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JUNE 5, 2022

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road

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Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday &

Thursday-8:00 am

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday after 8:00am Daily Mass

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

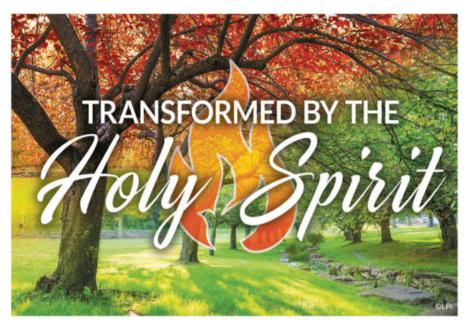
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the



potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

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WELCOME TO ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

We extend a special welcome to new parishioners. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith-life will grow. We also hope you will share your special gifts with your parish family. Your presence, your talents and your prayers are always welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Castro, after one of the Masses and also please formally register with the parish through our website at www.saintjuniperoserra.org or by contacting the office.

The churches are open for private devotions:

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

Pastoral Staff

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Parish Office: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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Important Information

Baptisms: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

Prayer Line: For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-938-4864, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound: Your parish priests, deacons and ministers are eager to help anyone who is unable to celebrate with us because of age, illness or handicap. There is no problem visiting private homes if we are notified. If you, or a relative living in the South Windsor Catholic Community would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office so that we may be of assistance.

Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

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SATURDAY VIGIL, June 4

4:00 p.m. Vera & Frank Jurczak by Family

SUNDAY, June 5 | Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex 9:00 a.m. Edward W. Kasheta, Sr. by Lorraine Bernier 11:00 a.m. Aida Velez Morales by Dorian Scabich

MONDAY, June 6

8:00 a.m. Dorothy & George Smith by Phil & Linda Smith TUESDAY, June 7

8:00 a.m. Fr. Daniel Sullivan by Pendergast Family

WEDNESDAY, June 8

8:00 a.m. Ronald Stewart by Family

THURSDAY, June 9

8:00 a.m. Doris V. Lausier by Husband, Patrick A. Lausier

SATURDAY VIGIL, June 11

4:00 p.m. Carole Snyder-1st Anniversary

by Billy, Janette, Matthew, Josephine & Christina

SUNDAY, June 12 | The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 a.m. Beverly Belcher by Thomas Fowler

9:00 a.m. Peter Kelly by Family

11:00 a.m. Giuseppina Matarazzo by Her Children



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.



Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara

Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karén Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes, Ginette Collin, Laurie Gilligan, Joan Paterna, Linda Nott. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH —

Pentecost

Ouestion:

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and

other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks "Pentecost"



Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.

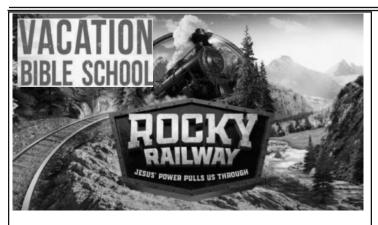
St. Norbert | June 6

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery,



felt called to be a priest. Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg,

Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.



From Faith Formation Office... Dear Parents:

Send your kids on a mountaintop adventure at VBS this Summer!

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Your Rocky Railway VBS Team at Saint Junipero Serra Parish



The food collection for June will take place the weekend of 6/25 and 6/26. Grocery bags will be distributed the weekend of 6/18 and 6/19. With your

help St. Vincent de Paul Society will assist Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, local families we support and St. Ann's Church in Hartford.

Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please e m a i l president@societyhelpline.org.



Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post request for assistance on our site www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, just come and see what it's all about. We start off the evening with The Divine Mercy Chaplet,





Spiritual Rosary and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.



The Knights of Colum-**BLOOD** DRIVE bus and St. Junipero Serra Parish are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 from 12:00p.m. to

5:00p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org. Any questions call Kevin Paradis @ 860-212-9661.

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E-mail Emily Golec; youthministersjs@gmail.com or faithformation@southwindsor.cc or call the office 860.644.2549





Joan of Arc has always been one of my very favorite saints. There is something exhilarating about a young girl soldier who is not afraid to lose even her very life for God's purpose.

"As Joan of Arc was leaving Vaucouleurs to begin her mission to save France she was asked by a women: "How can you make such a journey when on all sides are soldiers?" to which Joan responded: "I do not fear the soldiers, for my road is made open to me; and if the soldiers come, I have God, my Lord, who will know how to clear the route that leads to messire the Dauphin. It was for this that I was born!"

Seemingly very far off from the nature of Saint Joan of Arc, is Saint Therese the Little Flower, but she also gleaned inspiration from the warrior saint and wrote the poem below. It is not Joan's victories We wish to celebrate this day. My God, we know her true glories Are her virtues, her love.

By fighting, Joan saved France. But her great virtues Had to be marked with the seal of suffering, With the divine seal of Jesus her Spouse!

Joan, you are our only hope. From high in the Heavens, deign to hear our voices. Come down to us, come convert France. Come save her a second time.

Sweet martyr, our monasteries are yours. You know well that virgins are your sisters, And like you the object of their prayers Is to see God reign in every heart.

Refrain: To save souls Is their desire. Ah! Give them your fire Of apostle and martyr! With war-like attacks on the family in America and around the world, Jesus is our King, Mary is our Queen, our weapon is the rosary, our food is the Eucharist, and our shield is the

brown Scapular. We are at war; God always wins!

Let us pray with our heroine saints, Joan of Arc and Saint Therese - Come convert the world, come save us, sweet saints! - Amen, Alleluia!

Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@southwindsor.cc

FOR HAITI

Did you know that you can put many of your old household items in the St. Vincent de Paul bins at SMM and they will be collected and sent to Haiti? These items do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition. For example:



Baseball caps

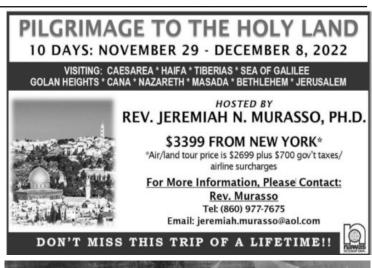
Decks of cards, match cars, jump ropes Frisbees

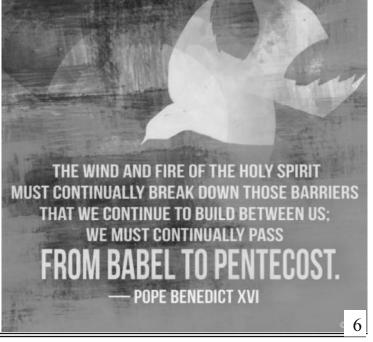
• Embroidery floss and small sewing kits

- Hand lotions, shampoos and hand sanitizers (trial size from hotels)
- Flannel backed tablecloths (used for birthing pads)
- Jewelry, earrings and bracelets (given as reward in classes)
- Nail clippers
- Pillowcases (used to carry foods)
- Towels (even torn ones are cut up to make washcloths)
- Sheets (used to make diapers and baptismal dresses)
- Tackle boxes (used by midwives to carry supplies)
- Shower caps (used to cover foods), and
- Old suitcases <u>NO FABRIC SUITCASES</u> (soft) sent to Haiti packed, and after are used by people to hold their belongings.

Items may be placed in bags marked 'Haiti' for ease in sorting.









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