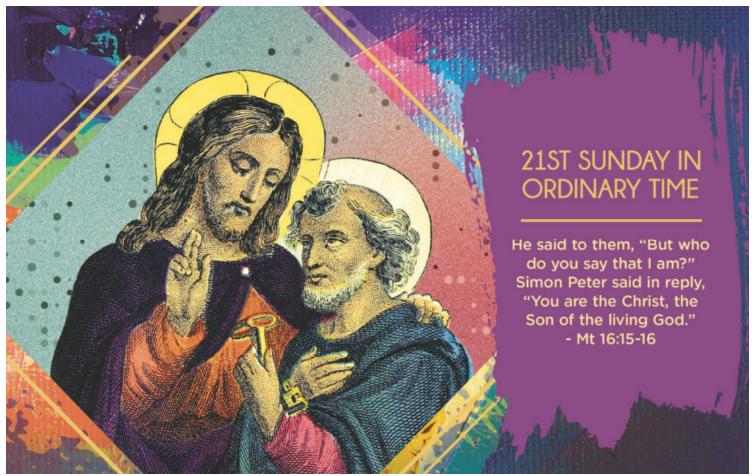


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Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &

Thursday

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

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

(except Holy Days & Holidays)

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



SAVE THE DATE St. Junipero Serra Parish Parish Picnic



Saturday, September 23, 2023 at St. Margaret Mary Church

Following the Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm all are invited to attend our parish picnic. Hoping to see you there!





Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage

Bishop Peter A. Rosazza, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Hartford, invites you to Saint Peter Claver Church of West Hartford for the ninth annual *Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage, taking place on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.* This is a beautiful and unique way to experience many of the benefits and opportunities of a pilgrim-

age to Lourdes, France, but condensed into a single-day program right here in Connecticut. All are invited. If you would like to attend, please register by September 8, by calling or emailing Mark Sullivan at (860) 523-1405 / sllvnchrth@gmail.com

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

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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, 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

MONDAY, August 28

8:00 a.m. Anne, Susan & Jeanne McKenna

TUESDAY, August 29

8:00 a.m. Mary Ānn Branco

WEDNESDÁY, August 30

8:00 a.m. Muriel & Neil Soucy by Son, Warren

THURSDAY, 31

8:00 a.m. Carlo & Tullia Casalini

by Their Children & Grandchildren

SATURDAY VIGIL, September 2

4:00 p.m. Phyllis Puiia by Mike & Ginger

SUNDAY, September 3

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Asapokhai & her children & their families

9:00 a.m. Lucia Zappulla by Family

11:00 a.m. Stanley & Cecilia Gumula by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ANGELA LANTIERI FOURNIER

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.

2023 Missionary Cooperative Plan at St. Junipero Serra Parish

Dear Father,

On behalf of the Most Rev. Matthew K. Gyamfi, the Catholic Bishop of Sunyani, Ghana, I wish to thank you for inviting us to conduct our annual Mission Appeal in your parish on the weekend of September 9th & 10th.

The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa, was established in 1973. The Diocese covers an area.

19,500 square kilometers. Most

19,500 rural

19,500 rural areas, where most of the people are peasant farmers. These areas have lagged behind the rest



of the country in education, basic infrastructure, and healthcare delivery. Because of this situation, the Diocese, when it was created, decided to make social development a major part of and tool for the evangelization of the people living in the Diocese.

The faithful are mainly young families. They are mostly first- and second-generation Christians. In many areas, we preach the word for the first time and the people are hearing about Christ for the first time.

Fortunately, the response to the Faith is tremendously encouraging. The people accept the faith and join our local Church in large numbers. We have

over 300,000 baptized in the Diocese.

The Diocese believes in the holistic development of the human person. Therefore, it has made it part of its mission to provide some basic social development projects in areas where public socio-economic services are found wanting. Thus, it focuses on the following areas: primary evangelization, provision of safe drinking water, quality healthcare delivery, and education.

The coronavirus pandemic has destroyed and halted almost all economic activities in the Diocese. The Diocese has been affected financially so much that we count on friends like you for support. Some of the funds we raise in your parish would be used to support families whose economic activities had been halted by Covid 19. Funds raised in your parish will enable us to better serve the people of God in our local church. Trusting in your cooperation and asking the Lord's blessings for you and your ministry, I remain, yours sincerely,

Rev. Joseph Domfeh

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





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Vincent Ferrer said "Be worried about your own sins, because God is not going to ask vou about someone else's sins"

The sacrament of Reconciliation is where we confess our own sins and receive absolution. The spiritual advice that a priest gives in the confessional will, by nature, be addressed to your own sins and temptations that the penitent reveals and is not intended for someone else. Now, Spiritual Direction, on the other hand, is understood as a regular accompaniment on the spiritual journey outside the confessionary. It will require a special appointment, if desired. When we go to the confessionary it is to receive the grace of forgiveness and not for spiritual advice or direction.

