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18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road

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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am

Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

**Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live
Streamed at www.saintjuniperoserra.org**

JULY 31, 2022

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road

South Windsor, CT 06074

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday-8:00 am**

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

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

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

2022 Vacation Bible School - Thank you!

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Castro, and the St. Junipero Serra Parish Staff, I'd like to extend my gratitude to all who assisted to make the week of vacation bible school a great success. We had a team of dedicated adult volunteers who prepared activities, Bible adventures, games and snacks that were well received by the kids. In addition, a troop of teen counselors from the parish helped take on a leadership role and became friends with our campers. Finally, thirty children came out for the week and came to learn that, regardless of what life throws at us, we can TRUST JESUS! Finally, thank you to the parents for your sacrifice of time to facilitate your kids' attendance at VBS. We're looking forward to another great week next year. Thanks again to the VBS team and to the parish for your prayers for this successful event.

God Bless.
Anton Miranda
Director of Religious Education



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

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216

SATURDAY VIGIL, July 30

4:00 p.m. Mary & Henry Faignant
by Daughter, Mary Faignant

SUNDAY, July 31

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. JoAnne & Ray Pastula by Pastula Family
9:00 a.m. Maurice Beloin by Dorothea Mikalauskas
11:00 a.m. Eugene, Eva & Rocco Montano by Family

MONDAY, August 1

8:00 a.m. Patricia Davis by Annamae Davis

TUESDAY, August 2

8:00 a.m. Georgianna Theriault by Ila Jewell

WEDNESDAY, August 3

8:00 a.m. Samuel & Mary Bottaro by Family

THURSDAY, August 4

8:00 a.m. Dianne M. Robitaille by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, August 6

4:00 p.m. Pauline Brancati by Family

SUNDAY, August 7

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Jean Felice
9:00 a.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex
11:00 a.m. Mary Giordano by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
THOSE WHO DIED AT HARTFORD DISTRIBUTORS

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 Donnelly, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen 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, Donna Antaya. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1

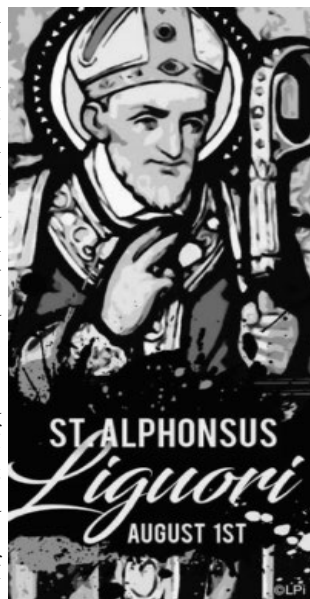
Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.



**PERFECT LOVE OF
GOD MEANS THE
COMPLETE UNION
OF OUR WILL
WITH GOD'S.
ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**



Looking for New Youth Altar Servers!

Boys and girls entering 2nd grade and older are encouraged to become altar servers.

A one-hour altar server training will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30pm at St. Margaret Mary Church. Confirmation students can get service hours for attending training and serving at Masses.

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Questions? Contact Nick Chapman at
Nicholas.Chapman@StThomas.edu

The Parish is collecting school supplies and backpacks for children in the area. Collection dates are the weekends of August 6 and 7, August 13 and 14. Thank you in advance for your generosity helping children start the school year with the supplies they need.



Please join the Ministry of Life for a candle-light vigil in memory of the preborn. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi. We will start with a candle-light vigil at Our Lady of Fatima

Grotto, process into St. Francis where there will be a Blessing, Adoration and Benediction. This is a ministry of love from conception to natural death. Please email sjsministryoflife@comcast.net for any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.



STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

7/17/2022 Weekly Collection \$11,784.00

7/24/2022 Weekly Collection \$9,800.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



St Junipero Serra plans on starting an RCIA program (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) in September. Do you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a catholic, perhaps already a catholic and in need of completing their Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation, or just interested in learning more about their faith, *please contact Phil Smith at 860-644-0372.* We plan a gathering in September to explore interest and needs. This way we will be able to schedule meetings to best suit needs and to establish planned content. Please do your part as an evangelist to spread the Good News. Thank you for your time and attention.

From Faith Formation Office



Thank you to the parishioners of St. Junipero Serra Parish for your generous donations to

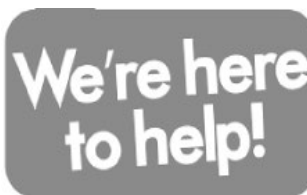
the July food collection! With your help St. Vincent de Paul Society assisted Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, local families we support and Bristol Men's Shelter.

We need volunteers to help with the household goods distribution for 4-5 hours on a Saturday morning - one weekend per month. If you can help please email

president@societyhelpline.org

Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please email 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 a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.



WE ARE HIRING

YOUTH MINISTER ST. JUNIPERO SERRA PARISH

The Youth Minister will focus on ministry to teens in the upper grades, involving elements of religious catechesis, community service, and prayer, as well as lead the Confirmation program. You should be committed to continually connecting with our teens and families to grow our parish ministry.

Classes take place on Sundays and one evening during the week. Office hours are flexible and can be adjusted according to availability. Special events and retreats are in addition to classes and office hours. Total hours will average between 15 and 20 and are based on the needs of the Parish.

Qualified candidates should have experience in teaching, evangelization, leading small groups, and/or leading retreats. You must be energetic and comfortable speaking in front of 50+ children, proficient with computers, Google Platform applications, Microsoft Office and have strong administrative and communication skills.

Applicants must be a practicing Catholic, have a combination of 3+ years of related college level courses and/or credible youth ministry experience. A strong understanding of the Church's teachings and moral theology is required. The individual will be faith-filled, enthusiastic, nurturing, and collaborative.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and an updated resume to the
Business Manager at: business@southwindsor.cc or
Director of Religious Education at: dre@southwindsor.cc

Please provide references highlighting effective teaching, inspirational qualities, and motivational skills, especially pertaining to Catholic Teens.

For full recruitment visit <https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org/youth-ministry/>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 31, 2022 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©LPi



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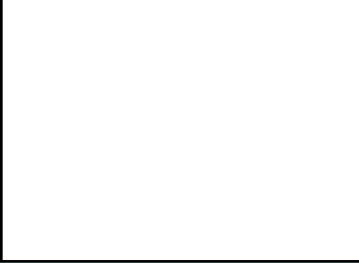
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