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#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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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

SEPTEMBER 4, 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-6:45pm

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

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

# St. Junipero Serra Parish Fall 2022 Bible Study ROMANS

Join us as we study Paul's Letter to the Romans this Fall. Although Paul did not find the Church at Rome, he spent the last few years of his life there under house arrest and wrote this longest of his epistles to the Roman Jews. Paul's letter presents the limits of the Law of Moses and the need for salvation through Jesus Christ.

Bible study will take place in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:00 until 8:30 pm on 10 consecutive Monday nights starting September 19th and will finish before Thanksgiving.

This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback textbook and a questions and answer booklet, a professional video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register, or if you have any questions about the study.

### 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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> 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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**St. Vincent de Paul**: 860-648-0216



#### SATURDAY VIGIL, September 3

4:00 p.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex

SUNDAY, September 4

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Pauline Bilideau

9:00 a.m. Alevda Tabares

11:00 a.m. Father Daniel Sullivan by Bilas Family

MONDAY, September 5

8:00 a.m. Thomas, Laura & Ronald Anastasio by Katherine Anastasio-Kamerer

TUESDÁY, September 6

8:00 a.m. Malani Wijelatha by Harshila

WEDNESDAY, September 7

8:00 a.m. Gloria Donlin by Morning Mass Friends

THURSDAY, September 8

8:00 a.m. Steven E. Fisher by Annamae Davis

SATURDAY VIGIL, September 10

4:00 p.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex

SUNDAY, September 11

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Erica Young

9:00 a.m. Andrew Fulop by Parents

11:00 a.m. Fortunata Delgado by Granddaughter



#### **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, 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, 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, Charles Manzella, Bill Westine. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.



#### A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator, Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain. Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother, You labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker. Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life. You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks. On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value. Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill. Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord. In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You. Amen.

#### Catholic Teaching on Labor

#### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

#### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: Rerum Novarum (1891) by Leo XIII, Quadragesimo Anno (1931) by Pius XI, Laborem Exercens (1981), and Centesimus Annus (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a per-

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching. ©LPi

Our office will be closed on Monday, <u>September</u> 5th in observance of Labor Day!



Dear Parishioners.

We have been working on different projects in both churches, SMM and SFA. Some of them have already been successfully completed, all thanks to your generosity and help. Once again, last week we had two major storms. Due to the amount of rain. SMM's basement was flooded three times. We contacted the insurance, but since the drainage pipes are made of clay and have deteriorated, and are original since the church was built, we must cover the costs of this work.

Many of these projects that we must carry out are due to lack of maintenance for the last 4 years, according to the words of the insurance company and the contractors. We want and must keep our churches and their surroundings in good condition. As a Catholic community we must feel blessed and grateful to have two campuses since other communities do not have the opportunity of this great blessing. Let's remember that both church halls are also used for different events, not only parish events, but also for the community in general. If we continue to work and support the parish we will be able to continue growing and living our faith in a worthy place.

> May God continue to bless all of you and your families, Fr. Jorge Castro

St. Junipero Serra Parish Men's Club Golf Tournament Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8:00 AM Shotgun Start East Hartford Golf Club



Format: Handicapped Team Scramble

Cost is \$100 Per Person and includes 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Breakfast Sand-

wich, and Buffet Dinner with Beer Keg Proceeds will fund Fr. Sherer Scholarship, Youth Group, and various other ministries of the Parish Raffle to Follow

For more information Email Shawn Perry at shawn.perry88@gmail.com

#### STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 8/21/2022 Weekly Collection \$19,186.50 8/28/2022 Weekly Collection\$8,905.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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



the August food collection! With your help we were able to assist Head Start Families in Vernon, DCF Families in Manchester, local families we support and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford.

Bags for the September food collection will be distributed the weekend of 9/17 and 9/18.

The September food collection will take place the weekend of 9/24 and 9/25.



REMINDER: THE SPECIAL COLLEC-TION FOR OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WILL BE THE SEC-OND COLLECTION ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 8 AND OCTOBER 9.

Please help us continue to help others!

Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post for assistance on site www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.

The Women's Club will hold it's 🦱 annual 1<sup>st</sup> membership meeting on Wed. Sept. 7th starting at **Women's Club** 6:30 at St. Francis of Assisi Hall. Mark your calendar and join us if



you would like to be a part of the Women's Club and see how you can help the Parish Community and come make some new friends.



Come and join us at our newly formed bi-monthly Men's Prayer Group to let God age a deeper personal understanding of his message to us.

The meetings will be on Thursday evening at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Chapel. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th.

Topic: 9/11 Sunday Readings. Please bring your Bible or readings for Sunday 9/11/2022.

For more information contact Jozef Chilicki at ichilicki@cox.net

The annual signup to assist in providing a monthly meal for the men living at the ImmaCare shelter will be held the weekend of September 10 and 11. Volunteer help is needed to provide food items for the monthly meal and there opportunities to





serve at the shelter. All assistance is greatly appreciated for this parish ministry to continue feeding the hungry.

## 3 Banns of Marriage

Rachel Anne Plourde | Benjamin Paul Kwiatkowski

Divine Mercy Cenacle



**INCREASE YOUR** FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets

every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

#### Archdiocesan Director of the Catholic Biblical School

Enrollment in the Catholic Biblical School is open! Please call (860) 242-5573 for more information or visit our website Catholic.Biblical.School@aohct.org to apply.

This year's 40 Days for Life will run from September 28th-November 6th.

The St. Junipero Serra Parish Ministry of Life will participate in the Hartford Archdiocese sponsored 40 Days for Life Campaign on Saturday, October 1st on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain 40DAYS FORLIFE Ave., West Hartford. Sign -up



sheets will be in the church vestibules starting September 3rd. Once you have signed up, you will then need to register at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/. If you have any questions, email sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net

By participating, you are helping to end the injustice of abortion. Join us as we pray to save the lives of the preborn.

#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 21 - 23, 2022 in Farmington,



CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 4, 2022 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in UNCEASINGL our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to FOR GOD'S follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic



love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be singleminded in the quest for God. We cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over the soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

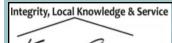
The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that we must put ourselves aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi



Our church choir will be starting up again for the new church year and in preparation for the holiday season. The choir sings every other week and rehearses on Thursdays from 7PM-8:30PM at SMM. Our first rehearsal is on Thursday September 8th at SMM. All are wel-

come to come join! Please feel free to contact Bobby Dolan with any questions (robert.dolan@uconn.edu).

We have begun using a different version of the sung parts of the Mass (Glory To God, Holy, Amen, Lamb of God). We are introducing "The Mass of Spirit and Grace" which can be found in the hymnals, number 924 thru 932. We hope this reference will encourage all to join us in prayerful singing.



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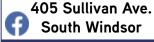
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