



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

May 26, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter



Welcome to our *Little Church on the Hill*

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM

Holy Days: as posted in the Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

First Tuesday 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Every Thursday 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Every Friday 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Thursdays: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Every Day: 15 minutes before all Masses

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ; Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

-CHURCH IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE-

Liturgical Schedule

- MONDAY 05/27/19 -

7:30 AM †Anthony Gagliardi | Cheryl Rigney
B&W †John B. Scalzo
Rdgs: Acts 16:11-15 | Jn 15:26-16:4a

- TUESDAY 05/28/19 -

7:30 AM †Lewis Hechtman | Cheryl Rigney
Rdgs: Acts 16:22-34 | Jn 16:5-11

- WEDNESDAY 05/29/19 -

7:30 AM †Gary Thompson | Jimmy O'Hara
Rdgs: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 | Jn 16:12-15

7:00 PM †Ann Eriquez | Bob and Sandy Schirmer and Family
Reader(s) - R. Doran, D. Pietras
EMHC of the Blood - B. Miazga, J. Garofalo
EMHC of the Body - S. Schirmer
Altar Servers - JP. Miranda, A. Vas
Music Ministry - St. Cecilia Choir

- THURSDAY 05/30/19 -

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30 AM †Stanley Kunicki | Kunicki Family
Reader(s) - D. Isaacson
EMHC of the Body - J. McNamara
Altar Servers - M. Lock

12:10 PM †Dorothy Cullen | Jack and Janet Clarkson
Reader(s) - ML. Strano
EMHC of the Blood - R. Strano
EMHC of the Body - P. Nero
Altar Servers - C. Vogel
Music Ministry - Cantor

Rdgs: Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mk 16:15-20

7:00 PM Confessions and Exposition

- FRIDAY 05/31/19 -

7:30 AM †Robert Chouinard | Cheryl Rigney
Rdgs: Acts 15:22-31 | Jn 15:12-17

- SATURDAY 06/01/19 -

St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 AM †Stanislawa, †Boleslaw, and
†Eva Korzenko | Bruno
Rdgs: Acts 18:23-28 | Jn 16: 23b-28



Liturgical Schedule continued

- SATURDAY 06/01/19 -

5:00 PM †Jerome Garofalo | Family
Reader(s) - L. Melo, J. Kieras
EMHC of the Blood - L. Pryzgoda, R. Godfrey
EMHC of the Body - B. Miazga
Altar Servers - Hanleys
Music Ministry - Cantor

- SUNDAY 06/02/19 -

Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM †Donald J. Hassiak II | Donald and Marilyn Hassiak
B&W †Donald J. Hassiak II | Donald and Marilyn Hassiak
Reader(s) - D. Coelho, C. Gehring
EMHC of the Blood - D. Kozlowski, P. Saviano
EMHC of the Body - D. Gehring
Altar Servers - R. Posca, K. Kozlowski
Music Ministry - Cantor

9:45 AM Parishioners Living and Deceased
Reader - D. Suess, N. Mendonsa
EMHC of the Blood - S. Schirmer, E. Cerno
EMHC of the Body - K. Cerno
Altar Servers - M. & J. Suess
Music Ministry - Cantor

11:30 AM First Communicants and their families
Reader - G. Kula, D. Isaacson
EMHC of the Blood - B. & R. Lamontagne
EMHC of the Body - P. Nero
Altar Servers - N. Solano, JP. Miranda
Music Ministry - All Musicians

Rdgs: Acts 7:55-60 | Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 | Jn 17:20-26

As a Parish community, we continue to lift every family individually up in our daily prayers; praying for the spiritual, physical, and emotional health of each member of the family.

Please include them in your daily prayers.

Sunday: Yvonne Yanak & Family
Monday: Marianne Young & Family
Tuesday: Kevin and Alison Zaloski & Family
Wednesday: Julie Zelno & Family
Thursday: Anthony Zona & Family
Friday: Maria Zuniga & Family
Saturday: Joyce Carvalho & Family
Sunday: Alicia and †Lew Hechtman & Family



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS WHO ARE BEARING THE CROSS OF SUFFERING:

BOB & PAT EXTANCE, HERMINIA GENAO, THERESE SLESINSKY, EMILY DONOFRIO, LUCY ROZANSKI, THE MOROSKY FAMILY, MILLIE MIETELSKI, RITA (LUKAS) MCGOFF, JOHN AND JOHNNY, AND OUR HOMEBOUND. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING SENSELESS VIOLENCE AND RACIAL TENSIONS.

TIME TALENT TREASURE

Stewardship | Our Financial View

Weekend of May 18th and 19th

In Church: \$3,292.00

Online Donation: \$480.75

Weekly Total: \$3,772.75

Weekly Goal: \$5,200.00

Visit our website to set up your online giving account.
Please remember Sacred Heart Parish when preparing your will.
A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.

Thank You for your continued generosity!

