

SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 4, 2021

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

ATTENTION
PLEASE ADDRESS ALL YOUR MAIL TO
SACRED HEART CHURCH
38 GOLD ST.
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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 PM or 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 more information.

**FOR LIVE STREAMING
OF THE 4:00 PM MASS,
PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTGREENWICH.ORG**

Masses

Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM in Chapel
Saturday Vigil : 4:00 PM in Church
Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
in Church

PARISH MINISTRIES

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



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



Saturday, July 3
4:00 PM †Eugene McEvoy—Donna & Mickey Mann
Sunday, July 4—**INDEPENDENCE DAY**
7:30 AM Parishioners
9:30 AM †Minnie Fama (Birthday)—The Holko Family
11:30 AM †Frances Kristoff—Family
Monday, July 5—**OFFICE CLOSED**
NO 7:00 A.M. MASS
Tuesday, July 6
7:00 AM †Anna & Domenick Latella & Daughter, Joanne Phinn
—Virginia & Catherine Latella
Wednesday, July 7
7:00 AM †Sr. Antoinette Rodriguez & Raani P. Rayan—
Liz & Tom Williams
Thursday, July 8
7:00 AM †Doris Stempien—Donna & Mickey Mann
Friday, July 9
7:00 AM †Rosario Costa (8th Anniversary)—Daughter, Josie
Saturday, July 10
4:00 PM †Willie Ambrosecchio—The Ambrosecchio Family
Sunday, July 11
7:30 AM Parishioners
9:30 AM †Edward Fuss Sr.—Son
11:30 AM †Jeff Fralick (18th Anniversary)—Bill Romanello
Monday, July 12
7:00AM †Michael & Brigid McManus—Family
Tuesday, July 13
7:00 AM †Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, July 14
7:00 AM XXX
Thursday, July 15
7:00 AM †Marc Lovallo (2nd Anniversary)—Mom, Lovallo
Friday, July 16
7:00 AM †Lyle Hinkley (Birthday)—Daughter, Pat

**Sacred Heart Parish
congratulates and welcomes
Mila Catalano
baptized into God's family on
June 27, 2021**

**Please pray for the
sick and deceased members
of our parish**



Ministry to the Homebound

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like our priest visit you, please contact the Rectory at 203-531-8730.



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

**THIS WEEK—REGIONAL SCHOOL
NEXT WEEK—MONTHLY COLLECTION
JUNE 27—THANK YOU!**

Weekly Offertory—\$1,698.40

Second Collection—\$680.50—PETER'S PENCE

Miscellaneous—\$212.00

Masses are available on following dates:

Jul. 14, 27, 28 & 29. **Aug.** 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 23, 26 & 27. **Sept.** 1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27 & 28. **Oct.** 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 & 31. **Nov.** 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26 & 29.

For Altar Bread & Wine: **Nov.** 14. **Dec.** 5.

For Altar Flowers: **Oct.** 17. **Nov.** 21

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—B

Are you critical towards others, especially those who may be close to you? The most severe critics are often people very familiar to us, a member of our family, a relative, or neighbor or co-worker we rub shoulders with on a regular basis. Jesus faced a severe testing when he returned to his home town, not simply as the carpenter's son, but now as a rabbi with disciples. It would have been customary for Jesus to go to the synagogue each week during the Sabbath, and when his turn came, to read from the scriptures during the Sabbath service. His hometown folks listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. What sign would he do in his hometown?

Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. How familiarity can breed contempt. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him. If people have come together to hate and to refuse to understand, then they will see no other point of view than their own and they will refuse to love and accept others. How do you treat those who seem disagreeable to you?

