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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

OCTOBER 1, 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

(except Holy Days & Holidays)

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

On Sunday, September 17th, 2023, St. Junipero Serra Parish had its biggest religious youth event ever, Spirit Fire, from 1:00 pm -8:00 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall for all in Grades 7 – 12. Approximately 140 of our youth, along with 50 adult volunteers attended.

were entertained by the famous and hilarious













Catholic teen speaker and beat boxer, Paul J. Kim. Father Anthony Federico, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese, also greatly animated the teens with his inspiring talks. All experienced a teen Mass and a beautiful Praise and Worship Eucharistic Adoration. A multitude of teens, energized by the event, received the sacrament of Reconciliation out on the lawn with 4 different priests. The music group, Revival Worship, inspired and embellished the day with their Praise and Worship music and added to the closing festivities with lively music as teens danced with pulsating strobe lights as they wore glow in the dark bracelets. We are grateful to the SJS Men's Club/Knights, Women's Club, teachers, parents and parish volunteers who altogether made this possible. Thank you.



St. Junipero Serra Parish Blessing of the **Animals** Saturday, October 7th at noon at the Grotto St. Francis of Assisi Church

Bring your pets for a special St. Francis Blessing!

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, September 30

4:00 p.m. Gregory Fisher

by Wife, Kathy & Daughter, Gabriella

SUNDAY, October 1

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Micheline Lacasse by Lacasse Family

9:00 a.m. Anne, Susan & Jeanne McKenna

11:00 a.m. Sebastiano Rizza by Family

MONDAY, October 2

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann DiGiacomo by Ginger & Mike Bilas TUESDAY, October 3

8:00 a.m. Audrey Szoka by Her father, Roy, & Family WEDNESDAY, October 4

8:00 a.m. Christopher Yustinich by His Aunt & Parents THURSDAY, October 5

8:00 a.m. Barbara Halstead by Husband

SATURDAY VIGIL, October 7

4:00 p.m. Stanley & Cecilia Gumula by Family

SUNDAY, October 8

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Susana Jabonera

9:00 a.m. Elario & Antonietta Persampieri by Family

11:00 a.m. Jeanne Walsh by Her Husband

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ED & DORIS SICARD

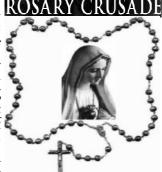
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for HERCULE, ROSE-ANGE JACQUES RODRIGUE & HENRI PAUL JACQUES & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

On Saturday, October 14, we will be holding our annual PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE in front of St. Francis of Assisi ROSARY Church at 12:00 noon. We will join with people all over the world who will offer a public square Rosary in reparation for the sins being committed throughout the world. God will hear us if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. We hope many



will join us in this world-wide campaign. For questions, please call Peggy, 860-978-0126.



Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Coyne Archbishop Leonard P. Blair cordially invites all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford to attend a Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne on October 9th at 2 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. All are welcome!

SUNDAY's COMING!



Back by popular demand our Lectio Divina study group on the coming Sunday readings has begun. We meet in the SFA Hall after the Wednesday Morning Mass from 8:45-9:45am. We use the Sunday Mis-

salette from the church as a basis for our study. See you then!

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting

Divine Mercy Cenacle



will be on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As a parish we begin a new season with many expectations, news and activities. Firstly, I want to thank everyone who has made it possible with their help and service that all the events and activities we had for the month of September were carried out successfully and satisfactorily. This Sunday we are blessed to have with us his Eminence Bishop Betancourt celebrating the llam Mass.

We know that it has been, and it will be, a lot of change in some towns and parishes around us. The Archdiocese has changed our fiscal year, therefore in a couple of weeks you will receive the financial report of the parish. This reflects the financial status of the parish for the first six months.

Again this year, we will have our Annual Parish Collection which will begin in the middle of the month of October. Everyone will receive the same information and letters that have been implemented in previous years. Many activities and maintenance of both campuses have been possible thanks to your generosity and love for the parish.

May God continue to help and guide us along his path so that we can continue living his will in our lives.

> God bless you always, Rev. Jorge E. Castro

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 9/24/2023 Weekly Collection \$9,469.00 HOPES Collection \$3,008.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

2023 HOPES Collection: Thank you for Supporting Parish Elementary School Teachers On behalf of the students, teachers and staff in the Archdiocese of Hartford's Catholic elementary schools, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the 2023 HOPES Collection last weekend. Your generosity supports a culture of faith and academic excellence in our Catholic schools that benefits the entire community. For those who still would like to give, you can access the HOPES Collection online donation tool and make a donation by going to: https:// www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-schools/hopes

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Let us pray the Prayer for Radical Solidarity as we begin Respect Life Month.

This prayer invokes the intercession of our Blessed Mother who exemplified radical solidarity in coming to the aid of her cousin, Elizabeth.

Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.





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On October 21st, we will participate in the 40 Days for DAYS FOR LIFE Life Prayer Vigil on the sidewalk outside of Planned Par-

enthood, 1030 New Britain Ave., West Hartford from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm. We will be praying the Rosary to save the lives of the preborn.

Sign -up sheets are in the church vestibule. Once you have signed up, you will then need to register at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/. If you have any questions, email sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net.

The first Women's Club meeting will be held on <u>Wed.</u> October 11th at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall beginning with Social at



6:30pm. Meeting will begin at 7:00pm. We will collect \$10 dues for women who want to join who are 80 years old or younger. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share, new members are welcome to come and check out the activities and calendar of events we have planned. We would love to have new members who want to meet others in the Parish and help the Parish Community throughout the year. We have an exciting year of events planned.

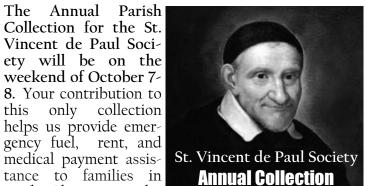
Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paulann at 860 291-9960.

Thank You 💜 🕏 So Much!

Thank you for your contributions to the September food collection! St. Anne's community center in

Hartford received a truckload of groceries. Local families, Head Start families in Vernon and DCF families in Manchester also received balanced grocery bags.

Annual Parish Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on the weekend of October 7-**8.** Your contribution to this only collection helps us provide emergency fuel, rent, and tance to families in need. Please consider



making a donation to our Society in the 2ND collection on 10/7 and 10/8/2023. Every little bit helps us help others!

Questions?

Please contact: president@societyhelpline.org Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post request for assistance on our site www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.



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Dee-dee and Charlie Mihaliak

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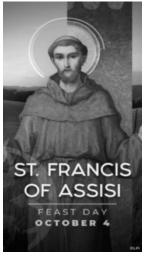
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St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he



was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us!!

Archdiocesan 2023 Anniversary Mass



The Archdiocese of Hartford cordially invites couples celebrating ANNIVERSARY wedding anniversaries 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 marriage 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.

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.



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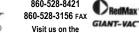
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