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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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**

DECEMBER 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
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Vigil: 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary Church

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Vigils: 4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

11:00 a.m.

All the Masses will be Live-Streamed



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 16 | 7pm

St. Margaret Mary Church

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216

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



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 & Lise Masson

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

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

MONDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. Paul Britton by Linsey Britton

TUESDAY, December 6

8:00 a.m. Fr. Dave Baranowski by Karin Kaczynski

WEDNESDAY, December 7

8:00 a.m. Joseph SinhCon Pham
by Daughter, Mimosa Pham

THURSDAY, December 8-Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. SMM-Special Intention for Health & Blessings
of Colton & His Parents by Grandparents

12:10p.m. SFA-Deceased Members of Gallo & Gargaro
Families by Fran & Deacon Ed Giard

7:00p.m. SMM-Audrey Szoka
by Her Father, Roy & Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 10

4:00 p.m. Raymond Billig by Family

SUNDAY, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. The Holy Souls of Purgatory

9:00 a.m. Charles Veci, Sr. by Family

11:00 a.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

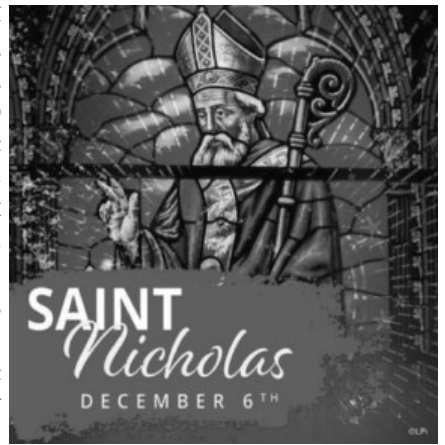
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
AUDREY SZOKA

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.



St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St.



Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today. ©LPi

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, 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.

Divine Mercy Cenacle



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.



Live Nativity Sunday, December 4th

Invitation to all of our parish children to participate in the 'Live Nativity' at Noon at Saint Francis Church. For more details and to sign up please go to www.saintjuniperoserra.org our parish web page under Faith Formation - Religious Education.

Any questions please contact: Maria Rosati faithformation@southwindsor.cc | 860.644.2549

This year's special collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in October provided a \$5,400 boost to our treasury. We will use these funds to help cover the costs of mattresses and beds and help defray utility and rent payments for local families in need. Thank you all for your continued generosity!



Christmas Giving trees have been set up at our Churches and decorated with tags for suggested age appropriate gifts for children and teens. We will be accepting unwrapped gifts and gift cards for local families in need, Head Start Families in Vernon and DCF Families in Manchester and for infants, toddlers and children of all ages and teenagers for families at Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes in Hartford. Please consider helping if you can and bring gift cards and unwrapped toys to the church by 12/18/2022.

The December food collection will take place the weekend of 12/17 and 12/18/2022 for local families in need, Head Start Families in Vernon, DCF Families in Manchester and the emergency pantry at St. Ann's Church in Hartford. Grocery bags will be distributed on 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 December Rosary will take place on Saturday, December 10th, at 12:00. This date falls right between the feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th,) and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12th.) Please note a change in location: we will meet at Saint Margaret Mary Church in the Eucharistic Chapel.



Everyone is invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
11/20/2022 Weekly Collection \$12,819.00
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
\$2,022.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend 12/10,11

Support aging religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



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.

Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive
St. Margaret Mary Church
Church Hall
80 Hayes Road, South Windsor



Tuesday, December 13th, 2022
12:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

Sponsored by St. Junipero Serra Parish & SW Knights of Columbus
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SWKofC to schedule an appointment.

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!



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon Tuesday, December 6th for Sunday, December 18th, Tuesday, December 13th for Sunday, December 25th Tuesday. Please Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

**TURN IN
 YOUR ARTICLES
 EARLY!**

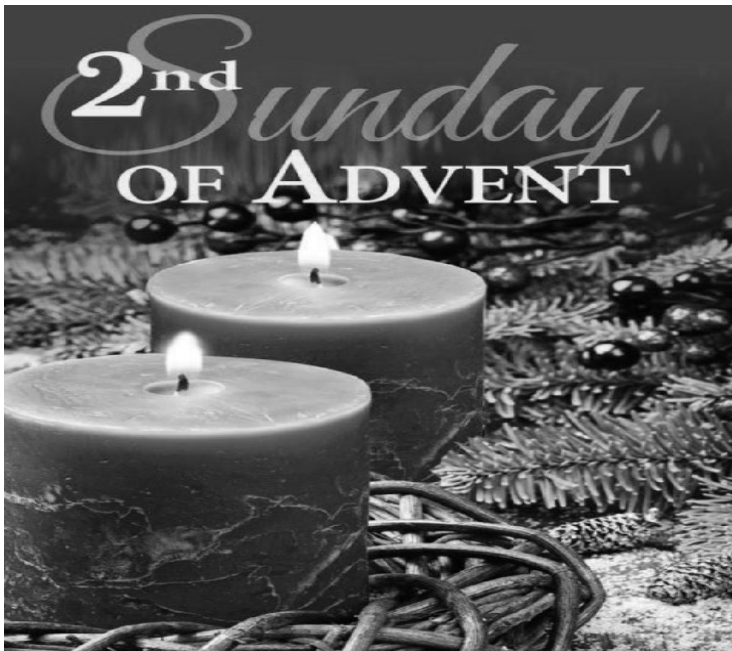
FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall | Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm

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.



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 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!



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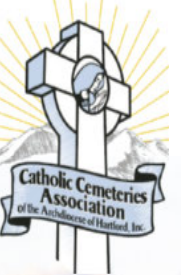
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