- Don Schwager

2021—2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

ONLINE Registration for 2021-2022 classes will begin on August 1. A reminder will be sent to all the current students in July.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REMINDER:

We are deeply grateful to all of our existing volunteers who have fully updated all of your Safe Environment requirements so that you are already eligible to begin volunteering at our upcoming events when they resume. These requirements include registration through the VIRTUS database and attendance at a live VIRTUS training class, clearing a criminal background check and acknowledging receipt of the newly revised 2020 Safe Environment Handbook. If you have not made these updates prior to June 30th, we will assume that you are not planning to return and we will remove you from the VIRTUS list. As soon as you are ready to resume your volunteer roles, please contact our office and we will reactivate your account for you.

If you are planning to assist our parish as a volunteer in the coming months, please log into your VIRTUS account and acknowledge receipt of the updated Safe Environment policies of the Diocese of Bridgeport re-promulgated by Bishop Frank Caggiano in 2020 and complete any other necessary items, such as the online training module or a background check which may be expired. Please visit the website www.virtusonline.org. Enter your USER ID and your PASSWORD from when you first attended VIRTUS (please do not create a new account) There is a link to reset your password if you forgot it. You may also call VIRTUS for assistance at 1-888-847-8870 or Cecilia Bowers at 203-531-8730.

From Bishop's Office

Due to the continued reduction of COVID-19 cases in our area, the following take effect June 30th 2021:

- 1. Holy Water is allowed in the fonts.**
- 2. Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals who distribute Holy Communion.**
- 3. Hands must be sanitized before distributing Holy Communion and after everyone has received, but it is optional to sanitize hands in between communicants. Specifically, it is optional to sanitize hands after a communicant receives on the tongue or a communicant's hand is accidentally touched.**
- 4. If the celebrant and deacon are vaccinated, then the deacon can receive from the celebrant's chalice. Otherwise, the deacon must receive by intinction or from a separate chalice.**

We are looking for Volunteers for the following Ministries:

- Money Counters
- Religious Education Teachers and Assistants
- Prayer Shawl
- Hospitality

If interested, please contact the Rectory during the office hours Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m.— 1 p.m. at 203-531-8730.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: AN IMMIGRANT'S REFLECTIONS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

**By Augusto Carneiro, Founder & Chief Friendship
Officer of Nossa Familia Coffee**

Edited by Karen Lickteig

When I arrived in the USA 24 years ago from Brazil to study as a foreign exchange student at the University of Portland, I loved learning about American culture and all of the fun and different customs. The 4th of July is definitely one of those great traditions — full of friends, barbeques, fireworks and good ol' summer fun.

This year, the 4th of July definitely feels different — more subdued and even a bit somber. We're still in the midst of a global pandemic that our country (and my home country) is struggling to dig out of, and going through an incredible period of civil unrest as the Black Lives Matter movement literally fights for the lives of Black folks and the cause of dismantling systemic racism and oppression. 2020 is definitely one for the history books, and it's only half over!

As I reflect on this day, I am pondering the words on our passports, the words written on the base of the Statue of Liberty — our "Mother of Exiles," and all that the USA strives to be. I'm pondering all the work still ahead so that everyone in this country gets a fair start towards their own American Dream. Independence Day is a cause for reflecting on how far we've come as a nation since the Founders declared independence from tyranny, and how far we still have left to go for the causes of freedom, justice and equality.

As an immigrant who chose to become a United States citizen, I recognize the great privilege of holding this coveted passport, and I also recognize with this privilege comes great responsibility. It's the responsibility to speak up for the ideals of freedom and equal rights, and for those who don't have the same privilege simply by happenstance of birth or because of the color of their skin. As I have learned more about American history and culture, I have come to more fully understand and appreciate what truly makes American great, and what it is today, and what we hope for it to become. It's our diversity, our collective vision and calling to strive for justice and freedom that we can't lose sight of.

My wish for my kids and for all fellow Americans is that we continue to grow in awareness of our own privileges, that we keep working for justice, and keep building an America that allows all its residents the pursuit of happiness. So on this 4th of July, between the burgers and the sparklers with close family and friends, I invite you to reflect on the meaning of this holiday, and the important responsibility we have to uphold these ideals.

ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?

If you have not receive your set of envelopes please notify the Parish Office at 203-531-8730.