

# MIDD SOUTH CATHOLIC

*The Roman Catholic Parish of Middlebury and Southbury*

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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*



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# 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	Charlie Longo	Claire Fulham	Evelyn Poremba
J.C. Corr	Debbie Sima	Owen Gallino	Mary Rachich
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Steve Brown	Lina Savard	Juanito Josef	Shannon
Elsa Molitor	Jennifer Pike	Art Johnson	Lorraine Shepard
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Sue Adams	Carolyn Barbieri	Joan Johnson	Ana Valle
Diane Turano	Ellen Barrett	Violet Kelly	Christine Walz
Carol Jameson	Michael Berardelli	Jacqueline Kliese	Patricia Watterworth
Teresa Helbock	Jenn Bona	John Krejci	John Weyant
Barbara Ditter	Jewel Brice	Michael Lombardi	J.A. Zawacki
Colleen Anne	Joe Capobianco	Thomas MacDonald	Ezra Black
Rina Conte	Eleanor Carroll	Joseph Martino	Regina Burns
Phyllis Phelan	Virginia Cartiglia	Michael	Baby Declan Rowe
Jim & Terri McCarthy	Mark Cavallero	Thomas Monteleone	Baby John
Andrew Francis Parisi	Ken Crowley	Lynn Musto	John Rotante
Gloria Browning	Michael C. Culhane	Gary Normandin	Tyler Toomey
Richie Monarch	Gindee Dabkowski	Leigh O'Brien	Matthew Haig
Hildegard Bayer	Annie DeLeonibus	Donna Orsatti	Walter Kloss
Gina Montini	Betsy Desmarais	Lou Orsini	Joe Rock
Stephen Putman	Frank & Rita Dest	Michael Panasci	Lori DeFelice
Mark Fox	Liam Dwyer	Marilyn Perin	Linda Elkins
Jeff Ealison	Rick Ericson	Greg Phelan	Richard Grailich
Charmaine Hamann	Kristen Fedor	Susan Pimpinella	



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**Mark Nagy: 203-525-0387**

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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 mfmcd@netscape.net.

## 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)

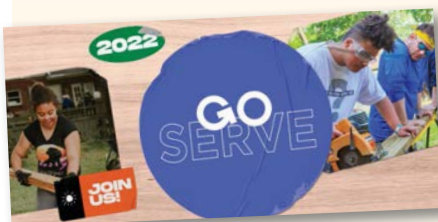
**Men's Ministry:** Meets every Saturday morning, 6:30 to 8:00 AM in the Jerusalem Room. Contact: Dave Kania at dkania08@gmail.com or Patrick Fellin at pfellin21@gmail.com

### 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.



## 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**



**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 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 - 6:00 PM
Wednesday	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 - 7:00 PM
Friday	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday 2	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 - 6:00 PM

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.seedsofhopehaiti.org) or mail your donation to: **Seeds of Hope for Haiti, Inc., P.O. Box 284, Southbury, CT 06488**



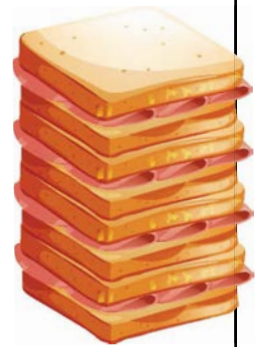
## SOCIAL OUTREACH

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:lourdesshrinect@gmail.com).



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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!



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







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