

SACRED HEART CHURCH

95A Henry St., Greenwich, CT 06830

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 16, 2026



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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

*Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and
11:30 a.m.*

Weekday Masses (Chapel)

7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

First Fridays: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



**The Perpetual Sanctuary Candle burns this week
In Loving Memory of John Herbert & Ann Mary Bryson**

Offered by Joan Bryson

Please remember John Herbert & Ann Mary Bryson in your prayers.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MASS SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

7:00 AM †Mary Loglisci--Family

12:15 PM Special Intention for John Loglisci

Saturday, August 15

4:00 PM †Richie Kelly--Bill Romaniello

Sunday, August 16

7:30 AM Special Intention for Salvatore Piria--Family

9:30 AM †John Herbert & Ann Mary Bryson

11:30 AM †Walerian Grabowski--Wife

Monday, August 17

7:00 AM †Rick Erixon--Larry & Lynda DelBello

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 AM †Anne M. Kristoff--Husband

Wednesday, August 19

7:00 AM †Lillian Koegler--Larry & Lynda DelBello

Thursday, August 20

7:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr. Raja--Cecilia

Friday, August 21

7:00 AM †Judith Catalano (Anniversary)--Olson, Kutlin, Salopek & Fitzgerald Families & Sharon George

Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM †Joseph T. Dell'Orfano--Florence Dell'Orfano

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM Special Intention for Gail Piria--Family

9:30 AM †Deceased Members of Swillis Family--Cousins

11:30 AM †Emilea & Alphons Wolff--Daughter, Halina

Monday, August 24

7:00 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 AM †Joseph A. Macri (Birthday)--The Macri Family

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 AM Special Intention for Jennifer Rezende--Mom, Leila Bazi

Thursday, August 27

7:00 AM Special Intention for John Loglisci--Family

Friday, August 28

7:00 AM †Darla Santos (Birthday)--Aunt Leila Bazi



**ALTAR FLOWERS &
ALTAR BREAD & WINE
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN HERBERT &
ANN MARY BRYSON**



FROM JOAN BRYSON

Available for 2026:

Masses:

October: 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 25, 28, 30

November: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 29

December: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28,

Altar Bread & Wine: September: 6 & 27

October: 25, December: 6, 20

Sanctuary Candle: November: 15, 22

December: 6, 20

Altar Flowers: August: 23

2027 MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book will open on October 5 for Masses, Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Candle. Weekend Mass requests are limited to 3 per family. There is no limit to weekday Mass requests.

Fees are as follows:

Mass - \$15.00

Altar Bread & Wine - \$10.00

Sanctuary Candle - \$10.00

Altar Flowers - \$70.00

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

If you are new to Greenwich and would like to become members of Sacred Heart Parish, please visit our website www.sacredheartgreenwich.org and fill in the Registration Form and submit online or contact the Rectory at 203-531-8730 during office hours, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or
by appointment*

Sacrament of Baptism

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays
at 12:45 p.m. Please call the parish office in
advance to schedule a Baptism.*

*For Those anticipating the birth and
Subsequent Baptism of their first child,
class is held on the third Saturday every
month at noon in the Rectory.*

Sacrament of Matrimony

*The Sacrament of Matrimony should
be arranged at least 6 months in
advance. Call the parish office for
more information.*



SACRED HEART PRAYER GROUP

As a special part of our growth in prayer as a community, we would like to invite our parishioners to contact us directly about praying for anyone. There are many who need special encouragement and healing for themselves, their family and friends.

We pray every Thursday and include many prayer requests. If a request comes during the week, I send emails to each prayer group member.

I would like to encourage you to contact me, Carole Wiemer (cawiemer@optonline.net) with your request. We do not need to know the name of the person who needs prayer, but you can say that the person is in school, college, military service, a hospital or nursing home.



1st Announcement

**Joseph Whelan
&
Emily Marks**

have made a Promise of Marriage.



Sacred Heart 2026-2027 Faith Formation
Registrations received after July 31 will incur a \$50 late fee.

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

If your child is entering first grade, it is time to register for our Pre-First Communion class.

Please remember that all current students are required to continue their Faith Formation through Grade 8.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Bowers, Director of Religious Education, during office hours.

