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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will
shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their
Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am

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Wednesday**

**Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live
Streamed at www.saintjuniperoserra.org**

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &
Thursday**

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

JULY 23, 2023

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



SPIRIT FIRE!

SJS Youth Rally

Sunday, Sept 17



SAVE THE DATE

A Day of Fun, Music, Fantastically Humorous

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More info to come. Stay tuned!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 23, 2023 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares

his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

-Father John Muir ©LPi

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 & 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

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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

Mass INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL, July 22

4:00 p.m. Mary & Henry Faignant by Daughter, Mary

SUNDAY, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Marilyn & Fran Barile

by The Giger & Barile Families

9:00 a.m. Sue Vicenzo by The Plourde Family

11:00 a.m. Charles Manzella by Family

MONDAY, July 24

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Mary Blondin

by John & Doreen Blondin

TUESDAY, July 25

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

WEDNESDAY, July 26

8:00 a.m. Thomas Pendergast by Pendergast Family

THURSDAY, July 27

8:00 a.m. Joe & Paul Moriarty by Sister

SATURDAY VIGIL, July 29

4:00 p.m. Phyllis Puiia by Mary Beth Fahey

SUNDAY, July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Cecile Blais by Her Husband & Children

9:00 a.m. Theresa Veroneau Pelkey

by Kathy Reals-Heggi

11:00 a.m. Kurt Alver by Bendernagel 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.



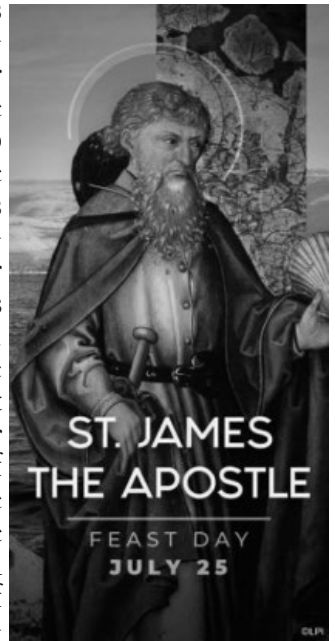
REMEMBER
in your prayers

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

St. James the Apostle | July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

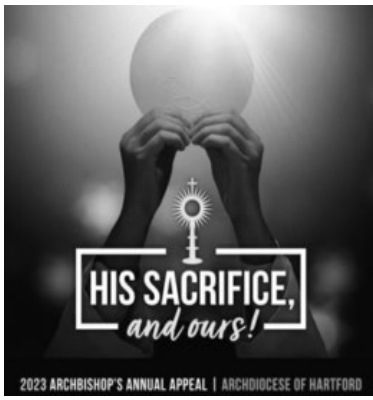


Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage. LPi

The Archdiocese of Hartford presents Faith & Family Day at Dunkin' Park on Saturday, September 9th! Before the ballgame, Bishop 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!





The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the un and under-employed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2023 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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:
7/16/2023 Weekly Collection \$11,655.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you parishioners for your generosity!

The July food collection is this weekend 7/22 &

23. With your help we will be able to distribute food to local families, 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.



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.



ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

INCREASE YOUR FAITH



Come to our **Cenacle** which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, just come and see what it's all about. We start off the evening with The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Rosary and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

THE ONLY PREREQUISITE IS A DESIRE TO KNOW GOD BETTER

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 NO FABRIC SUITCASES (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.*



God calls you to seek Him, to know Him, and to love Him.

Can you hear Him calling you?

-CCC 1



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Who am I? Who are you?

Years ago I wrote a poem that began with the line;

*Who am I, but a shadow of my thoughts,
a light cast aglow of my mind's most deepest wants.*

I showed this poem to my father and he did not read past that first line before rebuking me sternly.

“That is not who you are. “ he told me, “It may be **WHERE** you are - but not **WHO** you are!” The reason he corrected me, was because he knew that I did not understand God’s plan for me in my life. **The beauty of who I was in God’s eyes.** He corrected me because he loves me and knew that I was much more than just a shadow of my thoughts -

Though at the time I thought my father was nitpicking words, I have come to understand the importance of truth in words that are spoken. We must continue to challenge ourselves to seek the truth and meaning contained in words. Or else, who we are and our identity can become lost in a sea of misspoken facts.

**So Who am I? Who are you? -
In light of Church teaching**

CCC355 "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them."218 Man occupies a unique place in creation: (I) he is "in the image of God"; (II) in his own nature he unites the spiritual and material worlds; (III) he is created "male and female"; (IV) God established him in his friendship.

I. "IN THE IMAGE OF GOD"

356 Of all visible creatures only man is "able to know and love his creator".219 He is "the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake",220 and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity:

What made you establish man in so great a dignity? Certainly the incalculable love by which you have looked on your creature in yourself! You are taken with love for her; for by love indeed you created her, by love you have given her a being capable of tasting your eternal Good.221

CCC357 Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. And he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead.

CCC358 God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him:

What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honor? It is man that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand.

“We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus.”

Saint Pope John Paul II

“Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

Saint Catherine of Siena

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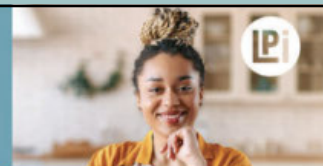
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