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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

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Haves 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.



Join us as we study Paul's Letter to the Galatians this Lent. Paul wrote follow-up instructions to a people he had visited on a missionary journey, having preached to them, gained converts to Christianity, and founded churches among them. Galatia was a Roman region in what today is Turkey.

Bible study will take place in the St Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:00 until 8:30 pm on 5 consecutive Monday nights starting February 27 and will finish before Easter. This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback textbook and a questions and answer booklet, a professional video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register, or if you have any questions about the study.



First 15 teens who bring their \$50 deposit will have \$100 taken off their Steubenville fee. The \$50 check is due Feb. 12 so we can register early enough to get the closest hotels. After that, \$20 a week, beginning the week of Feb. 17, is due for only 10 weeks to complete the total cost by early May. All checks are to be made out to St. Junipero Serra Parish. Checks can be made out bimonthly for \$40 each time and given to

Sr. Karen when you have classes if you prefer.

Again, any teen wanting to come, but financially unable to meet the cost, please let us know and we will try to find you a sponsor.

Questions? Email, Sr. Karen - ConfirmationCoordinatorSJS@gmail.com *or* Anton Miranda- StJuniperoSerra@gmail.com

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

SATURDAY VIGIL, February 11

4:00 p.m. Kristina Guay by her mother, Irene Guay

SUNDAY, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. John Fidler & John Fidler, II by Family 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for all Estrosos Family 11:00 a.m. Anthony Melluzzo by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo

MONDAY, February 13

8:00 a.m. Rosemarie Levack by Morning Mass Friends

TUESDAY, February 14

8:00 a.m. Carlene Ouellette by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, February 15

8:00 a.m. Arthur Joseph Healey, Jr. -5th Anniversary

by Sister

THURSDAY, February 16

8:00 a.m. Barbara Halstead by Husband

SATURDAY VIGIL, February 18

4:00 p.m. Joe & Barbara Kennedy by Family

SUNDAY, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Joseph Tince &

Dominique Owens

9:00 a.m. Margaret Soucy by Family

11:00 a.m. Diane Ferrick

by The Divine Mercy Cenacle at SMM

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MOST ABANDONED SOULS OF PURGATORY

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.



Volunteers needed to pray! Please join our prayer line, only one person to call to keep the prayers going. For more details, contact Mary Serkosky at 860-644-0766.

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.

Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive St. Margaret Mary Church



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INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle

Divine Mercy Cenacle

which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next* meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.

For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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.



Thanks to a State Security Grant we are installing improved and additional lighting at both campuses. The

grant also covers exterior cameras and an intercom system at the entry of the Rectory.

DAY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

Saturday, March 25, 2023 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.





STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 2/5/2023 Weekly Collection \$9,106.00 Monthly Collection \$4,393.00
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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!

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your donations of sheets and blankets to the blanket

drive! Our clients are grateful when they receive mattresses and bed-



ding from St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity helps keep people warm in the cold weather.

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing generosity. The February Food Collection will take place 2/25 and 2/26/2023. Grocery bags will be given out the weekend of 2/18 and 2/19/2023. With your help we will be able to distrib-

ute food to local clients and families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford.



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.

February Diaper and Wipe Drive

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the February Diaper and Wipe Drive so far! There is still a lot of time to donate diapers

Diapers & Wipes Drive



and wipes to benefit ABC Women Center, Carolyn's Place, Caring Families and Hope Pregnancy Center. Baskets are located at the front entrances of St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis to drop off your donation. Let us spread our love and generosity to the centers that support pregnant women and their babies and play such an important role in the prolife movement.



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 <u>CTMARCHFORLIFE</u>.org for up-to-date information and to register. The Knights of Columbus will be subsidizing bus transportation to Hartford. Go to https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life to see bus locations and to sign up. If you have any questions, please email sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net.

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It may be unlikely in our life in the United States that we will be martyred for our faith, but it is increasingly probable that we will be faced with moral dilemmas that our conscience will not allow for us to ignore. The Church calls the people who die to the esteem and opportunities of the world white martyrs. Though they do not shed blood there is a dying to one's self in order to honor God.

The Cold with You

Poetry lives outside, lingering, waiting to be discovered, like You – It rises and surges the heart to the swaying of winter trees—
And gray skies –
That may delight with white flakes – Like You-

My soul surged and searched peering through windows-My shoulders covered in a shawl – I did not commit to its drawing power, Because it was cold outside-

Like You – call me
I remember the tales that create faith
– terror, cold, and no shawl –
But reflection from the window
– poetry sings a new song –
And I wonder if I will ever dare to go outside in the cold with You!

II. TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

2471 Before Pilate, Christ proclaims that he "has come into the world, to bear witness to the truth." 266 The Christian is not to "be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord." 267 In situations that require witness to the faith, the Christian must profess it without equivocation, after the example of St. Paul before his judges. We must keep "a clear conscience toward God and toward men." 268

2472 The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.269

All Christians by the example of their lives and the witness of their word, wherever they live,

have an obligation to manifest the new man which they have put on in Baptism and to reveal the power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at Confirmation. 270



2473 Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness even unto death. The martyr bears witness to Christ who died and rose, to whom he is united by charity. He bears witness to the truth of the faith and of Christian doctrine. He endures death through an act of fortitude. "Let me become the food of the beasts, through whom it will be given me to reach God." 271

2474 The Church has painstakingly collected the records of those who persevered to the end in witnessing to their faith. These are the acts of the Martyrs. They form the archives of truth written in letters of blood:

Neither the pleasures of the world nor the kingdoms of this age will be of any use to me. It is better for me to die [in order to unite myself] to Christ Jesus than to reign over the ends of the earth. I seek

him who died for us; I desire him who rose for us. My birth is approaching. . . . 272 I bless you for having judged me worthy from this day and this hour to be counted among your martyrs. . . . You have kept your promise, God of faithfulness and truth. For this reason and for everything, I praise you, I bless you, I glorify you through the eternal and heavenly High Priest, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. Through him, who is with you and the Holy Spirit, may glory be given to you, now and in the ages to come. Amen. 273

It is not the pain but the purpose that makes a martyr. - Saint Augustine

"In difficult moment I will fix my gaze upon the silent heart of Jesus, Stretched upon the cross, and from the exploding flames of his merciful heart, Will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting" - Saint Faustina

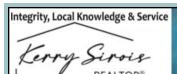
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 1 Peter 4:14-16

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you .- John 15:18

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Tired of being home on a Saturday night during this long dreary Winter? Want to have an easy fun night for food, games and fun? Come on Saturday, February 25th 5-8PM at St. Margret Mary Church Hall for our first family themed Bingo night! Event is being brought by the Knights of Columbus. We have designed a night that can be enjoyed by ALL AGES. This event will be supported by the youth of the parish and funds raised will go towards Steubenville Conference scholarships. Look forward to seeing strong Parish support!





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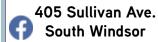
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