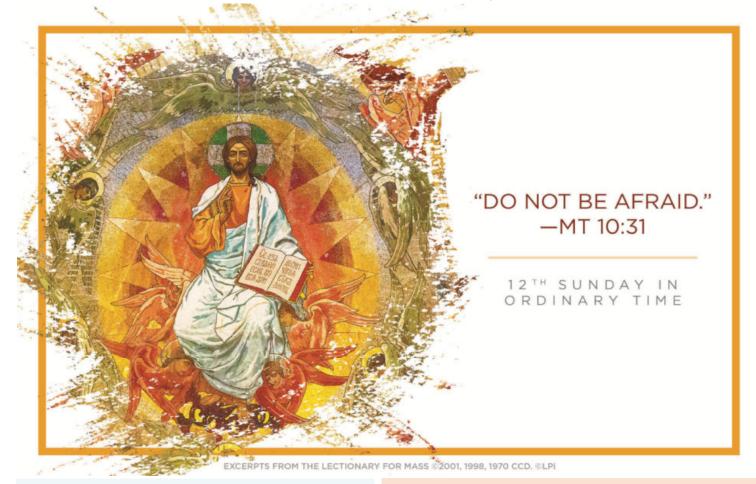




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JUNE 25, 2023

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



#### Saint of the week

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery but became an elite hairstylist in New York City and a free man. He used the money he earned to transform the lives of impoverished New Yorkers, former slaves, and immigrants alongside his wife, Servant of God Juliette.

## **Prayer**

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ, Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. He attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of the 19th century, New York.

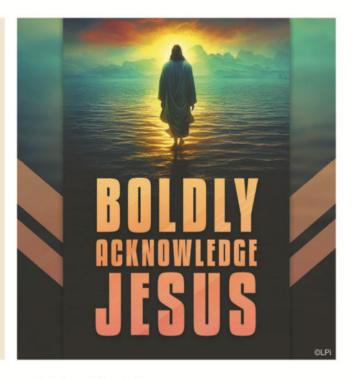
If it is your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of Saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor.

By following his example and asking for his prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://nolacatholic.org/ news/black-catholic-history-month-pierretoussaint#:~:text=Prayer,served%20Your%20people%20 with%20generosity)

## Worship & Meditation



## **Gospel Meditation**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

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 & Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm

#### 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 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@sjs-sw.org

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216



SATURDAY VIGIL, June 24

4:00 p.m. Ellen Marie Murphy by husband, Jack

SUNDAY, June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Luc Michaud by Rita Michaud 9:00 a.m. Lionel & Margaret Soucy by Family

11:00 a.m. Parparian, Paparian & Saad Families

MONDAY, June 26

8:00 a.m. Normand L. Poulin by Mike & Ginger Bilas

TUESDAY, June 27

8:00 a.m. Richard Blakesley by Tuyet Hoang

WEDNESDAY, June 28

8:00 a.m. Joseph Carzo by Pendergast Family

THURSDAY, June 29

8:00 a.m. Andrew Fulop by Parents

SATURDAY VIGIL, July 1

4:00 p.m. Mary Estey Joslin by Lorrie Coelho

SUNDAY, July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Susana Isla by The Polansky Family 9:00 a.m. Marilyn Storminger by Carol & Bob Fischer 11:00 a.m. Frank & Veronica Jurczak by Family

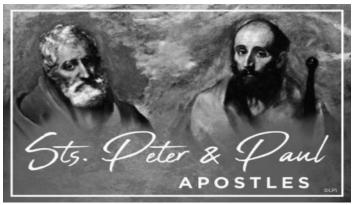
SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for FOR THE HEALING OF BRANDON
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MARYJANE & HERB DEFFLEY
f you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the

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, 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.

June 29th -Feast Day of two great saints, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter and Paul were both friends of Jesus, but their lives were very different.



Peter, a fisherman in Galilee, was first named Simon but Jesus gave him the name 'Peter', which means 'rock'. Jesus told Peter that he would build his Church on this rock. Jesus called Peter to leave his work as a fisherman and follow him. Peter became the leader of the twelve Apostles (the special friends of Jesus). When Jesus asked his friends who they thought he was, Peter said "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." At the Last Supper, Jesus foretold that Peter would deny him three times, before the cock crew. That night, when Jesus was arrested, Peter was so frightened that he denied knowing Jesus – three times – and then the cock crew, and Peter wept. After Jesus rose from the dead, he asked Peter three times "Do you love me?" When Peter replied, three times, that he did, Jesus told him "Feed my sheep". Peter was an important leader of the early Church. After Pentecost he was able to preach to large crowds, telling them about Jesus. He became the first Bishop of Rome: the first

