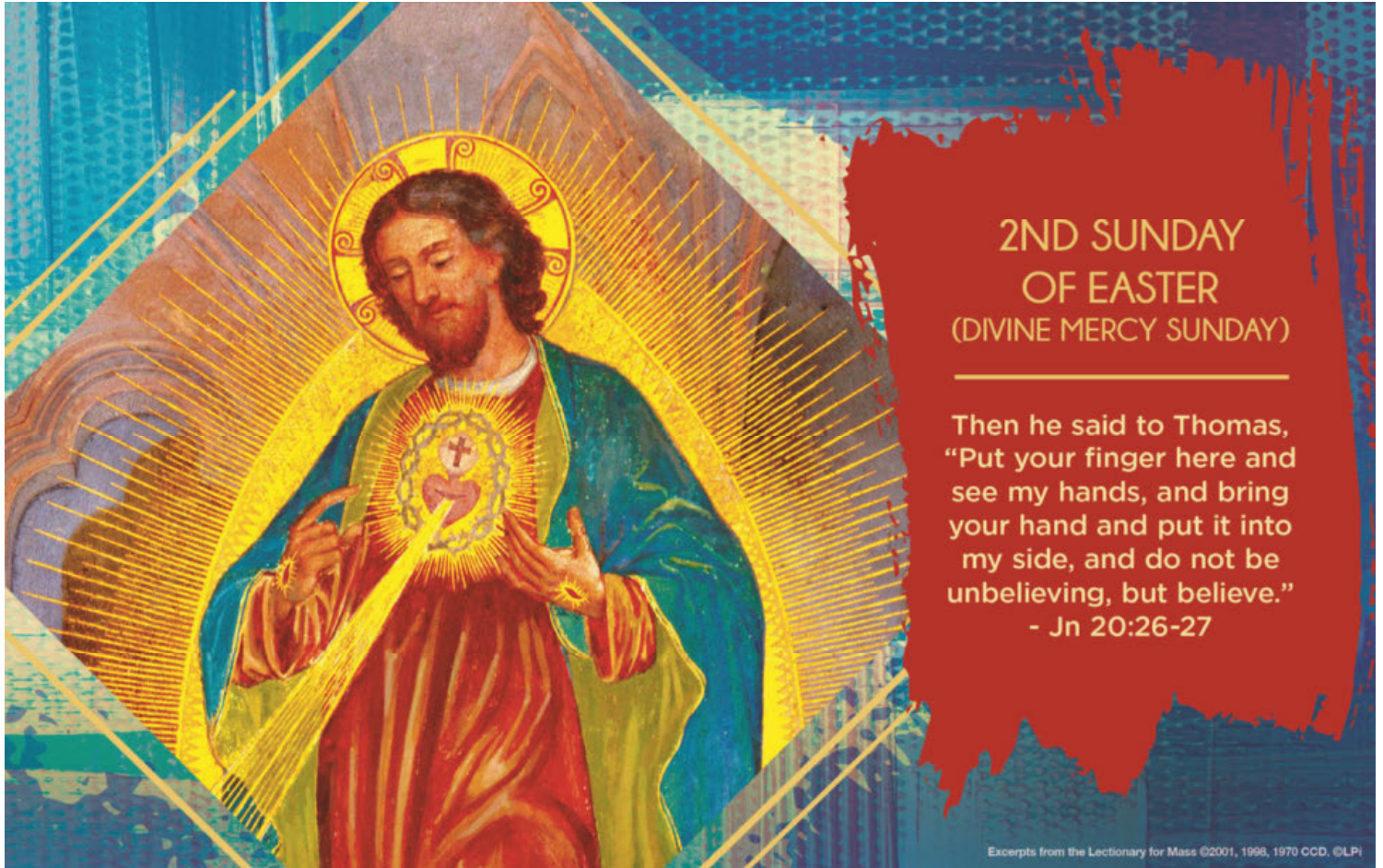




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2ND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas,
“Put your finger here and
see my hands, and bring
your hand and put it into
my side, and do not be
unbelieving, but believe.”
- Jn 20:26-27

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APRIL 16, 2023

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Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction

3:00 p.m. | St. Francis of Assisi Church



Saint of the week

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation — the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — which still operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.

Prayer

The Prayer of Cornelia

Let us love one another
and pray,
Let us love one another
and be faithful,
Let us love one another
and be humble,
Let us love one another
and be filled
with the charity of God.
Let us love one another
with God,
in God, and
for God,
And we shall thus be
one with God
for all eternity.

(Written by Cornelia Peacock Connelly, Foundress,
Society of the Holy Child Jesus)

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. **"Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe."** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— 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 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

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SATURDAY VIGIL, April 15

4:00 p.m. Laurette & Raymond Billig by Children

SUNDAY, April 16 | Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Maria Lucia Bongiorno

9:00 a.m. Ellen Hancock by Carol & Bob Fischer

11:00 a.m. Louis, Lou & Lucy Verruto by Family

MONDAY, April 17

8:00 a.m. Bill Dunn by Annamae

TUESDAY, April 18

8:00 a.m. Francisco Estrosos, Sr. by daughter, Maria

WEDNESDAY, April 19

8:00 a.m. Anne, Susan & Jeanne McKenna

THURSDAY, April 20

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

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

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **BARBARA GILLIN**

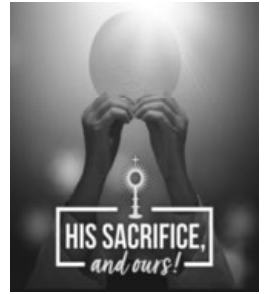
If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.



Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghosa, 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, Matthew Hornish. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$67,468.00 for the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

4/2/2023 Weekly Collection \$13,334.00

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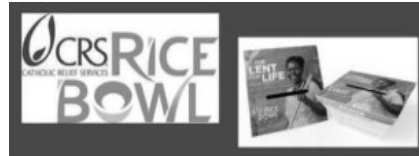
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If you receive an email, a phone call or a text message from Fr. Castro requesting money/gift cards **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND.** It's a SCAM!!





Everyone is invited to the next Father Sullivan Memorial committee meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 6 o'clock in the Saint Francis church hall. If you would like to attend please contact Mary Leslie at 860-614-5011. Hope to see you there!

Looking for additional Youth Altar Servers

Boys and girls entering 2nd 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



The STVP April Food Collection will take place 4/22 & 4/23/2023. Grocery bags will be given out this weekend 4/15 & 4/16/2023. With your help we will be able to distribute food to local clients, 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

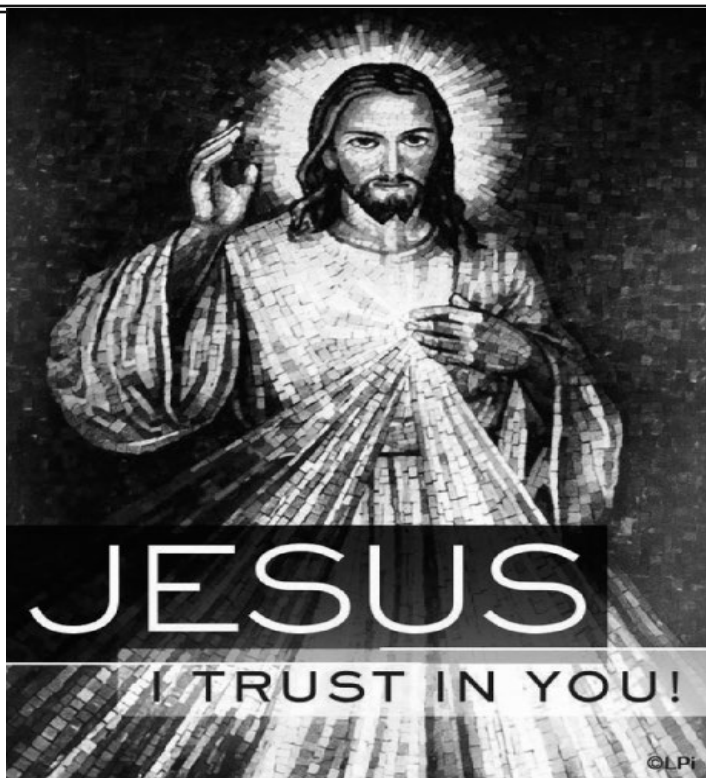
Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please email president@societyhelpline.org. Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org

Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.

“Become familiar with the Bible so that it can be your compass pointing out the road to follow.”
- Pope Benedict XVI



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Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.” ©LPi

Divine Mercy Cenacle



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Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00pm at*

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"HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN"

Easter Sunday is truly a cause of celebration! The gates of heaven have been opened. In every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we can unite our sufferings to Jesus' suffering on the cross. There he takes all of our sufferings upon himself and it becomes a pure sacrifice offered up for the salvation of the world.



CC1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life. "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

1391 Holy Communion augments our union with Christ. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me".

On the feasts of the Lord, when the faithful receive the Body of the Son, they proclaim to one another the Good News that the first fruits of life have been given, as when the angel said to Mary Magdalene, "Christ is risen!" Now too are life and resurrection conferred on whoever receives Christ.

Priest in the Mass -Mystery of Faith

Assembly (A): We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. (or B): When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again. (or C): Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

"And I saw a river over which every soul must pass to reach the Kingdom of Heaven, and the name of that river was suffering ... and then I saw a boat which carried souls across the river, and the name of that boat was Love"

Saint John of the Cross

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant /860.644.2549
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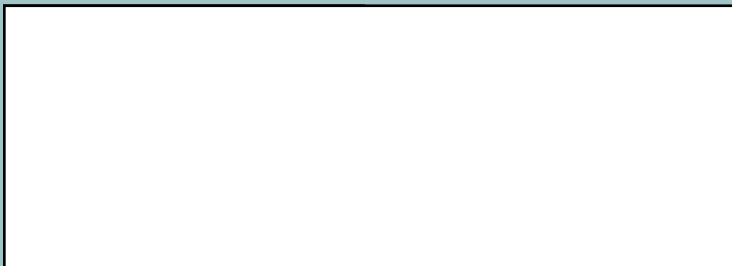
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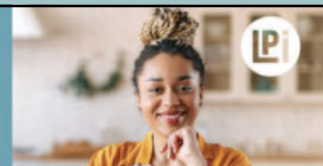
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