We need to know that there is a difference between Spiritual Direction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession has sacramental grace (the forgiveness and the strength) that Spiritual Direction does not have. Spiritual Direction, in contrast, is primarily a conversation about what God is doing in your life - what he is asking of you, what he is giving you - and how you are responding.

We have confessions every Monday (except Holy Days & Holidays) from 6pm to 6:45pm followed by Adoration and Benediction with the

Blessed Sacrament.

In Christ. Rev. Jorge E. Castro

Recycle Your Religious Items from Home!



A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home. Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles, as well as used instru-

ments. Items NOT taken - Religious Books, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine). Please bring your items in no later than Thursday, September 14th and drop them off in the conference room in the left wing of St. Margaret Mary. The church is open around Mass times and Monday - Friday 9-3. For questions regarding drop off, please contact the office at 860-644-2411 x101, for questions regarding specific items, please contact Kimberly at 717-381-5816.

Fall 2023 Bible Study The Holy Spirit in the Bible

Join us as we study The Holy Spirit in the Bible this Fall. This study starts in the Old Testament and traces the development of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit through the New Testament.

Bible study will take place in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:15 until 8:30 pm on 7 consecutive



Monday nights starting September 18 through October 30. This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback text book with the Bible readings, commentary, study questions, a professional online video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register, or if you have any questions about the study.

Archdiocesan 2023 Anniversary Mass



The Archdiocese of Hartford cordially invites couples celebrating wedding anni-ANNIVERSARY versaries of 25, 50, 60 or more to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, CT. The Mass includes a renewal of mar-

riage vows followed by an opportunity for couples to have a photograph taken with Archbishop Blair and a personalized certificate.

Couples who wish to participate in this event and priests who would like to concelebrate Mass are asked register online at: https://

archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass/.

If you have questions or need assistance with completing this form, please contact Valerie St. Jean, Coordinator of Adult and Family Life Ministries at valerie.stjean@aohct.org.

We rehearse on Thursdays 7pm-8pm and sing at Sunday Mass every other week alternating between the 9am and llam.

Anyone who may be interested contact Bobby at robert.dolan@uconn.edu





Thank you parishioners for your ongoing generosity! With your help we distributed food to local

families, Head Start families in Vernon, and DCF families in Manchester, as well as St. Lawrence O'Toole Church





pantry in Hartford (formerly Sacred Heart).

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.

PARENTS MEETING

Thursday, August 31 7:00pm at SMM Church Hall

First Reconciliation (2nd Graders) First Eucharist (3rd Graders)

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 8/20/2023 Weekly Collection \$11,868.00
The Assumption of the Mary Collection \$2,163.00
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.!

As the St. Junipero Serra Parish Ministry of Life approaches it's one year anniversary, we have so much to be grateful for and excited about. We are grateful for Father Castro's guidance and support as well as the many parishioners who gave of their time and support to advocate for life.



In the past year, the Ministry of Life has stayed true to its word. The Ministry is one of love and positivity. During the 40 Days for Life, we prayed the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood in West Hartford. In October, we ran a bottle drive for Birthright in East Hartford. In February, we collected and delivered diapers and wipes for five different pregnancy centers. Hands down, the generosity of our Parish is second to none.

We also lead Novenas to St. Bakhita, St. Joseph, St. Giana to name a few. We attended the March for Life in Hartford and supported pro-life legislation through letter writing campaigns and calls at both federal and state levels. Our pro-life voices were heard with positive outcomes.

We will be sharing our plans for the coming year soon. We hope you will be join us as we support LIFE.

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A Call for Seekers of the Faith

Do you or someone you know have a desire to investigate the Catholic Faith more deeply to consider conversion (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (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 860-644-241l 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 9:00 am at SFA | 11:00 am at SMM

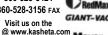


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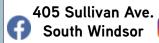
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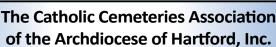


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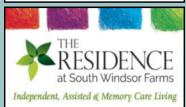
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