of  
Mary McGlinchy by her family.*

*Tabernacle Candles of  
St. John of the Cross Campus  
Candle #1 & 2*

*Frank & Audrey Thorpe*



*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 at  
St. John of the Cross Campus*

*Weekly Adoration will take place  
Mondays, after the 8:00 AM Mass.  
Anyone is welcome to stop by for a  
prayerful visit any part of the Holy Hour.*

# FAITH FORMATION



**Home Packet  
PICK-UP**  
Sacred Heart Campus  
Sat, Jan 15th, 4pm-6:30pm  
Jan 16th, 8am-6pm

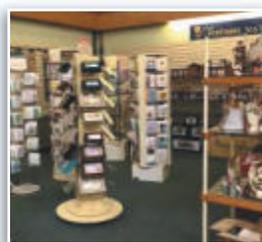
## January G.I.F.T. Sessions are online only

The January GIFT Program will be **online** due to the rise in covid-19 cases. A [link](#) to program materials will be emailed on **January 16th at 4pm**. The session will remain online through January 31st for on-demand learning. Home Packets can be picked up on Saturday, January 15th, 4pm-6:30pm and January 16th, 8am-6pm at Sacred Heart campus. Packets will contain copies needed for the session and additional resources. **If you would like your home packet delivered to the parish hall at SJCC for after 11am mass pick-up, please EMAIL [ffo@mscatholic.org](mailto:ffo@mscatholic.org).**

At this time all other scheduled Confirmation service & workshops will be held onsite at Sacred Heart or St. John of the Cross Campuses. First Year/ Grade 9 Saint reports and Sponsor forms/certificates are **due** January 16th to the Faith Formation Office in hard copy or emailed to [ffo@mscatholic.org](mailto:ffo@mscatholic.org). The January 30th First Holy Communion Workshop #1 for second year students will also be held onsite at Sacred Heart Campus as scheduled. **Please check emails and the bulletin for updates.**

**Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT)** will resume meetings on **January 18th at 10:00 AM** in the **Sacred Heart Campus** to pray, study, share, and provide service. All women of Mid-South Catholic are invited to attend. For further information, contact: Pat Kugeman at 203-417-9930 or [pmkugeman@aol.com](mailto:pmkugeman@aol.com) Hilda Henriques at 203-233-0242 or [hildahenriques@yahoo.com](mailto:hildahenriques@yahoo.com) Nancy Pisani at 203-525-7260 or [npisani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:npisani@sbcglobal.net)

**The Grotto Gift Shop at Lourdes** in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd, Rte.118, Litchfield will be open weekends only from 11:30 AM-4:00 AM, weather permitting. A 30% discount will be offered on selected Christmas items during this time. Regular hours will resume in March. For more info, email: [lourdeshshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeshshrinect@gmail.com) or call 860-567-1041.



## Bereavement Support Group at Sacred Heart Campus

If you are struggling with a loss and you would like support on your journey from grief to healing, you might consider our monthly support group at Mid-South Catholic. We will meet **Tuesday, January 11th at 1:30 PM** in the **Hospitality Room at the Sacred Heart Campus**. For additional information, call Catherine Hughes at 203-758-5421. Bring a friend!

**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](mailto:pmkugeman@aol.com)

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**Nancy Pisani** - 203-525-7260 or [npisani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:npisani@sbcglobal.net)

### Little Rock Bible Study:

**Thursdays, 7:00 PM, St. John of the Cross, Father Fanning Hall**

**Zoom option at 9:30 AM.**

Facilitators: Mary Ann Kelly (SJCC) & Maureen McDermott (Zoom)  
203-264-5065, [ffo@mscatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:dkania08@gmail.com) or Patrick Fellin at [pfellin21@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Sandwich Ministry

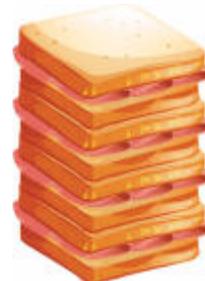
### Sacred Heart Campus

**Next drop off: Jan 11 & 25, 7:30am - 4:00pm**

As we start a new year for our essential Sandwich Ministry, I want to sincerely thank all the volunteers who prepare sandwiches and treats for the homeless and those who pack the sandwiches into cartons for pick up by St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity and labor over the years has allowed us to provide much needed lunches to the less fortunate men, women and children who utilize the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and Shelter in Waterbury. Your efforts and contributions are a testament to your love and concern for people truly in need. As St. Vincent de Paul said, "Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance." New schedules are available on the Outreach board in the atrium. To join our ministry or to be added to our email list, please call or email Claire Barlow at (203)262-0599 [cb06488@gmail.com](mailto:cb06488@gmail.com). Prayerful thanks to each of you.



**St. Vincent DePaul**  
Mission of Waterbury



*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 large refrigerator inside the Church!*

### St. John of the Cross Campus - Sandwich Team 2

St. John of the Cross Campus Sandwich Teams meet weekly in Fr. Fanning Hall to make sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter each week. We currently have six teams. 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 additional information or to join a team, please call Jackie Desmarais at 203-509-6502.

**TEAM 'A' MEALS** will be preparing shepherd's pie, salads with a bottle of dressing and cookies/brownies to be delivered to Midd-South Catholic, Sacred Heart campus between 5:15 PM to 5:45 PM on Monday, January 10th and brought over to St. Vincent De Paul Shelter in Waterbury. Trays will be available in the church's kitchen during the weekend of meal preparation. If unable to provide a meal, donations are always welcome and needed. Please contact Jeanne Tillinghast if you have any questions, [magicjeanne3@charter.net](mailto:magicjeanne3@charter.net).

**Respect Life** Jesus not only spoke of justice, mercy and compassion, He was a living witness to the words He spoke. Our Lord not only felt pity for the poor, the lowly and oppressed, He was moved by pity to act on their behalf. Those of us who have been touched by the love of Christ are often touched by the plight of society's marginalized and vulnerable, but recognizing injustice is never enough. We must also act. At the start of a new year, we can begin by seeking justice and protection for the unborn child whose life is at risk in our culture today.



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Columbus®**

**Free Throw Contest** Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council #5066 will hold its 2022 Free Throw Contest on **Friday, January 21st** from **7:15 PM to 9:15 PM** at **Rochambeau Middle School** in Southbury. Boys and girls, ages 9-14, are eligible to enter. Contestants must arrive with parent and age verification as early as 6:00 PM and no later than 6:45 PM. Please contact Art Zbrozek at [Art.Zbrozek@gmail.com](mailto:Art.Zbrozek@gmail.com) to indicate attendance no later than 6:00 PM on January 19th.

### The Most Holy Rosary

St. John of the Cross Knights of Columbus, Council #3992, will lead the Most Holy Rosary next **Sunday, January 9th, 10:30 AM** prior to the 11:00 AM mass. Please join us at St. John of the Cross Campus in Middlebury. Extra rosaries are always available. For questions, please contact SJCC at 203-758-2659. Hope to see you there! Chairman, Nick Corsi.



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### Parish Office Hours:

St. John of the Cross Campus: **9-3pm (Mon-Wed)**  
Sacred Heart Campus: **9-4:30pm (Mon-Fri)**

### 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](https://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.midsouthcatholic.org:** See post on homepage.

**f 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](http://www.middlebury-ct.org).





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