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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come.”
- Mt 24:42

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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**

NOVEMBER 27, 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.**

Please join your parish for a
Day of Recollection
During Advent Season

at Ender's Island in Stonington, Connecticut
Date: Saturday, December 17th

Cost: \$80

which includes breakfast, hot lunch, snacks & transportation

The bus will leave between 7:00 – 7:30 a.m.
from the St. Francis of Assisi parking lot and return about 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Ginger in the office,
860-644-2411 x101 or ginger@southwindsor.cc
to get on the list as space is limited!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Friday, December 16 | 7pm
St. Margaret Mary Church

Advent *by* Candlelight

sponsored by

St. Junipero Serra Parish Women's Club

Wednesday, November 30

6.00pm | St. Francis of Assisi Church

Followed by a social in the hall

You are welcome to bring a dessert or finger food for the social to share.
A free will offering will be collected for the program.

For more information contact Ronnie Zagaja

Email: ronniezagaja@gmail.com or Call at 636-698-4640

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, Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

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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, one week before publication. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216

Winter Snow Policy: Please check our website, channel 3 or Facebook page for possible cancellation.



SATURDAY VIGIL, November 26

4:00 p.m. Salvatore & Alfina Neri & Alfio Bonanno
by Family

SUNDAY, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Philip & Winifred Burnham by Their Children

9:00 a.m. Helen Zukauskas by the Breen Family

11:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Jonathan P. Chilicki
by Family

MONDAY, November 28

8:00 a.m. Joseph L. Gallo by Ed & Kathy Sullivan

TUESDAY, November 29

8:00 a.m. Audrey Szoka by Father, Roy & Family

WEDNESDAY, November 30

8:00 a.m. Fran O'Brien

THURSDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. Ellie Minguy by Bible Study Group

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 3

4:00 p.m. Robert Trichka-11th Anniversary by Family

SUNDAY, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Rene Garneau by Gerald & Lisa Masson

9:00 a.m. Paul Valacer by Wife & Family

11:00 a.m. George & Marie Irene McAndrews
by Mimosa Pham

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
RONALD KRONENWETTER

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, 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, Ron Krug, Roy Hauck. Please call
the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.



CANDLE PRAYER

Candles have long traditionally
had significance in prayer and
rituals in the Catholic Church.

CCC1243 The white garment
symbolizes that the person bap-
tized has "put on Christ," 42 has
risen with Christ. The candle, lit
from the Easter candle, signifies
that Christ has enlightened the
neophyte. In him the baptized
are "the light of the world."

Beyond the stone of church walls,
Though dim and unscheduled for a Mass,
flames flicker intensely through the glass,
Lit in faith,

hands held up to God,
A gesture of prayer in the dark,
The yellow glow dances in hope,
Keeping watch throughout the night,
Holding our prayers of light,
from a single flame in vigil,
An offering,
a symbol,

That God our Father's will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven!
And for those who have passed away
We pray in Light!

We remember the holy souls in Purgatory during the
month of November,

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the
light of a single candle.
- St. Francis of Assisi

III. THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still
imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal
salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as
to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of
heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final
purification of the elect, which is entirely different from
the punishment of the damned.606

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer
for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture:
"Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the
dead, that they might be delivered from their sin."609
From the beginning the Church has honored the memory
of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above
all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they
may attain the beatific vision of God.610 **The Church also
commends**

**almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance under-
taken on behalf of the dead:**

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were
purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt
that our offerings for the dead bring them some consol-
ation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and
to offer our prayers for them.611

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FROM THE
PASTOR

Dear parishioners,

I would like to recognize the work, service and dedication of our parishioners this past week-end as they served and prepared the Military Appreciation Dinner. Through these acts of generosity and kindness we leave a mark on our parish and community. I want to especially thank Carter's Care and his support team, the Knights of Columbus, our youth of Religious Education Program, and everyone who made this event possible. It is only through recognizing the work of all those who help and serve others that we begin to create an awareness of community and family in Christ.

May God bless you always!

