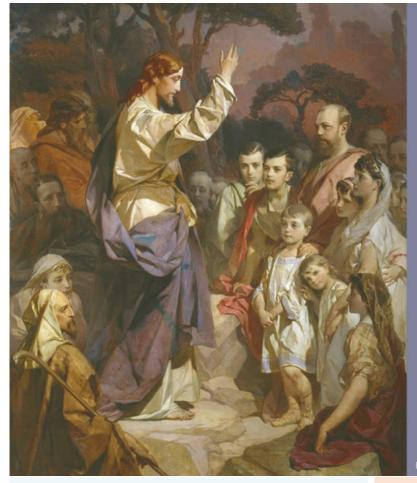
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday & Wednesday

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

JANUARY 29, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road South Windsor, CT 06074 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

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

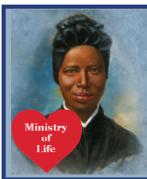


Saturday, March 25th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm \$55.00 per person, Kids 10 & under Free.

Spend the day in Stockbridge, Massachusetts with Fr. Chris Alar for faith discussion, Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confession & gift shop. Cost covers transportation on private bus & lunch.

Call Mike Cianciolo at 860-604-1745 to register.

To reserve a seat we will need a deposit of \$10.00 or you can pay the whole amount with your reservation. If you are reserving a seat for more than one person only a \$10.00 deposit is required.



February 8th is International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. Please join the Archdiocese of Hartford in praying the novena to St. Josephine Bakhita beginning January 31 and ending on her feast day February 8. The novena is available on OCSJM-YouTube or in a pamphlet in the vestibule of our churches.

Please extend a belated and warm welcome to David Barragan-Sanchez.

David is our current RCIA candidate who plans to receive the final Sacrament of Initiation to the Faith during Easter Vigil.



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

Mass

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 28 4:00 p.m. Deborah Shea Foley by Shea Family SUNDAY, January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Georgette Creagan by Family 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving of The Baby Jesus by Obregon Family 11:00 a.m. Angelo Commisso by Ginger & Mike MONDAY, January 30 8:00 a.m. Elaine Burnham by Women's Club **TUESDAY**, January 31 8:00 a.m. Kevin Marton by Annamae Davis WEDNESDAY, February 1 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Frank & Laura Phillipe THURSDAY, February 2 8:00 a.m. Marion Hood by Puiia Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, February 4 4:00 p.m. Betty Fournier by Family SUNDAY, February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Malani Wijelatha by Harshila 9:00 a.m. Matthew J. Marianella by Marianella & Porcello families 11:00 a.m. Lionel Ross by Wife, Adelaide, Daughter, Kimberly & Grandson, Nicholas

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for SPECIAL INTENTION

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, Matthew Hornish. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

Presentation of the Lord

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.



Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that

she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.



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.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting*

will be on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.



Dear Parishioners,

I just have one thing to say... THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

Rev. Jorge E. Castro



The Catholic Cemeteries Association will be hosting a presentation focused on educating our congregation about the challenges facing practically every family: Maintaining the dignity of life during end-of-life discussions. The Catholic Cemeteries

Association will conduct the program with the assistance of an Elder Care Attorney, we will answer questions on how to manage these elements of the golden years. It is for age 50+ parishioners or the children of older parishioners who are worried about them and should take about an hour. Topics to include:

*Choosing and managing the cost of Cemetery Space and Funerals

*Managing the cost of Elder Care

*Managing the details of Wills and other Final Costs

*Relieving the Burden on your Heirs

The Catholic Funeral Plan ®

The Catholic Funeral Plan is a faith-based, pre-need plan that allows Catholic families to plan their funeral arrangements in advance. The plan ensures that, when you die, the funeral arrangements you've selected will be delivered at no additional cost to your family, and in accordance with the liturgical traditions of the Church.

A Seminar will be offered at St. Margaret Mary Church on Wednesday, March 1st, at 2:00 pm. Those interested are asked to register by either calling Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or visiting the website at <u>www.ccacem.org</u>, clicking on the <u>Dignity of Life Seminar</u> Tab, scrolling down and selecting the date and time that works best. We hope to see you there!

