

# SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830



## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A—July 5, 2020 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY—JULY 4, 2020

### Independence Day Prayer

God of justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### PARISH STAFF

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### Parish Office

**38 Gold Street**  
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### Office Hours

9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Monday to Friday  
Closed on Saturday and Sunday

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church) by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 PM.  
Please call the parish office in advance  
to schedule a baptism.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Should be arranged at least 6 months in advance.  
Call the parish office for information.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Adults Faith Formation – Carole Wiemer**  
**Altar Decoration Team– Cecilia Bowers, Candace Hammond, & Maria Carosella**  
**Altar Servers - Father Raja**  
**Birthingright and Angel Tree - Kathy Wiegand**  
**Buildings & Grounds – John Ciovacco & Donna Mann**  
**Care of the Sick – Father Raja**  
**Counters – Liz Williams**  
**Hospitality – Isabel Santana**  
**Lay-Rep. of the Parish Corp.– Kevin Burns**  
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**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers – Donald Mohr**  
**Liturgical Music – Jan Gunnip**  
**Parish Data Input—Cecilia Bowers**  
**Prayer Ministry – Carole Wiemer**  
**Prayer Shawl – Minnie Tigano**  
**Religious Education – Father Raja**  
**Thanksgiving & Easter Baskets – John Innominato**  
**Parish Council Chairperson – Jan Gunnip**  
**Finance Council Chairperson – William Dylewsky**



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS  
ARE IN HONOR OF  
MINNIE FAMA (BIRTHDAY)  
FROM THE HOLKO FAMILY**



**Saturday, July 4**  
4:00 PM †Frances Kristoff—Family  
**Sunday, July 5**  
7:30 AM †Geraldine Fratello—Husband & Sons  
9:30 AM †Minnie Fama (Birthday)—The Holko Family  
11:30 AM †Louise Halpin (Birthday)—Family  
**Monday, July 6**  
7:00 AM †Duncan Stalker—John Halpin  
**Tuesday, July 7**  
7:00 AM †Marion Neal—John Halpin  
**Wednesday, July 8**  
7:00 AM Sam Cuda (Healing)—Cecilia Bowers  
**Thursday, July 9**  
7:00 AM †Anne Hallock—Minnie Tigano  
**Friday, July 10**  
7:00 AM †Jeff Fralick (17th Anniversary)—Bill Romanello  
**Saturday, July 11**  
4:00 PM †Adriana Roeloffs—Sacred Heart Prayer Group  
**Sunday, July 12**  
7:30 AM †John Chila—Joey & Marykiy Yusko  
9:30 AM †Teresa Funicelli—Daughter, Maria Carosella  
11:30 AM †Helen LaBate—Sacred Heart Parish  
**Monday, July 13**  
7:00 AM †Anna & Domenick Latella and Daughter, Joanne Phin—Virginia & Catherin Latella  
**Tuesday, July 14**  
7:00 AM †Ruben Rodriguez—Cecilia Bowers  
**Wednesday, July 15**  
7:00 AM †Marion Neal—Pat Szechtman  
**Thursday, July 16**  
7:00 AM Conversion of Sinners  
**Friday, July 17**  
7:00 AM †Silvio J. Archino—Minnie Tigano



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE  
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MINNIE FAMA (BIRTHDAY)  
FROM THE HOLKO FAMILY**

THIS WEEK—REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPPORT  
NEXT WEEK—MONTHLY COLLECTION

**Weekly Offertory—June 28—Collection amounts were not available at the time of this printing. Thank you!**

**The following list is for the most recent availability for Masses:**

**July 28, 29, 30, 31. Aug. 6, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31. Sept. 2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 25, 28, 30. Oct. 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30**

**For Altar Bread & Wine: Aug. 16, 30. Sept. 13, 20. Oct. 4, 18. Nov. 1, 22.**

**For Altar Flowers: Aug. 23. Sept. 6, 20. Oct. 4, 11, 18. Nov. 1, 8, 22.**

**Registration for Mass**  
**Those who would like to attend Mass**  
**are asked to call or leave your**  
**message or text only at this number**  
**(203) 559-9256 OR**

**Email: [sacredheartgrn@optonline.net](mailto:sacredheartgrn@optonline.net)**

- 1. Please give your full name**
  - 2. Which Mass you would like to attend:**  
**Sat. 4 PM; Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM**
  - 3. Number of family members would attend with you.**
- Registration closes by 1 PM on Fridays.**

**CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR  
PARISHIONERS AS WE HAVE RESUMED  
MASSES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.  
WE HAVE RESUMED WEEKDAY MASSES  
STARTING FROM WEDNESDAY, JULY 1.**

**\*Registration for attending any Mass is required since the seating capacity is very much limited because of social distancing.**

**\*All participants need to wear masks from the time they leave the cars in the parking lot until they return to their cars, with a few exceptions:**

- 1. Children under age of 2 should NOT wear masks.**
- 2. Parents should judge for children between the ages of 2 and 5 whether they should wear mask.**
- 3. All people who claim exemption for legitimate health reason (one does not pose a risk to others) can forego wearing the mask.**
- 4. The faithful may remove their face masks only when receiving Holy Communion.**

**\*Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all those who are vulnerable or concerned about their health or their health of their loved ones.**

**REFLECTION**

In the Christian life, “relief and rest” are not the end of the invitation. We are also called by Jesus to take up his yoke on our shoulders. and continue the work of caring for those around us, offering support to so many weary people, worn out under the unbearable weight of neglect and indifference. How are we supposed to do that when we may not feel all that strong ourselves?