Rev. Jorge E. Castro

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Junipero Serra Parish for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Food Collection! With your help we were able to assist Community Child Guidance Families, Head Start Families in Vernon, DCF Families in Manchester, local families we support and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford CT.

Giving trees will be placed at St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi the Saturday after Thanksgiving. St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting gift cards and gifts for local families in need, Head Start Families in Vernon and DCF Families in Manchester and for all ages of children and teenagers for families at Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Sorrows, both in Hartford CT. Please consider helping if you can and bring gift cards and toys by 12/18/2022.



CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

Christmas Cards for enrollees in the parish Mass held 11 am on Christmas Day will be available for sale after all weekend Masses and at the office. Please note the cover artwork is by children of the parish. Sales will continue up until December 23.



The December food collection will take place the weekend of 12/17 and 12/18/2022. Grocery bags for the collection will be distributed the weekend

before - 12/10 and 12/11/2022

- Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please email president@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.

The Ministry of Life is a ministry of love and positivity. We defend life from conception to natural death. The United Conference of Catholic Bishops' November Prayer Guide's subject of prayer is for the sick and dying. "May we readily provide care and support to the sick and dying that respects their dignity and protects their lives." As a matter of fact, November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Sadly, in Connecticut, Assisted Suicide has been a legislative issue for the past ten years, and there is little doubt that it will not be brought up in the State General Assembly Judiciary Committee in 2023. Let us pray for our political leaders to recognize the profound value of human life.



Thanks to the generosity of St. Junipero Serra parishioners, we raised over \$2500.00 for the Birthright Bottle Drive. Thank you for participating. All donations are appreciated.

Save the Date: March for Life in DC is scheduled for January 19 -20, 2023. More information to follow.



Attention Women of the Parish: It's almost that time- Christmas Season and celebrations with friends and the Church Community will be upon us!

The SJS Women's Club would like to invite you to our **Christmas Party -Dinner** on Tuesday, December 13th at Lena's Restaurant -

655 John Fitch Blvd (Rte 5). The cost is \$27 and will include Cheese/Cracker Platter and your choice of Beef Sirloin or Baked Scrod



The SJS Women's Club Christmas Party-Dinner

and vegetable and salad. Dessert and Coffee and Tea will also be included and tax and gratuity. Cash Bar is available. We are inviting all Women of the Parish whether you are a member or not of the Women's Club. If you would like to join us and meet others from the Parish Community, *Please contact Nedra Gallo to reserve a spot at 860- 432 -1793. Bring a friend!*

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
11/13/2022 Weekly Collection \$9,352.00
 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 11-Retired Religious Fund



Holiday Craft Fair
 December 3rd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Bridget School 74 Main Street Manchester, CT. We have over 75 vendors with home made crafts of all kinds. We would love every-

one to join us and do their Christmas shopping with us. Admission is free.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon November 29th for Sunday, December 11th, Tuesday, December 6th for Sunday, December 18th. Please Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

From December 16-24, you will receive an email with a short video, reflection, or activity with an opportunity for prayerful reflection.



Sign up by December 1 to gain early access to this year's introduction to Posadas video, doodling prayer reflection activity for personal or classroom/parish-setting use, and lesson plan (appropriate for middle-high school students/parishioners)!

Join us as we listen to and reflect on the stories of Holy Families in our midst, and celebrate the gifts that migrants bring with them.

We hope you and your community will join us.

To register, visit this link below

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/posadas-2022-registration/>

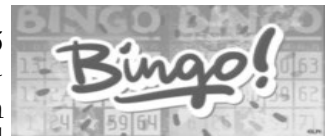


INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.*

For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall | Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm
Bingo starts at 7:00pm

Higher payouts – play for \$25 – all games. Help support local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.



Through the generosity of our parish community, \$150,466.00 has been pledged to this year's effort; this is 68.08% of our financial target. I encourage everyone to consider a gift that is appropriate for them; let's work together to exceed our parish goal. Every gift makes a difference and has an incredible impact. Thank you for your consideration. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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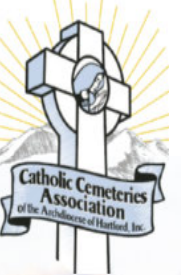
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