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Adorers' Corner Scheduled for May 31*

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Roger Palanzo
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Geraldine Lancey
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Joan Peters
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Tom DiGiovanni
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Marie Fitzgerald, Suzanne Najman
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Fran and Sonia Kieras
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Larry Martin
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Peggy Dyer
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Mary Cronin
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Alessandra Zocolotti
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Leoneidia Sousa

Please contact the Parish Office to become an adorer.
 203-748-9029 or office@sacredheartdanbury.org

If you can not make your assigned time please find a substitute.
 Jesus must never be left unattended. Thank you!

Children's Program:

Sundays during

9:45 AM Mass

Bring children ages 3 - 7
 to the Café when
 you arrive.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

- MONDAY 05/27/19 -

OFFICE CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY

"No one has greater love than this,
 to lay down one's life for one's friends."
 JOHN 15:13

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Church



Rehearsal

- TUESDAY 05/28/19 -

6:30 PM - 9:15 PM
 Parish Center



and
 Café



- WEDNESDAY 05/29/19 -

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM
 School



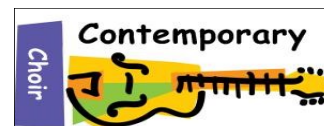
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6:45 PM - 8:00 PM
 Café



- FRIDAY 05/31/19 -

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Church

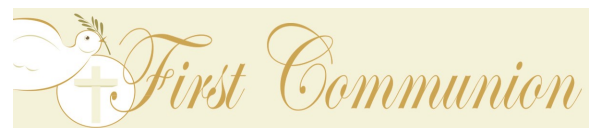


Rehearsal

- SATURDAY 06/01/19 -

- SUNDAY 06/02/19 -

At
 11:30 AM
 Mass



6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Parish Center



Meeting

Next Sunday is Danbury's Annual Portuguese Day Celebration. Please note that the roads will be closed at Liberty and Town Hill from 10:30 AM - about 1:00 PM

Coming soon... **BIBLE TRIVIA!**

Sign up on our website, or call the Parish office. **June 14, 7:00 PM.**

Invite a friend, make a team.

Bring a snack or dessert to share and join the fun.



Congratulations
**Nicole and
Valerie Farez**

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays

7:00 PM- 8:00 PM
with confessions

Fridays

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

First Tuesday Holy Hour

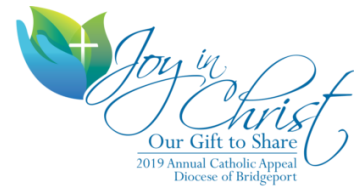
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Spend an hour with Jesus!



Your gift to the ACA helps to support Catholic Charities of Fairfield County. It has mobilized a philosophy of faith in action to provide a broad spectrum of social services to the extended Fairfield County community!

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the ACA.



Tickets for sale in the office **NOW.**

Tickets are \$25 each.

Did you buy your ticket yet?



What stayed in my mind from our last meeting of the season were the comments about God's grace and bringing Jesus into every thing we do.

We must continually invite the holy spirit into our daily lives, and live on the firing line for God by praying often. Only with His power and grace, can we conquer the devil's constant attacks on our deepest emotions and vices of guilt, pride, perfectionism, jealousy, self loathing, laziness, anger, hate, self doubt, insecurity, abandonment, helplessness, addiction, infidelity, powerlessness, lust, desire, greed, selfishness, deceitfulness, dishonesty and immodesty. Things like these affect our temptation to sin..

The devil is constantly attacking! It is of major importance to be specific and aware on what and how he attacks. It is especially important for our youth (along with me), who are not always sure what to examine when they go to confession, to name these acts or feelings or whatever leads them to sin. I know that insecurity, guilt and some others up there are not sins but they can be the underlying cause.

To help us, in times of strife, when we are invaded by these feelings we should pray two simple words;

Jesus come, Jesus come.

"That Man Is You" will be taking its summer break. "Nero's Notes" will not be published until we return for the fall. Thank you for your interest and your comments. The men of "SHJC TMIY" wish you a blessed, fun-filled summer.



Look at those smiling faces?

Big news from the Cookies for Life Team!

After 53 pounds of flour, 168 sticks of butter, 192 eggs, 34 pounds of sugar, 30 lemons, and a "whole bunch of raisins and chocolate chips" ... Endless hours in the kitchen, more dirty dishes than our parents want to ever see again...

Thanks to Sacred Heart Parish's and the Knights of Columbus' generous support, we raised and donated..... **\$1,820!**

Your donations will go a long way to help the Sisters for Life continue their great works!

Enjoy the cookies.

From a recent visitor: Dear Fr. Peter,

I was visiting family in Danbury last weekend and came to the 9:45 am mass with my husband. I would just like to say how much we enjoyed the mass and the church. We come from a large parish in Harrisburg, PA and it is always nice to visit other parishes while we are away. We both were impressed with your church and how you seem to be very involved with your parishioners.

I would like to thank you for the very thoughtful gift you gave out to all the mothers and the Mother's Day blessing. I am blessed to be a mother of three boys and grandmother to 3 grand daughters. I appreciated that very special blessing and gift and wanted you to know how nice it was to be a guest at your beautiful church. May God continue to bless you for many more years to come.



