

St. Junípero Serra Parish

We are baptized to serve and celebrate

WWW.SAINTJUNIPEROSERRA.ORG | (860) 644-2411



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

610

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road

South Windsor, CT 06074

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

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

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



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

Pastor

Reverend Jorge Castro Phone: 860-644-2411 ext 109 fr.castro@aohet.org

Deacons

Deacon Edward J. Giard Deacon Michael D. Haines

Director of Music Ministries

Robert Dolan robert.dolan@uconn.edu

Administrative Coordinator

Ginger Bilas Phone: 860-644-2411 ext 101 ginger@southwindsor.cc

Communication Coordinator

Anton Miranda stjuniperoserra@gmail.com

Facility

Jose Andrade Steven Barile

Business Manager

Laura Pastula Phone: 860-644-2411 ext 103 business@southwindsor.cc

Bulletin Coordinator

Audrey Miranda Phone 860-644-2411 ext 102 bulletin@southwindsor.cc

Faith Formation Staff

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm | Phone 860-644-2549 Fax: 860-644-5765

Director of Faith Formation

Anton Miranda Phone:860-644-2549 ext 106 faithformation@southwindsor.cc

Faith Formation Admin Assistant

Maria Rosati Phone:860-644-2549 ext 107 faithformation@southwindsor.cc

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Catechist

Ronald Audette Phone:860-644-2549 ext 108 youthministersjs@gmail.com

Confirmation Coordinator

Sister Karen Skurat Phone:860-644-2549 ext 107 confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com

3

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.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH _____



SATURDAY VIGIL, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

2: 00 p.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families 4:00 p.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families 10:00 p.m. Intention of the Christmas Flower Donors SUNDAY, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of The Lord 7:30 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families 9:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families 11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of those in the Christmas Card Enrollment

MONDAY, December 26

8:00 a.m. George J. Montville, Jr. by Annamae Davis TUESDAY, December 27

8:00 a.m. Anne Barberi by Rosemary St. John

WEDNESDAY, December 28

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of The Giard & Palmer Families by Deacon Ed & Fran Giard

THURSDAY, December 29

8:00 a.m. Kristina Guay by Her Mother, Irene Guay

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 31

4:00 p.m. John Kelleher 34th Anniversary by Daughter SUNDAY, January 1

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving of Baby Jesus by McGinnis Family

11:00 a.m. Carmelo Testa by Testa, Reale & Rizza Families

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for SPECIAL INTENTION OF FR. JORGE E. CASTRO ON HIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PEPIN FAMILY 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.

Our Office will be closed Friday, December 23rd & Monday, December 26th for The Christmas Holiday!



NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning January 2, 2023 Monday & Wednesday at SFA Tuesday & Thursday at SMM

Sunday, January 1, 2023 There will be NO 7:30am Mass.

Christmas Gifts

Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we



mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all. ©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 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, Šimone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, John Chappell, Ferrante, Michael 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.



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a word full of mystery. Christmas is a manifestation of the greatness of God in the smallness of man. Christmas is the embodiment of LOVE in the heart of man. Christmas is the home where hope is born. Christmas is the option of love for the poorest. Christmas is the beginning of salvation for every person. Our Christmas celebration would not be good if we did not believe more and better in our brothers and sisters. In every person there is something good. If we do not know how to appreciate it, it is because we do not have the same faith in man that God had when he incarnated.

Happy are those who have a simple, clean and poor heart because God is for them. Happy are those who feel the need for God because God can still be born in their lives. Happy are those who, in the midst of the hustle and bustle of these holidays, know how to welcome with a believing and grateful heart the gift of a Child God. For them it will be Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Rev. Jorge E. Castro

Thank you and Merry Christmas to the parishioners of



St. Junipero Serra Parish! With your generous assistance in December, St. Vincent de Paul Society provided gifts and gift cards for infants, toddlers, children of all ages and teenagers at Our Lady

Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes in Hartford. Additionally with your generous contributions to our monthly food collection, we provided food to local families in need, Head Start Fami-

lies in Vernon, DCF Families in Manchester and the emergency pantry to St. Ann's Church in Hartford.

• Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting?

Please email president@societyhelpline.org.