It helps to picture a yoke, a harness shared by two oxen which allows them to work together as a team. Jesus is not handing over a burden to us but is asking us to join him in his work, to share the yoke. Suddenly, humility seems like something I want to do.

Our world, and maybe our lives, seem so heavy and heart-wrenching right now. We are called to a meekness that allows us to ask our loving God for help; to learn from Jesus how to make our way through it in small and humble service to others. That is where we will finally find peace.

We beg for a humility that can place us in the shoes of another to see and begin to understand their world and point of view. We are not in this alone, but side by side with Jesus, doing our part but knowing we are guided and loved by his great heart. - Maureen McCann Waldron

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

**Friday, July 31st at 5:00pm**  
**Saturday, August 1st at 10:30am**  
**Saturday, August 1st at 12:30pm**  
**Sunday, August 2nd at 2:30pm**

**Friday, August 7th at 5:00pm**  
**Saturday, August 8th at 10:30am**  
**Saturday, August 8th at 12:30pm**  
**Sunday, August 9th at 2:30pm**

**Dear Parents of the Children of First Holy Communion,**

Very important and memorable Day of your children's First Holy Communion is fast approaching. In view of immediate preparation for the celebration of the First Holy Communion, please take note of the following:

**1. There will be two mandatory classes for your children- one on Wednesday, July 15th at 4 PM and another on Wednesday, July 22nd at 4 PM. They will be done through ZOOM. I will give you the ZOOM link and the pass code later.**

**2. Rehearsals:**

**GROUP A:** Rehearsals for the children who are receiving Communion in the weekend of August 1st i.e. Fri. July 31st, Aug. 1st and Aug. 2nd will be on Wednesday, JULY 29th starting with each group from 4 PM on.

The exact time for each group will be notified on Aug. 22nd. Rehearsals will not take more than 30 minutes for each group.

**GROUP B:**

Rehearsals for the children who are receiving Communion in the weekend of August 1st i.e. Fri. Aug. 7th, Aug. 8th and Aug. 9th will be on Wednesday, AUGUST 5th, starting with each group from 4 PM on.

The exact time for each group will be notified on Aug. 22nd. Rehearsals will not take more than 30 minutes for each group.

For any clarification, please feel free call at 203 531- 8730 or call or text at 203 559-9256 (cell) or email.

Thank you and God Bless you. -Father Raja

**2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
 REGISTRATION**

**\*Registration for 2020-2021 classes began on Wednesday, July 1st. We are doing online registration this year, please visit our website at [www.sacredheartgreenwich.org](http://www.sacredheartgreenwich.org) to download the form and mail completed form with tuition.**

**\*For those entering First Grade, Baptism certificates are needed. Families new to our program also need to have copies of Baptism and First Communion certificates.**

**\*Those who would like to have the hard copy of the registration form, please call the rectory.**

**REFLECTION**

The French mystic, Jeanne-Marie Guyon (1648-1717), wrote, "Through being given rule and method how to love God, people have in great measure been estranged from God. How unnecessary is it to teach an art of loving! The language of love, though natural to the lover, is nonsense and barbarism to one who does not love. The best way to learn the love of God is to love God. The ignorant and simple, because they proceed with more heart and greater simplicity, often become better at it. The Spirit of God needs none of our arrangements and methods; when it pleases him, he turns shepherds into prophets: and, so far from excluding any from the Temple of Prayer, he throws wide the gates, that all may enter; while Wisdom cries aloud in the streets, 'You that are simple turn in here' (Proverbs 9:4)."

I asked an 8-year old American in Iceland how long it took her to learn Icelandic (she was the best in the family at it). She replied, "A day or two days, or a week." In other words, she didn't think about it at all; she just played with her Icelandic friends. Children learn spontaneously; but adults proceed "by rule and method." We need handbooks for everything because we have lost the capacity for direct experience.

While an adult stands back to analyze something, a child just becomes one with it. We have so venerated the analytical mind that the other faculties are scarcely taken into account at all. I have known people who were intellectually gifted but incapable of looking after themselves or anyone else. Far from seeing this as an embarrassment, we make it almost a badge of honor: we may laugh at him but we secretly revere the absent-minded professor. But as Chesterton said, "A madman is not someone who has lost his mind; he is someone who has lost everything except his mind."

It was when the towns of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum had rejected Jesus that he exclaimed, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants." Perhaps there were many intelligent people in those towns, and he was sick of arguing with them. Their intelligence left no mark on the history of the world: of Chorazin and Bethsaida there is no trace left; and Capernaum is only a couple of ruins. But the extraordinary love that Jesus embodied will live forever.

- Donagh O'Shea

**ONLINE GIVING**

Have you considered Online Giving rather than bringing cash or checks to church for the offering? This is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings or credit card account into the parish bank account. For information call Gail MacLean: 203-531-8730.

**Going on vacation? Giving is easy while you are away this summer.** Download the Online Giving app on your mobile device. **Go to OLGAPP.com and register with our parish.** Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.