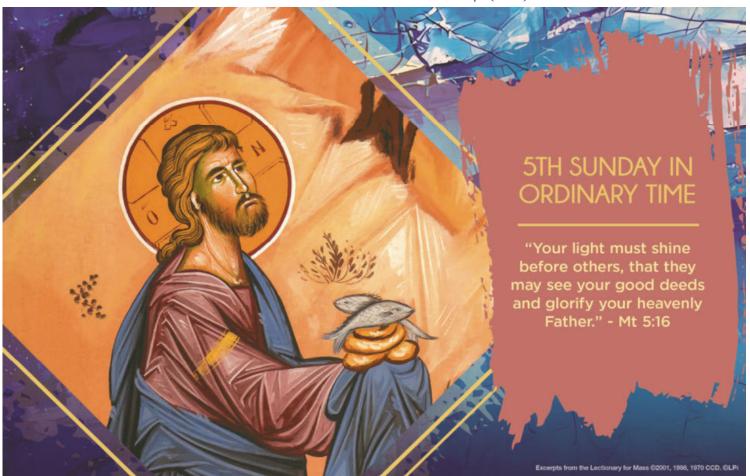


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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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80 Hayes Road

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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.





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

DAY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY Saturday, March 25, 2023



SAVE THE DATE

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

Call Mike Cianciolo at 860–604–1745 to register

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, 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

MONDAY, February 6 8:00 a.m. Samuel & Mary Botaro by Family TUESDAY, February 7 8:00 a.m. Jean Reardon by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & family WEDNESDAY, February 8 8:00 a.m. Elaine Burnham by Martocci Family THURSDAY, February 9 8:00 a.m. Helena Kyc by Friend

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

<u>SANCTUARY LIGHTS</u>

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for LIONEL ROSS

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 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.

Our next monthly Rosary will be held on



Saturday, February 11th, in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. Margaret Mary Church. This day is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, so we will pray for the healing of the sick. All are encouraged to attend and we always welcome newcomers to this very special prayer time in honor of Our Lady.

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.





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Divine Mercy Cenacle



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.

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.

"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, <u>no</u> 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. 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 distribute 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?
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Total Offertory including Online Giving: 1/29/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,394.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Commemoration of St. Bakhita Prayer and Reflection Vigil against Human Trafficking

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, 7-8 PM followed by refreshments.
Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 280 Brook Street, Rocky Hill CT. Offered by The Archdiocese of

Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force and St. Bakhita Parish.

February 8th has been designated by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General as an annual Ministry of Life



day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. *February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita.* Free and open to the public. For information contact: The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford (860) 242-5573

Prayer f or an End to Human Trafficking

Oh God, we didn't see them.
But you did-The hundreds and thousands of human beings

Trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery.

Under terrible conditions, they work in factories, plow fields, harvest crops, work quarries, fill brothels, clean homes, and haul water.

Many are children with tiny fingers for weaving rugs

and small shoulders for bearing rifles. Their labor is forced, their bodies beaten, their faces hidden from those who don't really want to see them.

But you see them all, God of the poor.
You hear their cry and you answer
by opening our eyes, and breaking our hearts
and loosening our tongues to insist:

No mas. No more. Amen

February Diaper and Wipe Drive

February is here and the Diaper and Wipe Drive to benefit local pregnancy centers is in full swing! Currently, ABC Women Center, Carolyn's Place, Caring Families and Hope Pregnancy Center are in need and will be receiving our donations. Baskets are located at all 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 CTMARCHFORLIFE.org for up-to-date information and to register.

From FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Meet our Catechist: Tony Cardinale



Please introduce a bit about yourself and your family life in one - two sentences. Married to my soul mate Josie for 29 years with 3 Children in their 20s, Nicholas, David, & Gianna. Joined St. Francis of Assisi back in 1994 having the privilege of raising our whole family here at our beloved parish. I'm an active member of The Knights of Columbus and chair of SJS Men's Social Committee. My day job is running the supply chain for Zygo Corp in Middlefield, CT.

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

I have been a Catechist for almost 20 years. It started with Josie and I teaching all 3 of our

kids and friends from 1st to 8th grade. Í moved to the Confirmation Program 8 years ago. I have seen many changes over this period in the Faith Formation Program and I get asked frequently why I continue to stay involved with the Confirmation Program. My answer has always revolved around this being our best and last opportunity to reach our teens. Many are making the choice not to return after Confirmation. Trying to influence as many as we can to come back at some point in their journey. They are all searching, and we are here, along with parents, to guide them and find Jesus. We hope and pray they someday become Disciples.

Do you have a memorable experience in which God or the Blessed Mother has touched your life? Yes, many experiences but most memorable is Josie and I dedicated our Wedding to Mary, and she has blessed us ever since. Through all the highs and lows, she has no question kept us centered on her son.

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

Always focus a lot of attention on the Eucharist being the true body and blood of Christ and not just a symbol. By bringing Jesus in us every week, we are empowered to live like Jesus every day and by doing so, finding true and everlasting happiness through him.

Which Gospel story is your favorite and why?

John 21:15-17 - Jesus asks Peter 3 times if he loves him. Peter was worried that Jesus may not love him because he denied him three times. This poignant gospel story on the Sea of Tiberias after the resurrection perfectly illustrates that Jesus loves us regardless how many times, we deny him through sin. If we love Jesus, it shows up in our actions, and no setback can ever separate us from His love.

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

My go to prayer is a simple but powerful one. I say multiple Hail Mary's every day. Mary is a critical part of our family's faith, and she has never failed us, always bringing our prayers to Jesus.



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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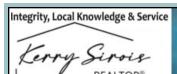
Saint Junipero Serra is happy to announce that we will once again be hosting a Summer Vacation Bible Camp the week of July 10th-14th

We will prepare our teen volunteers beginning on July 7th (The Friday Before) More information to come!



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.



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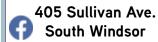
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