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HEAVEN IS LIKE A
TREASURE BURIED IN
A FIELD.” —MT 13:44

17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road
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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &
Wednesday**

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

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road
South Windsor, CT 06074

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 30, 2023

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

BIBLE CAMP VBS 2023



Did you know there is a patron saint of joy? Saint Phillip Neri!

All this and more our VBS leaders, counselors, and campers learned about the holy lives of the saints. While dancing, playing, praying, and doing science experiments, they made new friends and mentors. They learned how to live out their Catholic faith and how to *Shine Jesus's Light* through the joys and sorrows in life.

On behalf of our pastor Fr. Castro and the St. Junipero Serra Parish Staff, I would like to extend a thank you to our parishioners for your prayers and to all those who participated in one way or another for your faith-filled energy and hard work during our VBS last week! We know that parents, campers, teen Counselors, and the VBS team always look forward to this yearly summer event.

If you have not done so already – you can see over **100 photos** from our week together on Saint Junipero Serra Parish's Facebook page. Please visit our Website / Faith Formation tab for more photos and information on registering your kids for next year's programs.

We're looking forward to another great week next year. Thanks again to the VBS team and to you the parents for your commitment and sacrifice to your child's attendance for this successful event.

Believe me, there is no more powerful means to obtain God's grace than to employ the intercessions of the Holy Virgin.

Saint Phillip Neri

To preserve our cheerfulness amid sicknesses and troubles, is a sign of a right and good spirit.

Saint Phillip Neri

God Bless,
Anton Miranda
Director of Religious Education

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



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-Heggy

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

MONDAY, July 31

8:00 a.m. Maria Esther Ojeda

TUESDAY, August 1

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Branco

WEDNESDAY, August 2

8:00 a.m. Carmelo Bongiorno by His Sister

THURSDAY, August 3

8:00 a.m. Those who died at Hartford Distributors

by the Pepin Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, August 5

4:00 p.m. Daniel Bomaster by Wife, Lois & Family

SUNDAY, August 6

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the Protection & Health of Mary I.

Asapokhai, her children & their families

9:00 a.m. Pauline Brancati by Her Children

11:00 a.m. Mary Giordano by Family

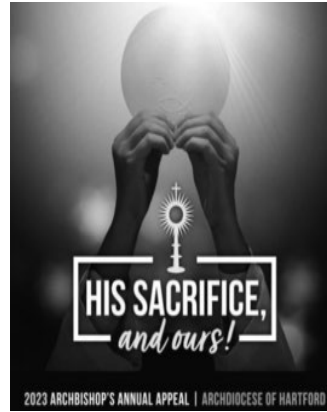
SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
HELEN & JOHN GALLAGHER

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 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. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH



It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature! Organizations such as St. Vincent de

Paul Society right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION



If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **October 6-8, 2023 in Farmington, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



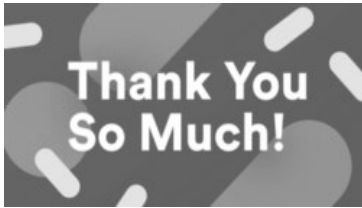
The monthly Rosary for August will take place on Saturday, August 12th at 12:00 noon, at the grotto outside St. Francis of Assisi Church. Please bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit. Call Peggy, 860-978-0126, if you have any questions.



The Parish is collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in need starting July 29 through August 6. Thank you for thoughtful generosity for these children.

Thank you parishioners for your generosity!

The July food collection took place the weekend of 7/22 and 7/23. With your help we were able to distribute food to local families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and Bristol Men's Shelter – we filled to overflowing a large SUV for the Bristol Men's Shelter!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
7/23/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,176.00
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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!

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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, August 8th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.



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.

Invitation to Consecrated Life

Perhaps you know someone who might be considering a call to consecrated life (as a Sister, Brother, Consecrated Virgin or Hermit). Sometimes it is a family member, a colleague in ministry, or a friend who asks the simple question: "Have you ever considered that you might have a vocation?" Your 'ask' just might be the spark that encourages someone to follow the whisperings of the Spirit. That spark may be all a person needs to take a next step on a faith journey. Fan the flame as you invite them to call the Archdiocesan Office of Religious and speak to Sister Barbara Mullen, CSJ (Delegate for Religious) at 860-242-5573, ext. 7492.



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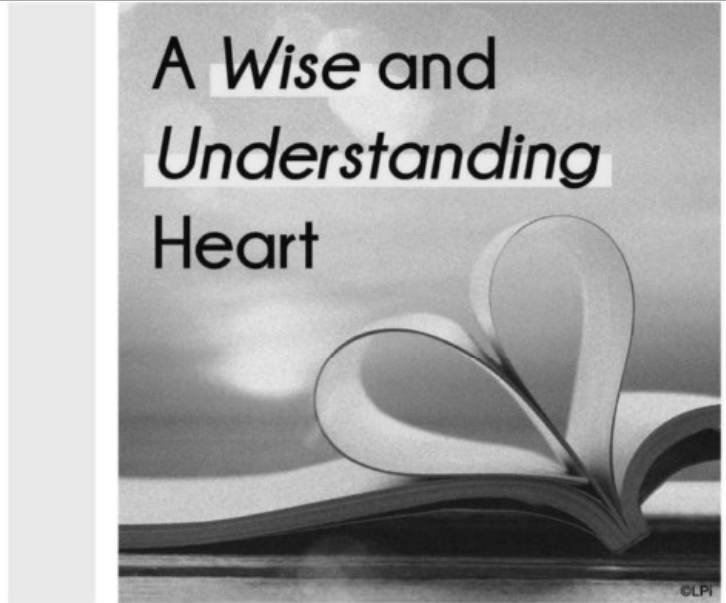
Did you know that you can put many of your old household items in the St. Vincent de Paul bins at SMM and they will be collected and sent to Haiti? These items do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition. For example:

- 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.*

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.

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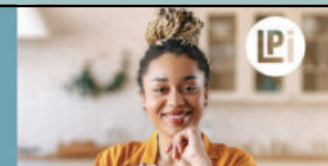
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