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Office: 203-532-5472

2026

**Lourdes
RETREAT**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church
566 Elm Street
Stamford, CT 06902**

*Join us for special day of
Hope and Healing*

Celebrating:
Bishop Frank Caggiano

**Sunday
September 27, 2026
5:00 PM Mass and Retreat**

Host:
Rev. Juan Gabriel Acosta

Event Coordinator:
David D'Andrea
& Office of Safe Environments

Guest Speaker:
Courageous healing
from illness and abuse

FREE ADMISSION
Donations Encouraged

*** LOURDES WATER
* EUCHARISTIC BLESSING
* CANDLELIGHT ROSARY**

**Refreshments served
after the celebration**



For information and registration:
Erin Neil, Director of Safe Environment (203) 416-1406
or **Valeria Jarrin (Español) (203) 416-1407** safeenvironment@diobpt.org

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THIS WEEK : No 2nd Collection

NEXT WEEK : Maintenance of Parish Buildings

August 8 & August 9

Weekly Offertory In Pew : \$ 1,967.50

2nd Collection (Monthly) : \$ 1,096.80

Sunday Offertory Online (8/3-8/9) : \$ 305.00

Total Offertory : \$ 3,369.30

Weekly Budget : \$ 4,100.00

Short : \$ 730.70

ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you have not been receiving your set of Envelopes. Please notify the Parish Office at 203-531-8730.

**Please remember Sacred Heart Parish
in your Estate Planning.**

Sacred Heart Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/7/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$36,500
Total Pledged:	\$38,571 (106%)
Donors to Date:	141 Donors
	
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**AMBASSADORS:
SHARING FAITH,
BUILDING COMMUNITY**



In 2020, **Cate Gosselin** joined the **Ambassadors Program** to help rebuild parish life and share the faith with others. Guided by Monsignor Weiss and supported by God, she now participates in formation, fellowship, and welcoming new parishioners.

Through **monthly gatherings**, after-Mass coffee and fellowship, and family events, Ambassadors like Cate help others return to their faith while fostering a warm, supportive parish community. As Cate says, *"Every day, we have the chance to serve by sharing our faith story or listening to someone else's."*

This ministry reflects the Bishop's Appeal theme, One in Christ, bringing parishioners together to renew and strengthen the Church.

Support programs like the Ambassadors Ministry and more through your gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

MAKE A GIFT TODAY!

2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG



**Please pray for the
deceased members of our Parish,
especially:**

Dorothy Crawford

Died on August 8, 2026

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
WEEKLY ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
at 11:00AM at the**

**Cathedral of Saint Augustine
in Bridgeport, CT**

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have.

She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I give myself wholly to You.
Take my heart, my thoughts, my words,
and my deeds,
that I may love what You love
and desire what You desire.**

**Be my strength in weakness,
my refuge in temptation,
and my guide in every trial.
Reign in my mind, my heart, my will,
and my life,
that I may belong totally to You.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus,
burn within me with Your holy love,
and make me faithful to You always.**

Amen

Please pray this prayer every day for your intentions and for the needs of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Our Lady of Fatima, Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic at St. Theresa Church, Trumbull CT

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of the Faith and Truth? Do you think you might want to be a Lay Dominican? Come follow in the footsteps of Saint Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Our Lady of Fatima, Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic is growing!

Please join us for our annual Open House/Inquiry on **Monday, September 21 at 7:00PM**, St. Theresa School Gym, 55 Rosemond Terrace, Trumbull, CT.

For more information about the Lay Dominicans please call, text or email our Formation Director, Mrs. Michelle Rowe, OP., at 203-218-6882; orapronobis20@gmail.com

Come ONE! Come ALL!

Rain or Shine: Let us celebrate the Birth day of our Blessed Mother Mary!



When : Sunday, September 6, 2026 following the 11:30 a.m. Mass

How : Pray the Rosary together

Where: Sacred Heart Chapel Garden Grotto

Bring : Flowers to offer to our Blessed Mother and your own Rosary

For more information contact: Lea Olaes at 203-278-1787

N.B.: Light refreshments will be served in the Hall after the Rosary.

Christian Music Festival
SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
Adoration 5:00 pm | Eat 5:00 pm | Music starts 6:30 pm
Vendors | Food trucks | Family fun
ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING

 Fr. Kevin Regan & Fr. Sam Kochuba Pastors of the Diocese of Bridgeport	 Simon Damos A Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter	 Dana Catherine A rising independent artist from North Carolina
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Registration opening soon!
Info: SacredHeartGrotto@diobpt.org
Location: St. Jude Parish, 707 Main Street, Monroe, Connecticut 06468
Brought to you by St. Jude Parish and the Diocese of Bridgeport



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT
Office of the Bishop
100 Beard Sawmill Road, Suite 650, Shelton CT 06484

August 2026

To: All Pastors, Administrators, Rectors, Deacons, Hispanic Pastoral Agents, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Bridgeport:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I write to you today in fulfillment of my pastoral duty to safeguard the faith of the people of God entrusted to our care in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

I have been made aware that a private event has been organized in the City of Danbury, scheduled for September 2026, advertised as a "*Catholic Healing and Liberation Retreat*." The retreat features a layperson identified as Mr. Demetrio López, who presents himself as a "Catholic Preacher," and who will be accompanied by a priest identified only as "Father Miller." This event was organized without the knowledge or authorization of the Diocese of Bridgeport and raises serious canonical and pastoral concerns which I feel obliged to bring to your attention.