CONFIRMATION



Eleanor “Juliana” Baker
Ava “Elizabeth” DiGiovanni
Jacob “Sebastían” Ditscher
Pearl “Pío” Goodman
Clare “Bernadette” Gugliotto
Olivia “Augustine” Hoegler
Emma “Francis” Joseph
Marguerite “Francis” Lock
Erick “Thomas” Miranda
Gavin “John” Palladino
Madison “Teresa” Preston
Javier “Nicholas” Rodríguez
Julia “Catherine” Signorelli
Andrew “Francis” Smith
María “Clare” Strattner
Anna “Kateri” Stutman
Matthew “Andrew” Suess
Kayque “Michael” Sousa Vieira
Christopher “John Paul” Vogel

Confirmation Prayer

Heavenly Father,
in the Old Testament, your prophets and priests
would anoint the faithful with oil.
Through this holy anointing
you made known to them their mission on earth.
On Pentecost, at the birth of the Church,
you sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples.
On that day, the promise you gave of your Spirit
was fulfilled to the whole world.
As these newly confirmed go out into the world
preserve the gifts of the Spirit in their hearts.
May the completion of their initiation through Confirmation
help them fulfill their baptismal promises as members of the
Body of Christ.
Amen.

"Confirmation is a day where you
receive the Holy Spirit into yourself and
then have the opportunity to choose on
your own to be one with God, to follow
Jesus and be rooted in your belief, to try
and follow Jesus no matter what."

"The sacramental grace of confirmation helps
us to live our faith loyally and to profess it
courageously and gives us some actual graces
to use when we are tempted against the faith.
When receiving confirmation, we receive the
seal of the Holy Spirit which marks our total
belonging to Christ."

"This milestone is the
next step to become
closer to God. When I get
confirmed with the Holy
Spirit it strengthens my
faith and it prepares me
to be a better catholic."

"Taking this extra
step by getting
Confirmed I
believe will just
bring me even
closer to God....
getting Confirmed
will help me be
more comfortable
with Him and
understand his
teaching both in
my heart but also
in the church."

Reflections from some of our Confirmandi

"As I am soon becoming an adult
member of my church, I am
realizing even more how much my
religion affects my moral
values and everyday decisions. I am
proud of the values that I stand
behind and I am proud to say that I
will soon be able to stand up and
say that it is my own decision to
continue my growth with God in
the Catholic Church."

"I have heard that Confirmation is
about becoming a soldier of Christ
and what little boy has not wanted to
be a soldier? You have cool armor and
a strong sword, you fight battles and
earn glory. Now that I am older, I
understand what it truly means to be
a soldier of Christ. Faith is my armor
and prayers are my sword."

"I want to be able to feel truly connected
to Christ, in moments of temptation, in
moments of despair, when I pray for myself
and others, and so much more. I still have
more to learn about my faith... I need to be
able to be confirmed so I can truly
comprehend my faith. I don't want to stray
away from God because it gives me hope
that there is someone looking after us at all
times, helping us."

Pastor's Corner

With the background from last week, we can appreciate the usage of votive candles. Here, as in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

We find that by St. Jerome's time 4th C., ***"In all the churches of the East lights are lit when the Gospel is to be read, even though the sun be rising, but the purpose is not to dispel the darkness but to give a visible sign of joy."*** When the meaning of the beeswax candle was pondered, particularly in the Middle Ages, a rich and detailed symbolism emerged. Christ had declared, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5), and the candle's light came to be the symbol for his presence.

The pale wax of the candle symbolizes Christ's flesh, his sacred humanity. The wick, embedded in the center of the candle, represents his soul. The flame, as it burns down the wick, consumes the wax to give us light. It burns, expending itself, sacrificing itself, just as Christ sacrificed himself. The burning candle is aesthetically pleasing, and it gives a sweet aroma as it burns, another reminder of the presence of our Lord.

Realizing the value of the candle in its worship, the Church prescribes that candles be lit for the Altar at Mass. They should be at least 51% beeswax. The wax produced by the honeybee is considered the sweetest and purist, the most appropriate for symbolizing the humanity of Christ. It is produced by the bees actually consuming honey (honey itself is a symbol for the superlative in sweetness, the sweetness of the Word of God). Christ identifies himself as the Light of the World and he says in Luke 12:49, "I have come to light a fire on the Earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited!" A flame will spread to what it touches.

The candle also symbolizes Christ's presence in the individual believer. The Easter Vigil shows this when the new flame is lit, blessed, and touched to the tapers held by members of the congregation. The light spreads from one to the next.

The newly baptized, the newly ordained, and the newly professed are given candles, and votive candles stand in for the believer at prayer. Interestingly, as well in the Middle Ages, the symbolism of the votive candles was elaborated. St. Radegund (d. 587) described a practice whereby a person would light a candle or several candles, which equaled his own height; this was called "measuring to" such a saint. Although it may seem peculiar to us, this "measuring" actually reflects the idea of the candle representing the person in faith who has come into the light to offer his prayer.

In all, the usage of votive candles is a pious practice, which continues today in many Churches. The symbolism does remind us that prayer is a "coming into" the light of Christ, allowing our souls to be filled with His light, and letting that light burn on in our souls even though we may return to other activities.

I hope this might give enlightenment to your understanding of why we use Votive and Mass candles.