Paul, a very religious Jew from Tarsus, was first called Saul. He never met Jesus whilst Jesus was on earth. After Jesus had ascended to heaven, Saul was trying to stop the early Christians teaching about Jesus. Then on the road to Damascus, the Risen Jesus appeared to Saul, telling him to stop persecuting Christians and to believe in Jesus. Saul was converted. He became known as Paul and Jesus made him into an Apostle for the Gentiles (the people who were not Jews). Paul made three missionary journeys, founding churches in places in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and Europe. Paul was a tentmaker and he did this work to support himself on his travels. After his third journey, Paul was arrested and put into prison for two years. He insisted on standing trial in Rome, but the ship he was taken on was shipwrecked off Malta. Finally Paul reached Rome, where he spent two more years under house arrest.

Peter and Paul both died as martyrs in Rome, around 63 AD: Peter by crucifixion and Paul, as a Roman citizen, by beheading with a sword. You can read about them in the Bible: in the four Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles. In the New Testament, you can also read letters (Epistles) that Paul wrote to people in the churches he had founded, in places such as Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus and Philippi.

## Office of Faith and Culture In collaboration with St. Andrew Dung Lac Parish



Come and celebrate on July 2 with your Archdiocese. 2 PM to 6:30 PM "The Third International Multicultural Catholic Gathering Day!"

Where: at 467 South Quaker Lane - Dung Lac Catholic Parish West Hartford.

What to bring? Just you, your friends and your smile! Live music, games, 14 traditional dances, and 14 international foods, no cost. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt will join us as well.

### All are Welcome Come and enjoy free cultural food



The Archdiocese of Hartford presents Faith & Family Day at Dunkin' Park on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>! Before the ball-Bishop game, Juan Miguel

Betancourt will celebrate a Vigil Mass with Fr. Anthony Federico offering the homily. Later, the Hartford Yard Goats will take on the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, followed by a post-game fireworks display. All are encouraged to participate in this day of faith, fun, and family!

Ouestions about the event should be directed to Fr. Christopher Ford, at <a href="mailto:chancellor@aohct.org">chancellor@aohct.org</a>.



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.

Attention: Our St. Vincent de Paul Society was recently honored with a spaghetti dinner, along with other parishes and volunteers who assist the Sacred Heart Church Pantry, in Hartford. Sacred Heart Pantry serves 80 families covering 350 people in Hartford twice a



month with groceries. Framed certificates will posted at both churches and the rectory. This honor belongs to you, our parishioners, without you, this giving would not be possible.



The June food collection will be this weekend 6/24, 25. With your help we will be able to distribute food to Collection local families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF

families in Manchester and St. Ann's Church of Hartford.

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.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27th at

Divine Mercy Cenacle



7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 6/18/2023 Weekly Collection \$12,062.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

#### THANK YOʻU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



This weekend we will take up the Peter Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the HOLY See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information,

visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

#### From FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Registration is now Open!





Saint Junipero Serra is happy to announce that we will once

again be hosting a Summer Vacation Camp the week of July 10th-14th.

Registration Forms can be found in the back of both Churches and on our website - Space is Limited!



#### Blood Drive St. Margaret Mary Church

Church Hall 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor

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#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have an early transmission deadline. Bulletin articles must be received <u>no later than noon</u> Wednesday 28th of June for Sunday, July 9th. Email your submissions to:

bulletin@sjs-sw.org

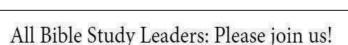


#### FOR HAITI

Did you know that you can put many of your old household items in the St. Vincent de Paul bins at SMM and they will be collected and sent to Haiti? These items do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition. For example:

- Baseball caps
- Decks of cards, match cars, jump ropes, Frisbees
- Embroidery floss and small sewing kits
- Hand lotions, shampoos and hand sanitizers (trial size from hotels)
- Flannel backed tablecloths (used for birthing pads)
- Jewelry, earrings and bracelets (given as reward in classes)
- Nail clippers
- Pillowcases (used to carry foods)
- Towels (even torn ones are cut up to make washcloths)
- Sheets (used to make diapers and baptismal dresses)
- Tackle boxes (used by midwives to carry supplies)
- Shower caps (used to cover foods), and
- Old suitcases <u>NO FABRIC SUITCASES</u> (soft) sent to Haiti packed, and after are used by people to hold their belongings.

Items may be placed in bags marked 'Haiti' for ease in sorting. This is an ongoing collection.



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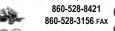


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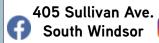
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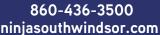
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