I. Reports from Other Dioceses

We have received communications from other dioceses who have already issued formal canonical warnings regarding Mr. Demetrio López and his retreat activities, known as "*Aviva el Espíritu*" (Revive the Spirit).

Among the ecclesial authorities who have acted are:

- The Archdiocese of Chicago
- The Archdiocese of Atlanta, by letter of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., Archbishop of Atlanta, dated April 14, 2026
- The Diocese of Charleston, through its Office of Hispanic Ministry

These dioceses have confirmed the following, which I consider grave and worrisome, and I make them known to you:

1. Mr. Demetrio López, believed to be originally from the City of Chicago, Illinois, is not affiliated with any recognized movement within the Catholic Church, nor does he hold any official ministry, mandate, or commission from any competent ecclesiastical authority.

2. In his talks and retreat presentations, Mr. López promotes a vision of the Church that diminishes the centrality of Jesus Christ as the fullness of Divine Revelation, undermines the necessity of sacramental grace, and does not foster full communion with the Successor of the Apostle Peter, the Roman Pontiff.

3. The priest or priests accompanying Mr. López in his activities do not possess the ministerial faculties required to celebrate the Sacraments in the Diocese of Bridgeport, are not compliant with our norms for the safeguarding of children nor have they provided the required commendatory letters from their proper Ordinary.

4. All activities conducted by Mr. López are done on a strictly personal basis, even when he presents himself as representing a Catholic ministry or movement.

II. Canonical Concerns

The Code of Canon Law establishes clear norms which govern the situation at hand. The faithful have a right to know of these provisions:

Regarding the use of the name "Catholic": No undertaking may claim the name Catholic without the consent of the competent ecclesiastical authority (cf. CIC, c. 216). An event that presents itself as "Catholic" without the knowledge or approval of the Diocesan Bishop constitutes a violation of this norm.

Regarding preaching and the ministry of the word: The faculty to preach is governed by the norms of both universal and particular law (cf. CIC, c. 764, 772 §1). Any layperson who wishes to preach in a church or oratory requires the permission of the competent pastor or local Ordinary and may do so only in accordance with the norms established by the Bishops' Conference (cf. CIC, c. 766).

Regarding visiting priests and the celebration of the Sacraments: Before any priest who is unknown in a parish or church may celebrate the Eucharist or administer the Sacraments, he must present commendatory letters from his proper Ordinary or religious superior, issued within the current year, attesting to his good standing (cf. CIC, can. 903). The faculty to hear sacramental confessions must be expressly granted by the competent authority of the place where the priest exercises such ministry and is not transferable across dioceses without such grant (cf. CIC, cann. 967–969).

III. Directives for Pastors and Pastoral Agents

In light of the above, I ask that all pastors, administrators, rectors, deacons, and pastoral agents observe the following:

1. **Do not permit** Mr. Demetrio López, any priest accompanying him, or any organizer acting on his behalf to use parish facilities, churches, halls, or any other Catholic property or venue for any event presented as Catholic in nature — whether labeled a retreat, prayer gathering, healing service, or conference. Do not loan any liturgical aid or materials for the celebration of any liturgies.
2. **Verify faculties** before allowing any visiting or unknown priest to celebrate the Holy Eucharist or administer the Sacraments in your parish. Written commendatory letters from the priest's proper Ordinary, issued within the current year, are required by canon law (cf. CIC, c. 903). In the absence of such documentation, the celebration of the Sacraments is to be denied.
3. **Inform your faithful**, particularly within our Hispanic communities, that events organized under the names "Aviva el Espíritu," "Healing and Liberation Retreat," or any similar gathering associated with Mr. Demetrio López do not carry the approval or endorsement of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The faithful are encouraged to exercise prudent discernment and to consult with their pastors before attending any event claiming Catholic identity.
4. Urge your faithful to **refrain from promoting** in any way these unauthorized pastoral activities organized by Mr. Lopez or his supporters.
5. **Report any information** regarding planned events of this nature — including flyers, social media posts, or direct communications — to the Office of the Vicar General or the Office of Hispanic Ministry at the Diocese of Bridgeport, so that appropriate canonical action may be taken.

I am grateful for your faithful service to the people of God, and I ask for your cooperation in sharing this information through whatever means are appropriate in your parishes — including bulletins, parish social media, and direct communication with your faithful — so that the integrity of the Catholic faith may be preserved.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Vicar General with any questions or additional information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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