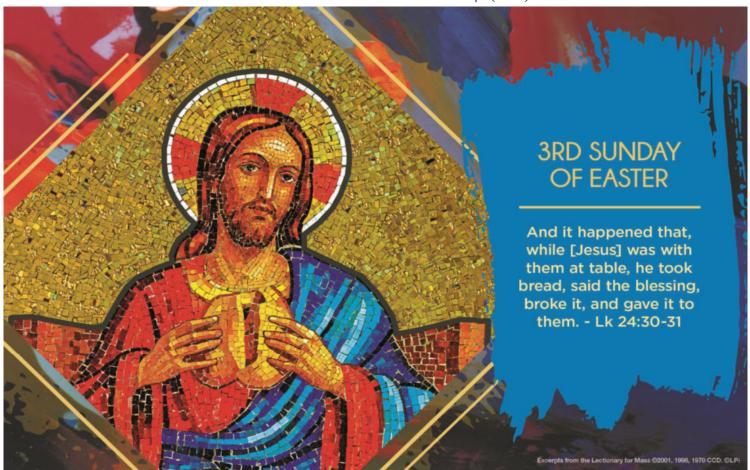


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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

Hello to my friends at St. Junipero Serra
Parish, this is Deacon Sean Yates and I am
excited to announce that I have received
a call from Archbishop Leonard Blair to
receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders to the
Priesthood. I will receive this Sacrament
at a Mass on June 24, 2023
at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. The
ceremony will begin at 11 AM. All are
invited to this ceremony.
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I should also note that this ceremony will be for myself and Deacon Andres Galeano. Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant and there will be many concelebrating Bishops and Priests.

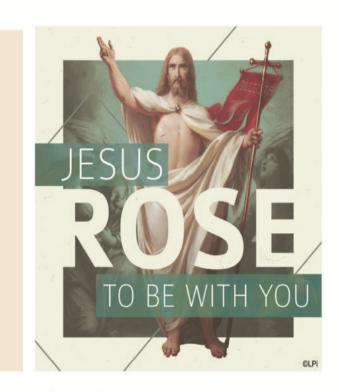
In addition, I will also be offering my First Mass at St. Margaret Mary's Church at 11 AM on Sunday, June 25, 2023.
All are welcome to this celebration of the Mass. I hope many of you will be able to attend and I thank you for your prayers over my time in formation.

You remain in my prayers everyday.

God Bless,

Deacon Sean Yates

### Worship & Meditation



# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

- Father John Muir

### 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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> 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

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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

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### + Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 22

4:00 p.m. Arthur Zito by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, April 23 | Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Felipe Obregon by Obregon 9:00 a.m. Edwin Castro-20th anniversary 11:00 a.m. Theresa Theriault by Family

MONDAY, April 24

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Maria Lucia Bongiorno TUESDAY, April 25

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Argo by Edward & Edith WEDNESDAY, April 26

8:00 a.m. Helen & Michael Burava by daughter, Joyce THURSDAY, April 27

8:00 a.m. Margaret Messer by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 29

4:00 p.m. Edward Szoka-35th anniversary

SUNDAY, April 30 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Joseph SinhCon Pham

by Daughter, Mimosa Pham

9:00 a.m. Ernestina Jimenez by Obregon Family 11:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family

### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

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.

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Pope Benedict XVI







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### Looking for additional Youth Altar Servers

Boys and girls entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are encouraged to become altar servers. An hour altar server training will be held at our parish. Confirmation students can get service hours for attending training and serving at

Masses. If you're interested, please email Fr. Castro at fr.castro@aohct.org

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing generosity. The April Food Collection is this weekend. With your help we will be able to distribute food to local families, Head Start families



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We need volunteers to help with the household goods distribution for 4-5

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- Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting?
   Please email president@societyhelpline.org.
- Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org
- Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post a request for assistance on our website <a href="https://www.societyhelpline.org">www.societyhelpline.org</a> or call 860 648-0216.

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All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

#### From FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

For just fifteen minutes a day you too can be fit! It's just fifteen minutes! - The Rosary that is...

We have seen the commercials, for just fifteen minutes a day you too can be in shape! Usually, an extraordinarily fit young man or woman displays an exercise bike or an ab wheel. But I present to you the Family Rosary. The Blessed Mother has appeared countless times reminding us to pray it.

Why should we pray the rosary? Does it really work? I see the inquisitive looks of my children. Much like my face as I look at the commercial of the incredibly fit exercise gurus. I could go on to tell them that it starts with the rosary. Just as the exercise buffs might say to me they started on the bike and are now much more capable to do even more difficult things.

Unlike physical exercise the rosary is a link to heaven through which we receive supernatural grace. And so we get much more than we put in. Our mother knows what we can do, so the analogy only has so much weight. But when we tell our children to pray the rosary - it can seem like just a bunch of repetitive



prayers to say as they space out, just to get it done. And so before we pray maybe we can consider things a little more closely.

- 1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
- 2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
- 3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- 4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
- 5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
- 6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
- 7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- 8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
- 9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
- 10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- 11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
- 12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- 13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
- 14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
- 15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

"Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if—and mark well what I say—if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins."

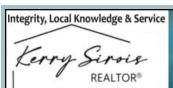
#### Saint Louis de Montfort

"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description." - Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did. - St. Maximilian Kolbe

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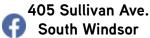
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