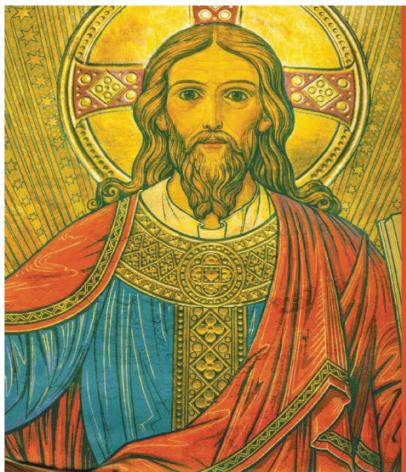


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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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**NOVEMBER 20, 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.



Noel Terranova from Holy Family Retreat Center will present an Advent reflection titled "Exploring the Figures of the Nativity". These simple and familiar figures will lead us to a deeper understanding of both Advent and the nativity tableaux.

You'll never look at the manger scene the same way again!

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.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

is returning this year

On Friday, December 16th at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church!

Our choir, accompanied by a 22-piece orchestra and organ, will be performing beautiful arrangements of many beloved Christmas carols.

The concert is FREE and no tickets are required. Free will offerings are graciously accepted for the continued support of this tradition and our Music Ministry.



## 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, Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Phone: 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, one week before publication. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

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ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH \_\_\_\_\_



SATURDAY VIGIL, November 19

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

SUNDAY, November 20

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe 7:30 a.m. The Holy Souls of Purgatory

9:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

11:00 a.m. Alfina & Salvatore Neri & Joseph Reale & Alfio Bonanno by Family

MONDAY, November 21

8:00 a.m. Philip DiCologero by Ed & Kathy Sullivan

TUESDAY, November 22

8:00 a.m. Anna Tiep by Hoang Family

WEDNESDAY, November 23

8:00 a.m. Irene Bertrand by Friends

THURSDAY, November 24-Thanksgiving Mass

8:00 a.m. The Creagan, Rowles & St. Marie Families

SATURDAY VIGIL, November 26

4:00 p.m. Salvatore & Alfina Neri, Joseph Reale & 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

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for FRANK, MARION & GEORGE WHITE

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for SPECIĂL INTENTION OF ÉLYŠE & CORY O'BRIEN 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. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

THANKSGIVING MASS Thursday, November 24 | at 8:00 am at St. Margaret Mary Church



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others

ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have

is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS!

In observance of Thanksgiving, our office will be closed Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25.





Dear Parishioners,

When you love what you have, you have everything you need. Giving thanks to God is the key that turns problems into blessings, darkness into light, and the unexpected into the best gifts. Today we celebrate that God is good, because he has provided us with daily bread, strength in our hearts, light and comfort, blessing and happiness. During these days of joy and gratitude, let's take advantage of every second, every minute we have to enjoy the people we love and the moments of happiness we share with them. While life moves fast and unexpectedly, let's be thankful for what we have here today.

God has always been generous with us in many ways, let us be generous and grateful to all those who are part of our lives and our own stories. May this Thanksgiving Day move us to appreciate every blessing in our lives. When we count our blessings, all of our lives become a prayer of love and thanks. Thank you for your faith, your prayers and support to the parish.

Happy Thanksgiving! May God bless you all. Rev. Jorge E. Castro

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

The SJS Women's Club would like to invite you to our Christmas Party -Dinner on Tuesday, December

13<sup>th</sup> at Lena's Restaurant John 655 Blvd Fitch (Rte 5). The cost is \$27 and will include Cheese/ Cracker Platter and your choice of Beef Sirloin Baked Scrod



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!



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



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

before - 12/10 and 12/11/2022

- Want to know more about volunteering or attend-Please a meeting? email dent@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.

# AVAILABLE

CHRISTMAS Christmas Cards for enrollees in the parish March 1117 CARDS ARE on Christmas Day will be available for calcafe. able 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.

#### SPECAIL COLLECTIONS

This weekend - Catholic Campaign for Human Development December 11-Retired Religious Fund Offertory of the weekend of 11/13/2022 will appear in our next week's bulletin.



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

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together. ©LPi

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

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when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.

#### A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded



to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me? How have I Received love from others? How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story? Do I Trust You to continue to bless me? Where have I missed Your movements? Have I used my Talents at the service of other? Do I see a purpose for my life Underway? How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily? Help me give Everything back to You! ©LPi

#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin arti-



cles must be received **no** later than noon Tues, November 22nd for Sunday, December 4th, Tuesday, November 29th

for Sunday, December 11th. Please Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

It is not too late to give to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! It is only with YOUR help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of \$10 Million! This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day



of their lives. The Archbishop's RONGER Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical

care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2022 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. 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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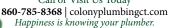
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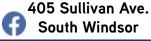
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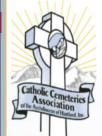


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