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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &
Wednesday**

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JANUARY 15, 2023

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &
Thursday**

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

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

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Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "**Behold the lamb of God.**" His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will

be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" - Jn 1:29-30

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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

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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



SATURDAY VIGIL, January 14

4:00 p.m. Laurette D. Billig by Daughter & Family

SUNDAY, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Muriel Parille by Don Parille

9:00 a.m. J. Doris Marianella

by Marianella & Porcello Families

11:00 a.m. Sebastiano & Maria Milluzzo, Sister Luigina

Milluzzo & Rosanna Neri

by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

MONDAY, January 16

8:00 a.m. Joseph Fontaine

TUESDAY, January 17

8:00 a.m. Betty Fournier by Friend

WEDNESDAY, January 18

8:00 a.m. Father Glenn Breed, MSA

by Deacon Ed & Fran Giard

THURSDAY, January 19

8:00 a.m. Louise Galvin by Friend

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 21

4:00 p.m. Arthur Joseph Healey-40th Anniversary &

Joseph Healey 1st Anniversary by Family

SUNDAY, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Nicole Abbate Babcock

by John, Shirley & Allison Zaczynski

9:00 a.m. John & Jo Hughes by Brennan Family

11:00 a.m. Dan Bomaster by Wife, Lois & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for

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ALBERT C. ANIELLO

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 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.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Wednesday at SFA

Tuesday & Thursday at SMM



Our office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, 2023 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday .

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The Monthly Rosary will take place on Saturday, January 21st

at St. Margaret Mary Church at 12:00 noon. Please join us as we stay inside during the winter months.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

1/1/2023 Weekly Collection \$ 10,408.00

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These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

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Next weekend 1/21,22 Special Collection
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WINTER SNOW POLICY

Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass.

Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page for possible cancellation.

Nine Days for Life Novena – The Knights of Columbus of St. Junipero Serra Parish encourage you to participate in the Nine Days for Life Novena promoted by the US Council of Catholic Bishops, which takes place January 19-27, 2023. 9 Days for Life is



a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. You can participate from home at a time most convenient to you. Daily guidance and reflections are on the Novena website, which is <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>. There is no need to sign up for anything or provide any information – just go to this web site, click on the block for the day of the Novena that you're on, and you will see all the resources for that day on one web page.

Please contact Steve Leslie at 860-644-3501 with any questions.



Happy New Year! Monday, January 23 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The Knights of Columbus will lead us in the 9 Days for Life Novena, January 19-27, 2023. Join Catholics nationwide in praying for the respect of human life.

Please share if you know someone who is in need. Pregnancy Care Centers provide love, friendship, support and help to women with pregnancy related issues at no cost. Here is a list of local ones:

ABC Women's Center- 860-344-9292, 180 E. Main St., Middletown & 8 Concord St. New Britain

Hope Pregnancy Center - 203-271-2703, 110 Main St., Cheshire

Carolyn's Place - 203-597-9050, 137 Grandview Ave., Waterbury

Birtheright of Greater Hartford - 800-550-4900, 914 Main St., Suite 216, East Hartford

Caring Families -860-377-8460, 37 Ivan Hill St., Willimantic

Updates:

Out of concern for our safety, the Archdiocese of Hartford is not providing transportation to the National March for Life in DC.

In February, the Ministry of Life will have a diaper drive for a local pregnancy Center. More information to follow.

Connecticut March for Life is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 - 12:00 pm Rally at the Capitol - 1:00 pm March for Life around Bushnell Park. Go to CTMARCHFORLIFE.org for up-to-date information and to register.

End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system and online giving- Those who received statements last year will *automatically* receive their statements by end of January by email, or mail, if there is no email on file.

Please contact Ginger at ginger@southwindsor.cc if your email has changed, if you have email and prefer a hard copy, or if you would like to request a statement for the first time.

