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

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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

(except Holy Days & Holidays)

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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

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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 23 4:00 p.m. Laurette D. Billig by Family SUNDAY, September 24 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Gail Maucci 9:00 a.m. Paul St. Jean by Bonnie & Family 11:00 a.m. Bertha & Michael Troiano by Their Children

MONDAY, September 25 8:00 a.m. John J. Hickey by Kathryn Reals Hegi TUESDAY, September 26 8:00 a.m. Raymond Burns by Annamae Davis WEDNESDAY, September 27 8:00 a.m. Diana Golden by Roberta THURSDAY, September 28 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Branco

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

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for LUCIEN, MARIE THERESE, MICHEL JACQUES & SPECIAL INTENTIONS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for FORTUNATA DELGADO

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.



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> 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 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 discussion each Monday. lesson, and small group

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



INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3rd at

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



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

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 9/17/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,563.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Please Join Us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph for the Annual Archdiocesan RESPECT LIFE MASS celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair Sunday, October 1st, 2023 | at 11:00 a.m.

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.

Please join us in celebrating Respect Life Month during October. On October 21st, we will participate in the



40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 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. The 40 Days for Life will run from September 27th- November 5th.

Ministry of Life Sign -up sheets are located in the church vestibules starting this weekend. 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.

In addition, to show our solidarity with moms, their babies, and families we will have another Bottle Drive to benefit Birthright beginning in October. Last year's campaign was such a success for those moms in need, we have decided to work with Birthright again.

Baby bottles will be at all entrances of St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi. Please take a bottle and fill it with donations to help Birthright do their blessed work for women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. All bottle proceeds will go toward the expenses incurred by Birthright for moms and their babies and for spreading the word about the work they do to save lives and help moms.

Go to https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month to participate in the Respect Life Month Novena.





Thank you parishioners for your ongoing generosity! The food collection is this weekend. In

September, St. Ann's in Hartford will received support from your St. Vincent de Paul Society as will local families, Head Start families in Vernon and DCF families in Manchester. Please consider volunteering with your St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

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.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH <u>—</u>

The ANGELS!! The ANGELS!!

I can remember once in my teens, overhearing a woman recounting her faith story, eyes aglow - *The ANGELS!*, *The ANGELS!* She said referencing their intercession.

Though we can all probably remember the *Prayer to Our Guardian Angel* that we prayed as children, many times it is easy to forget that we each have a Guardian that looks at the face of Jesus while standing beside us! It is not just a children's story! *The ANGELS! The ANGELS!*



My Guardian Dear, Have you stayed near? Since I was young, And through the fog, When skies were bright, And when turned to dark?

Did you cower in disgrace,
When I turned away my face?
When I shut my conscience out,
Did you leave, or fight and shout?
Did you whisper in my ear,
Words so pure, So true, And good,
To teach and show me how I should,
Act and love, and fight it through,
And if I can't, To turn to you?

Stay near my Guardian,
Stay by my side,
Even when I try to hide.
Even when I shut you out,
Or forget to call your name,
Stay with me all the same.
Through morning, noon, and the night,
Stay close to me until I die,

And at Heaven's door at last,
My Guardian, please light the path,
To God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,
One,
To Mother Mary and the Spirits

To, Mother Mary and the Saints, I promise Guardian, To give you, Thanks!

THE ANGELS - The existence of angels - a truth of faith

CCC328 The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

Who are they?

CCC329 St. Áugustine says: "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel.'" With their whole beings the angels are *servants* and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word." 189

CCC330 As purely *spiritual* creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness. 190

The angels in the life of the Church

CCC334 In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels.²⁰¹

CCC335 In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the funeral liturgy's *In Paradisum deducant te angeli*. . ["May the angels lead you into Paradise. . ."]). Moreover, in the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels).

CCC336 From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession.²⁰² "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."²⁰³ Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar."

St. John Chrysostom

"When tempted, invoke your Angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him: He trembles and flees at the sight of your Guardian Angel."

St. John Bosco

"We should show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our co-heirs just as here below they are our guardians and trustees appointed and set over us by the Father."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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