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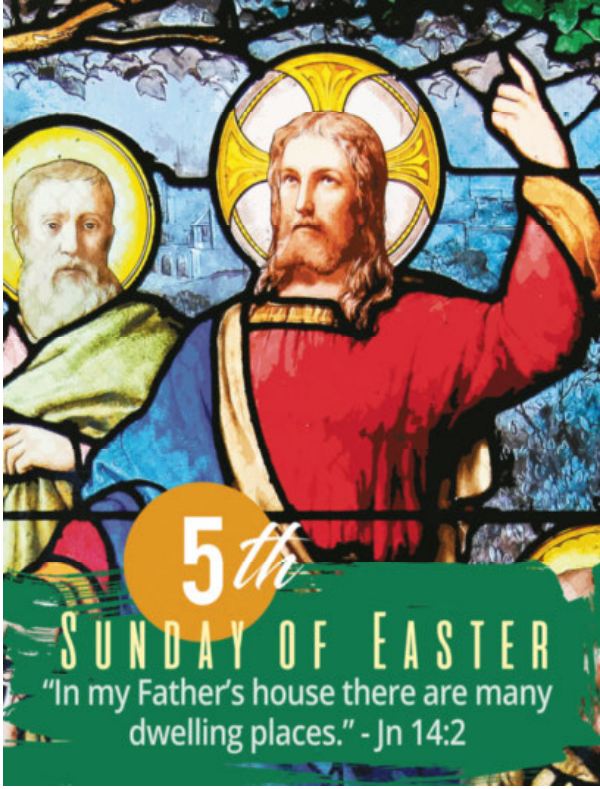
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Congratulations Sister Karen as you celebrate your Jubilee year, 50 years of vowed life! What is a jubilee, but a call for celebration? We celebrate our dear Sister Karen who has dedicated her life as an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By serving His people and by instructing them on the will of God Sister Karen exemplifies one who is truly apostolic by spreading the love of Christ.

Anyone who has had the privilege of working by Sister Karen's side would have seen her brisk walk that carries her zeal for education. With her vow, she is dressed in her black habit in the winter, or her white habit in the summer time. She draws our hearts and minds to her vocation and commitment that does not simply show up between the hours of 9-5pm.

We thank you Sister Karen for your work as a sister and for teaching us, the students, and the staff, in the humble spirit of a religious what it means to have a vocation and to carry that out.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you and may God's grace continue to bring fruit to your labors. Happy Jubilee Sister Karen!



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

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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 Homebound: Your parish priest, 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, May 6

4:00 p.m. Eileen & Alvin Kendall by sister, Mary

SUNDAY, May 7 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Louis Perillo by Family

9:00 a.m. Lionel Soucy by Family

11:00 a.m. Rosina & Joseph Aiello & Rosanna Neri
by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

MONDAY, May 8

8:00 a.m. Richard Gregory Romans

TUESDAY, May 9

8:00 a.m. SMM Marisa Vildozola-4th Anniversary
by her Mom, Maureen

WEDNESDAY, May 10

8:00 a.m. Wanda Sapula by Irena Evans,
Boguslawka Panek & Janina Brown

THURSDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. Jane Helbig by Linda Kapelner

SATURDAY VIGIL, May 13

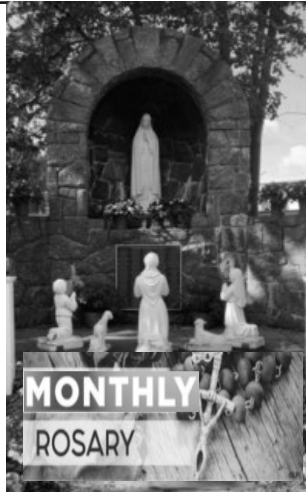
4:00 p.m. Anthony Mozzicato by Family

SUNDAY, May 14 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers of
St. Junipero Serra Parish

9:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers of
St. Junipero Serra Parish

11:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers of
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call Peggy, 860-978-0126.

The May Rosary will take place on Saturday, May 13th, at 12:00 noon, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please note, we will once again meet outside at the Grotto at St. Francis of Assisi Church during the summer months. Bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit. There will be vases available if anyone would like to bring flowers to honor Our Lady during the month of May. For questions please

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

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

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

Divine Mercy Cenacle



Offertory of the weekend of 4/30/2023 will appear in our next week's bulletin.





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. 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



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift,

no matter the size, makes a difference. Organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul Society right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors. 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.

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 "KNIGHTS" Bingo.



Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing generosity! The May food collection will take place the weekend

of 5/27 and 5/28. Grocery bags will be distributed the weekend of 5/20 and 5/21. With your help we will be able to distribute food to local families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and Sacred Heart Church of Hartford.

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.



The SJS Women's Club will hold its last meeting on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall.



Our meeting will be a Baby Shower and collection of baby and infant clothing items for local area women and children. We will also help women in pregnancy crisis centers as we have in the past. Please come join us for our fun evening beginning at 6:30pm.



The last gathering will be our year end banquet and celebration on Wednesday, June 14th at Lena's Restaurant. The cost of the dinner is \$30, and you can contact Lorrie Coelho 860-380-0972 or Doreen Blondin 860-604-8798 to reserve your spot.

We will also collect payment at the May meeting. Thank you all for everything you do for the Parish and let's celebrate together! If you have any questions, please call Paulann at 860-291-9960.



The parish is conducting a baby shower for local families in need of clothing to welcome a new baby and also families receiving services through a crisis pregnancy center. Please leave your gift in the baskets in the vestibule of either church on the weekends of May 13 and 14 and May 20 and 21. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity in helping families welcome a new baby.



Meet our Catechist: Sr. Karen

Please introduce a bit about yourself.

I am an Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and have been a teacher for many years with Masters in both Molecular Biology and Spiritual Theology. I have taught grades 1 – College in 6 states and a few countries. Although I enjoyed teaching science, I found an even greater joy as Campus Minister in an All-Girls' High School in St. Louis, MO for 6 years. As if that were not enough, God gave me the opportunity to be a missionary in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay for 5 years and even a summer in Taiwan. It was in South America that I came to realize how fulfilling parish work was.



When I returned to the USA to be near my elderly mom, I was placed in parish work. St. Junipero Serra is my second parish since being back from South America.

God has also spoiled me with opportunities to attend World Youth Days in Toronto, Cologne, and Rio and two Steubenville events in NYC. Those were with young people. For myself, I have been surprised with pilgrimages to Rome, Israel, and JPPI's Poland. All wonderful gifts in which God prepares me to be His instrument to best bring His Love to others.

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

My whole religious life I have taught religion and even a few years before. I love when I see young people experiencing sudden breakthroughs in their love for God. I saw an entire busload of teens from our parish in Uruguay come back spiritually charged after our experience at WYD Rio. I love how God lets me be a part of his work.

What is one message about the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist you would share with the children?

Jesus is there physically, bodily, and He loves us. At Mass all the angels, saints, and our deceased loved ones surround the altar and worship with us.

Which Gospel story is your favorite and why?

I have so many, especially after recently having visited the Holy Land. One favorite is the story of the faith-filled woman, sick for years, who reached out to touch Jesus to be healed. Love the picture at Magdala (where Mary Magdalene was from) in the Encounter Chapel. This mural fills an entire wall of the Chapel, which is built on the first-century stone floor of the marketplace at Magdala by the Sea of Galilee. In the mural one sees many sandaled feet and then notices a woman's hand stretching forth to touch the fringe of the Lord's garment. And at the very center of the painting, a pulse of light unites them, and she is healed. Isn't that what each of us must do, continuously stretch toward Him, knowing that once we touch Him, our many wounds physical and emotional, will find healing?



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

One prayer I pray every day is the Prayer before a Crucifix, which can be found in most First Communion prayer books. When I was in Second Grade, my teacher, Sr. Mary St. Ann, told us that if we prayed that prayer immediately after receiving Communion, had gone to Confession recently, and prayed for the intentions of our Holy Father, we would get a plenary indulgence or could ask for that for someone else and they would go straight to heaven. It turned out that on my First Communion Day when I went to my grandparents' house my grandfather was dying from cancer. Ten days later, when I was told he had died, I prayed very hard and asked St. Therese, the Little Flower, to send me a rose when my grandfather got to heaven. I told no one else about this. That Sunday, when I returned to my pew after receiving Communion, I knelt and prayed that prayer. When I sat down, it was on a yellow rose. From that point on I always pray that prayer after Communion for whoever God feels needs it most. And the yellow rose, to me, has always been a way for God to communicate with me. It is a kind of hug from God.

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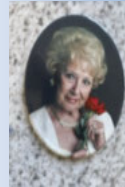
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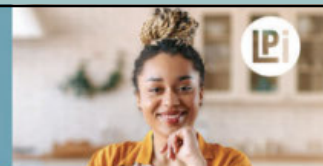
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