Happy New Year to the generous parishioners of St. Junipero Serra Parish! The January food collection will take place the weekend of 1/21 and 1/22/2023. Grocery bags for the collection will be distributed the weekend before – 1/14 and 1/15/2023. With your assistance we will distribute food to local individuals and families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and The Bristol Men's Shelter.



We need volunteers to help with the household goods distribution for 4-5 hours on a Saturday morning – one weekend per month. If you can help please email president@societyhelpline.org

- Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting?
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- 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.



Our newly formed bi-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 1/26/2023. We'll be reading and discussing the following Sunday 1/29 Mass reading. Come join us! Bring your bible or a copy of Sunday's 1/29 Mass reading. For more information contact Jozef Chilicki at jchilicki@cox.net

From FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Calling all Saint Junipero Serra 7th-12th graders.

Our Parish Youth Group is forming!



SJS YOUTH GROUP

Build on your Catholic Faith, Friends, Fun, and Food. Our group will meet once a month for a couple hours.

Work the Winter ho-hums away and have some team building events with your friends. We will have events like Catholic Family Bingo, Pizza Parties, Winter Olympic Games that will remind us of Saint Paul - who writes "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". These and many more will take us through winter and into the early spring where we will find joy in our faith in each season, body, mind, and spirit.



Our 11th grade recently confirmed and 12th graders, are invited to join us as Team Leaders for the Parish Youth Group. We are happy to provide you with letters of recommendation for your help.

Join your friends for these fun and food evenings once a month. *Our first meeting will be on Sunday January 22nd.* Class time details will be shared at your faith formation classes and on our parish website.

Run, jump, shout, but do not sin.

St. John Bosco

Meet our Catechist: Sarah Blackwell

Please introduce a bit about yourself and your family life in one - two sentences.

My husband, Ian and I are parents to two daughters and we welcomed our first grandchild in 2021. We bought an old house from family friends in Vernon and renovated it ourselves 10 years ago. I try to grow vegetables every year in my big backyard garden. Maybe you've heard me singing at church?? I'm a lifelong choir member and cantor for the last 15 years.



How long have you been a catechist and what inspired you to teach the youth about God and His church?

I like to think I've been teaching you about God through our singing together, but this is my first-year teaching confirmation. I LOVE church, so learning more about the magisterium as I prepare to teach has been amazing. I love old fashioned things and believe our most beautiful prayers and music will be restored. We can honor tradition and still maintain progress! This is my prayer.

Do you have a memorable experience in which God, or the Blessed Mother has touched your life?

Yes! This story is deeply personal, so I will not be sharing it here, but I KNOW God is real because of this experience. Nothing is impossible for God. Keep praying.

If you could send the children away with one message about the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist what would that be?

I would like each child to know that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and to believe He is calling you from the tabernacle, saying, "I am always happy to see you! I am always happy to be with you! Thank you for loving me and giving me the first hour of your new week! I'm always here. Come and spend time with me."

Which Gospel story is your favorite and why?

I love the Gospel of John. (I like to read the English and Latin side by side...) "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God. And the Word was God." I just love this introduction to the Birth of Christ. Did you know? This used to be heard at the end of every mass. Try reading it privately before you leave the church after Mass and spend a few extra moments contemplating the Incarnation.

Do you have a prayer that you pray every day? How were you introduced to that prayer and why has it touched your life?

I daily pray the rosary. Our Lady is indeed the Mediatrix of Graces, and I encourage all the faithful to go To Jesus Through Mary. I also try to do morning and evening prayer. Growing up, I was blessed with good, Catholic grandparents, who were daily Mass goers. They prayed together and sang together, brought communion to the homebound, etc. I saw firsthand how much joy their faith brought to them and to others as I tagged along on Sundays after Mass and choir practice. They always included me in their parish activities, and I loved all their friends. We shared the best of life together as a parish family, and I seek to recreate this in my life today- God willing!

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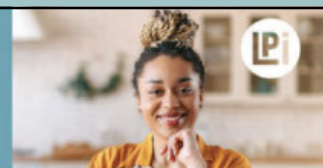
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