Have something to donate? Please post your intended donation on our

website 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.

Christmas & Red Skies

Across the sky, striations of red bring our gaze to awe through windows of spectacular color - drawing us to remember Advent - The coming of Christ - Red and white like Candy canes - to remind us of the blood he would shed, and the shape of a J like Jesus or a Shepherd's hook to guide us like the Good Shepherd. Has the meaning been lost? Do we remember the Nativity - The birth of Jesus this Christmas season? Are we guided by



the Star and find him at Mass and in our hearts?

O Come let us adore him in the Eucharist at Mass this Christmas.



CCC524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must in-

crease, but I must decrease."

The Christmas Mystery

525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.

The angels and shepherds praise him And the magi advance with the star,

For you are born for us, Little Child, God eternal!

CCC526 To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God". Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange":

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.

"Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid." St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Whoever really takes this (the Eucharist) as his daily bread, experiences EACH DAY the mystery of Christmas, the Word made flesh." Saint T. Benedicta, Edith Stein

Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@southwindsor.cc

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have an early transmission deadline. YOUR ARTICLES Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon Monday, December 26th for Sunday, January 8th. Please Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 25, 2022 | The Nativity of the Lord



As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes cember and life

maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood Heavenly Father, You have created us for a

definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

newly formed Our monthly Men's Prayer Group to let God encourage a deeper personal understanding of his message to us.



Men's prayer group will meet Thursday 12/29/2022. We'll be reading and discussing the following Sunday 1/1/2023 Mass reading. Come join us! Bring your bible or a copy of Sunday's 1/1/2023 Mass reading. For more information contact Jozef Chilicki at ichilicki@cox.net

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 12/11/2022 Weekly Collection \$11,458.00 Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,708.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



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.

(sive blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive St. Margaret Mary Church

Church Hall



Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.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.

Integrity, Local Knowledge & Service



860.418.9355

kerrysirois@bhhsne.com Licensed in CT & MA





Kasheta Power Equipment

1275 John Fitch Boulevard, South Windsor, CT 06074 860-528-8421



860-528-3156 FAX GIANT-VAC Visit us on the

web @ www.kasheta.com
"Power Equipment for All Seasons" Sales, Parts & Service · New & Used Equipment Available



E'RE HIRING!

AD SALES EXECUTIVES BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION ORK WITH PURPOSE.



Contact us at



Providing quality care to our community for over 20 years.

PHYSICAL THERAPY • CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINING SPORTS CONDITIONING - GOLF PERFORMANCE

Learn More at IntegRehab.com



Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

AD CREATOR STUDIO





FORAN BROTHERS Contractors, Inc.

FORAN BROTHERS ELECTRIC REMODELING • CONSTRUCTION • ELECTRICAL Building Services For Four Generations

860-528-8736

"MAN IS A BUILDER BY NATURE"

DESIGN SVC • WEEKLY MAINTENANCE **MULCHING • NEW PLANT INSTALLATION**

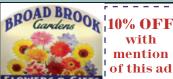
HYDRO-SEEDING • GRADING SHRUB PRUNING & BRUSH REMOVAL

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE 860-282-9496 www.JaysLandscaping.com

Mr. Sparkle Car Wash

A GREAT PLACE TO WASH YOUR CAR!

800 Sullivan Avenue **South Windsor**



mention

(860) 432-8900

938 SULLIVAN AVE, SOUTH WINDSOR broadbrookgardens.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized

SafeStreets

833-287-3502

Are your investments ready to fight inflation?



263 Oakland Road South Windsor, CT 06074 860-648-2952

Edward Jones edwardjones.com

Quality Plumbing & Heating Services

Residential • Commercial

Veteran Owned and Locally Operated Since 1984

- Plumbing Replacements Repairs Gas Piping Remodeling • Heating Services• Boilers • Water Softening • Water Conditioning •
- Well Tanks Well Pumps New Plumbing & Heating Systems •

Call or Visit Us Today



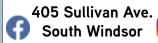
860-785-8368 | colonyplumbingct.com Happiness is knowing your plumber.



