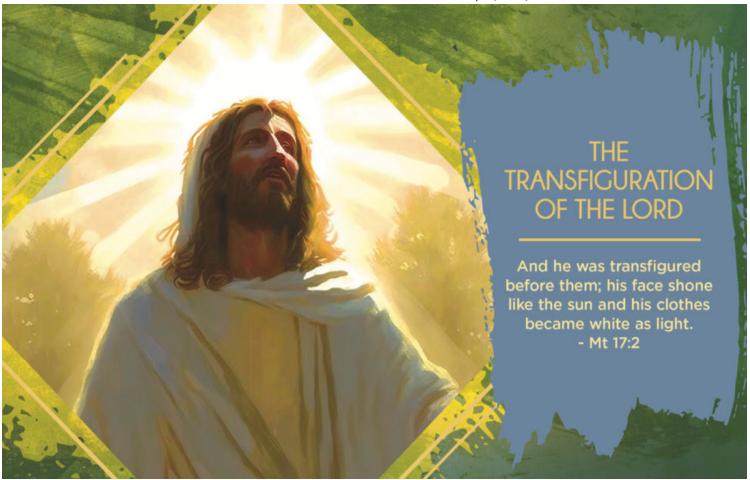


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AUGUST 6, 2023

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

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



Dear Parishioners,

Most would say that the new year begins on January 1st. But we at Saint Junipero Serra Parish have always felt that the new year begins in September. It is in September that all of our programs begin anew and that the children advance one more grade at school. So what better way to prepare for the new year - than to reflect on God's blessings and gifts to our parish youth programs in 2022 -2023. This past year our classes and sacramental workshops were tied in with the Mass and praise be to God we saw an increase in participation for our families and children in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

- Our whole parish catechesis was able to meet in person for all of our classes where as a family the children were catechized on the gospel with a central focus on the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Our children participated in the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, catechized by our dedicated staff and loyal parishioner volunteers.
- We were able to hire a youth minister and implement a youth group with a target on fun as well as faith. Be on the lookout for our monthly youth group events next year as well.
- We hosted close to 50 children in our *Totally Catholic* Vacation Bible School our teens shined Jesus' light as mentors to our young campers.
- We were able to host many teens on a weekend retreat trip at the Springfield Mass Mutual Center Steubenville East focuses on praise and worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation Spiritual talks, and fellowship.

As your Pastor, I want to thank you the parishioners who continue to reach out to the youth by bringing them or welcoming them to our parish. Please invite your neighbors and your friends to join us one Sunday. Your invitation may be just the thing they need to approach Jesus in the Tabernacle.

The Faith Formation calendar year of 2023-2024 is already bursting with opportunities for our youth.

- We will begin the year with the 'Backpack Blessing' on Sept 3^{rd} at 9am & 11am Masses.
- The last Sunday in August we will celebrate our 7th 10th graders with a cookout and games opportunity where they can pray and support each other before this new school year.
- Our First Reconciliation and First Eucharist parents will gather on Aug 31st to receive important information on the Sacramental preparation program.
- We are going to kick off the CCD year with a 'Youth Rally' on Sept 17th, we are excited to see all of our teens attend. ALL registered upper graders are expected to participate.
- If you have not already registered for the faith formation program yet this year please do so as soon as possible as this keeps the cost down for our families. Registration forms can be found in the back of the churches and on our website.

Please register your kids before Aug 15th to avoid an extra shipping fee for the class materials. Thank you again for being part of our parish family. Let us build up the Church together!

God bless you, Father Castro

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 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, 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

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MONDAY, August 7

8:00 a.m. Vera Franks by Judith & William Hickey

TUESDAY, August 8

8:00 a.m. Daniel Ribuffo

WEDNESDAY, August 9

8:00 a.m. Linda Bongiorno by Sister

THURSDAY, August 10

8:00 a.m. Assunta Vicenzo by Ginger & Mike Bilas

SATURDAY VIGIL, August 12

4:00 p.m. Francis Christopher Perrone, 2nd Anniversary by Family

SUNDAY, August 13

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Richard Raimondo by Wife

9:00 a.m. Marie Carzo

by Friends of the Pendergast Family 11:00 a.m. Sheila Walsh Richard by 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.



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

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much



stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir ©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 postgame fireworks display. All are encouraged to participate in this day of faith, fun, and family!

\$10 Tickets still available. Call or email Tony Cardinale 203-605-7786 or st.juniperoserratc@cox.net Mass Intention/Sanctuary Light Offerings

To assure proper accounting, these methods are preferred: Mailed 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.



The Parish is collecting backpacks and school supplies children in need starting July 29 through August 13. Thank you for thoughtful generosity for these children.

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 \$105 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 Reservations: 1 to 4 players Email Shawn Perry shawn.perry88@gmail.com



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Divine Mercy Cenacle



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.



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.

Offertory of the weekend of 7/30/2023 will appear in our next week's bulletin.

The August food collection will take place the weekend of 8/26 and 8/27. Grocery bags will be dis-

tributed the weekend of With 8/19 and 8/20. your help we will distribute 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 with **VOLUNTEERS** 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.



From FAITH FORMATION OFFICE



Calling all SJS Youth Grades 7 - 12.

August 27th: Sunday 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 Lua/ 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 - and Music, while getting a sneak peak on information about our Parishes Big Spirit Fire / Youth Rally coming up on Sunday September 17th. Prizes for Best Hawaiian Shirt, Boys and Girls.

Be there, Aloha.!



It is not too late to give to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! It is only with YOUR help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of \$10 Million! This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. 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 unemployed, 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.

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



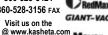
family member, a colleague in ministry, or a friend who asks the simple question: "Have you ever considered that you might have a vocation?" Your 'ask' just might be the spark that encourages someone to follow the whisperings of the Spirit. That spark may be all a person needs to take a next step on 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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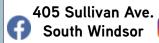
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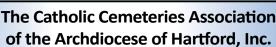


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