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THEN JESUS SAID
TO HER IN REPLY,
"O WOMAN,
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FAITH! LET IT BE
DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH."
—MT 15:28

20 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &

Wednesday

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### 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

**AUGUST 20, 2023** 

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



Summer Cookout

#### Calling all SJS Youth Grades 7 - 12 Sunday, August 27 | 5pm - 7pm at SMM Church Hall

Remember June and our last Youth Ministry Event where close to 30 of you participated in our event?

We're doing it again, with a Summer Ending Kick Ball Game and Hawaiian Luau/ Barbeque!

Back by popular demand: The Sling-Shot Water Balloon Cannon, with prizes for longest distance shots. This time, bring a friend or two, and we'll close out summer with a Splash. Games - Food - Fun - Music while getting a sneak peak on information about our Parish's Big Spirit Fire Youth Rally coming up on Sunday, September 17th. Prizes for Best Hawaiian Shirt, Boys and Girls.

Be there. Aloha.!





SEPT 3
SUNDAY



### 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

#### **Pastor**

Reverend Jorge Castro Phone: 860-644-2411 ext 109 fr.castro@aohet.org

#### Deacons

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#### Faith Formation Staff

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm | Phone 860-644-2549 Fax: 860-644-5765

#### **Director of Faith Formation**

Anton Miranda Phone:860-644-2549 ext 106 faithformation@sjs-sw.org

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Maria Rosati Phone:860-644-2549 ext 107 faithformation@sjs-sw.org

## Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Catechist

Ronald Audette Phone:860-644-2549 ext 108 youthministersjs@gmail.com

#### **Confirmation Coordinator**

Sister Karen Skurat Phone:860-644-2549 ext 107 confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com

#### **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, August 19

4:00 p.m. Huguette Giroux by Family

SUNDAY, August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Thomas Brown by Mike & Ginger Bilas 9:00 a.m. Edmund & Lucy Newhouse by Family 11:00 a.m. Steven E. Fisher by Family

MONDAY, August 21

8:00 a.m. Don Bania by Wife, Joyce

TUESDAY, August 22

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

WEDNESDAY, August 23

8:00 a.m. Edward F. Havens, Sr. by Annamae Davis

THURSDAY, August 24

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Branco

SATURDAY VIGIL, August 26

4:00 p.m. Mary & Joseph Mecca

by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, August 27

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. For the blessings & protection of Emmanuel & Remi Asapokhai & their children

9:00 a.m. Ronald Rodrigues by Family

11:00 a.m. Maria Milluzzo, Vincenzo Monaco & Michael Zullow by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for PAOLO ALIANO

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 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, Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE August 20, 2023 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.



The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil. -Father John Muir ©ĹPi



Gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. Join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's

Annual Appeal. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the Donate link to Archbishop's Annual Appeal, His Sacrifice, and ours! to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2023 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal litwhich can be found at https:// archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.





Do you or someone you know have a desire to investigate the Catholic Faith more deeply to consider con-(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults version (OCIA)? If you are a baptized Catholic and have a desire for the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist or, you are a fully initiated Catholic desiring to nurture your faith, please call the Faith Formation office at 860-644-2411 ext.107 or email: at FaithFormation@SJS-SW.org and express your interest and provide your contact information and a member of our team will contact you. We would truly love to hear from you.

Mass Intention/Sanctuary Light Offerings

When sending in your offering and to ensure proper accounting, these methods are preferred: mail directly to St. Junipero Serra Parish 80 Hayes Rd South Windsor, CT 06074, cash, or check dropped off at the office during regular business hours or placed in the black mailbox at the office door. Offerings should be in a separate envelope marked "Mass Intentions" or "Sanctuary Light" with corresponding dates/times and checks are made out to St. Junipero Serra Parish. Please write a separate check for Masses and for Sanctuary Lights.

Note: Viewing Mass Intention/Sanctuary Light availability for the remainder of the year is now on our website. Scheduling will begin in the fall for 2024.

## Give blood. Help save lives.

#### **Blood Drive** St. Margaret Mary Church

Church Hall 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor

Wednesday, August 23rd 12pm to 5pm

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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SWKofC to schedule an appointment.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 8/13/2023 Weekly Collection \$9,505.50 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The August food collection will take place the weekend of 8/26 and 8/27. Grocery bags will distributed \ weekend 8/19,20. With your help we will dis-



tribute food to local families, Head Start families in Vernon, and DCF families in Manchester. The Sacred Heart pantry has been relocated to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church on New Britain Ave. in Hartford. It is part of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. We will be helping the new St. Lawrence O'Toole Pantry in August.

We need volunteers to help **VOLUNTEERS** 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.

#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have an early transmission deadline. Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon Wednesday 30th of August for Sunday, September 10th. Email your submissions to:

bulletin@sjs-sw.org

St. Junipero Serra Golf Tournament Sponsored by Council 5779 Saturday, September 16th 8:00 AM Shotgun Start East Hartford Golf Club

Format: Handicapped Team Scramble Cost is \$110 Per Person and includes 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Breakfast Sandwich and Buffet Dinner with Beer Keg. Proceeds will fund Seminarians and Faith Formation. Raffle To Follow

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#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEAL-ING 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 mideighties. 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 <a href="mailto:mlag-fin@prolifeministry.org">mlag-fin@prolifeministry.org</a>, or visit our website at <a href="www.rachelsvineyard.org">www.rachelsvineyard.org</a>.

Spending Time with Jesus



Our churches are open during the day for private devotions (including private adoration at St. Margaret Mary Church Chapel) Monday through Friday 9 am to 3 pm at St.

Margaret Mary Church and Mondays & Wednesdays 9 am to 3 pm at St. Francis of Assisi.

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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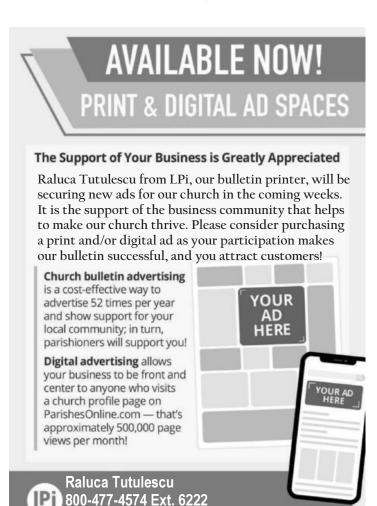
Divine Mercy Cenacle



Come to our <u>Cenacle</u> 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 <u>The Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>, <u>Spiritual Rosary</u> and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

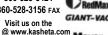


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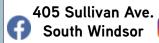
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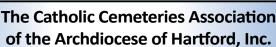


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