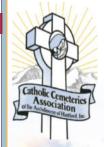
One Obstacle at a Time! Kids ages 4 - 15 years

Turning Kids into Ninjas

Ninja Training Classes **Parties** Half-day Camp Programs Competitive Ninja Team Field Trips Team Building Events







END - OF -THE - YEAR **HOLIDAY SPECIALS!** **Catholic Cemeteries Association is making it** easier than ever to pre-plan your cemetery arrangements in one of our 30 cemeteries.

Why pre-plan?

- · It ensures your wishes are carried out
- · It is the greatest gift you can leave your family and loved ones
- It locks in your pricing, without being subjected to price increases in the future

And Catholic Cemeteries Association is making it even easier with our End-Of-2022 Specials!

Purchase any grave or mausoleum crypt and receive 0% financing, with no money down!

Any space more than \$ 7,500, pay 24 equal monthly payments for two years*

Any space less than \$ 7,500, pay 12 equal monthly payments for one year*

Call one of our Family Service Advisors today for more details! Offer expires 12/31/2022

* Cannot be combined with any other offers. Special applies to Pre-Need sales only.



860-289-7900

www.centralsealingct.com

Residential & Commercial - Driveways Parking Lots • Cut-Out Patching • Curbing Free Estimates • Fully Insured Lic.#0549065

Thomas J. Tierney Thomas F. Tierney

Dalton J. Zahner

Family Owned & Operated John F. Tierney

Funeral Home Inc.

Serving the Community for Over Sixty Years. 219 West Center St., Manchester, CT 06040

(860) 643-1222 www.tierneyfuneralhome.com



Helping Hands Home Care

Providing high quality, yet affordable home care services to the elderly since 1996.

LIVE IN OR BY THE HOUR 860-645-7667 **Bolton**

CITYWIDE HOMES **FULL SERVICE REMODELERS**

Sick of poor service and generic quality from contractors? We return every call, email, and text. We keep every appointment. We stay educated and on-trend. No job is too big or too small. We are trustworthy and honest.

FOR PICS AND REVIEWS GO TO OUR GOOGLE LISTING AND CITYWIDEHOMESCT.COM

Kitchens, baths, tile, flooring, drywall, paint, windows, doors, decks, siding, roofs, and everything else.

Call us at 860-836-0297 ALL CALLS RETURNED **GUARANTEED!**

OWNED AND OPERATED BY PARISHIONER JOHN DZIADUL

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED • LIC # HIC.0639110

LAW OFFICE OF JAMES E. SULICK, LLC

Knowledgeable Representation in CRIMINAL DEFENSE & PERSONAL INJURY

860-644-4700 jesulickesq@yahoo.com

225 Oakland Road, Suite 305, South Windsor, CT 06074 www.attorneyjamesesulick.com







BANKER 481 Buckland Rd

South Windsor

Parishioner 860-212-9661

HomesFromParadise.com

Assisted Living • Memory Care **Evergreen Walk** Call today to schedule your

Pesonalized. Residential. Home Energy Services.

THE PARTY NAMED IN

Oil Delivery | Plumbing | Heating

Installations | Maintenance Agreements



personalized experience!

(860) 370-2625

Meets 2nd Wed. of Month in Church Hall Meet at St. Francis of Assisi on odd months and St. Margaret Mary on even months.

Family Owned and Operated Since 1966

860.291.0115

Edward Havens -

Inquiries: Jozef Chilicki (860) 282-7972 www.kofc5779.org



BROTHERS BEATS THE OTHERS

860.432.7432 TEL / 860.432.9049 FAX PROHealthCT.com / prohealthct@gmail.com

PRO HEALTH

CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

Dr. Jason Sousa

Empowering families to achieve

true health naturally.

915 SULLIVAN AVE. STE 1 • SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074

COMPANY, INC.

Full Service • Low Prices

860-289-9468 860-289-6292



Banquet Room for up to 100 guests. **Custom menu for** Special Occasions, **Events & Bereavements**

860-528-5365

655 John Fitch Blvd, South Windsor

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-10pm lenas-restaurant.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Mary Hoffman

mhoffman@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6340

Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home

860-644-2940

www.carmonfuneralhome.com

419 Buckland Road • South Windsor







Fast, Dependable Service 24 Hour Emergency Service

860-646-3360

www.northeastrooter.com