Women's Club Corner: The SJS Women's Club will

meet at St Francis of Assisi Hall on Wed. Feb 15th. Social 6:30 . Meeting begins at 7. We will collect snacks for the East Hartford Family

Shelter and make 'friendship'' notes to be distributed in February with small treat bags. Bring a small bag of candy or individually wrapped treat if you would like to donate. If you have any questions, feel free to call Paulann at 860 291-9960. In case of inclement weather we will not meet and will try and send out communication to all members.

February Diaper and Wipe Drive

Ministry

of Life

Through February, there will be a Diaper and Wipe Drive to benefit local pregnancy centers. Currently,

ABC Women Center, Carolyn's Place and Hope Pregnancy



Center are in need and will be receiving our donations. There will be baskets to drop off your donation at all entrances of St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis beginning February 4th. Let us spread our love and generosity to the centers that support pregnant women and their babies.



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 CTMARCH-FORLIFE.org for up-to-date

information and to register.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Junipero Serra is happy to announce that we will once again be hosting a Summer Vacation Bible Camp the week of July 10th-14th We will prepare our teen volunteers beginning on July 7th (The Friday Before) More information to come!

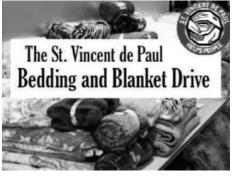
STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 1/22/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,735.00 Catholic High School Collection \$2,366.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

Catholic High School Collection 2023 WE ARE GRATE-FUL! Catholic high school students in the Archdiocese of Hartford send their deepest gratitude and thanks to all who participated in the 2023 Catholic High School Collection. Your support will further enhance the outstanding educational experience our secondary schools offer and help students prepare for leadership roles and active lives of faith as they move forward.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! 5

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another." St. Vincent de Paul



Last year, we provided over 100 bed sets and bedding and blankets to go along with them to families in need. Our supply of twin and full sized bedding and blankets is low. We ask your help by donating

new or gently-used twin and/or full sheet sets (fitted bottom, top and pillowcases), blankets, comforters or bedspreads. If you can help, please individually bag each bedding set or blanket, comforter or bedspread, and mark it as either twin or full. But please, no Queen or King sets because we do not provide Queen or King sized beds. For the blanket drive the St. Vincent de Paul Society truck will be in each Church parking lot before each Mass the weekend of February 4 and 5, 2023. Bedding & Blanket Drive dates, places and times follow:

Saturday, February 4: St. Margaret Mary upper parking lot: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 5: St. Francis of Assisi driveway: 7:00 to 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, February 5: St. Margaret Mary upper parking lot: 9:30-noon

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing generosity. With your assistance, 1/21 and 1/22/2023 we distributed food to local clients and families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and 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?

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.

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 ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH .

An invitation to the women of St. Junipero Serra Parish in South Windsor

The women of your parish are invited to come on a weekend retreat to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. CT. At Our Lady of Calvary, the beauty of the



grounds and the peaceful atmosphere of the retreat house can provide a much needed break from your daily routine. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme, "All Creation is Groaning in Labor Pains, Even Until Now". There are a number of weekend retreat dates available. If you would like to join the women of St. Teresa of Calcutta parish, we are going on retreat the weekend of March 10-12. Of course there are a number of other retreat weekend dates available. If a full weekend retreat is not possible please consider attending a Commuter Saturday. The Retreat House follows all COVID protocols.

For information on retreats and on all the other wonderful programs that are going on throughout the year, go to www.ourladyofcalvary.net or call OLC at 860 677 8519. We hope to see you there.

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.

Join our newly formed bimonthly Men's Prayer Group to let God encourage a deeper personal understanding of his message to us. Men's prayer group



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will meet Thursday 2/9. We'll be reading and discussing the following Sunday 2/12 Mass reading. Come join us! Bring your bible or a copy of Sunday's 2/12 Mass reading. For more information contact Jozef Chilicki at jchilicki@cox.net

BLOOD DRIVE | 2/22/2023 |SMM Church Hall 11.00am - 4:00pm. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SWKofC to schedule an appointment.





