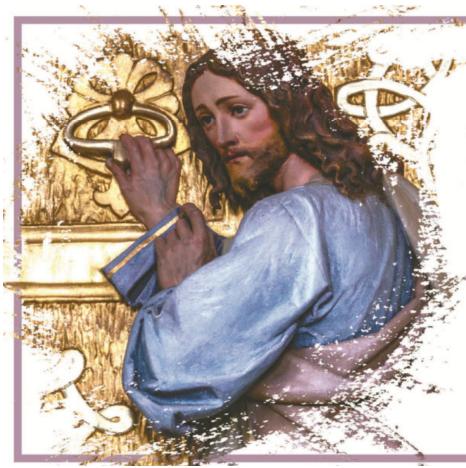


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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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On Friday, December 15th at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church!

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The concert is FREE and no tickets are required. Free will offerings are graciously accepted for the continued support of this tradition and our Music Ministry.



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

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SATURDAY VIGIL, November 11

4:00 p.m. Raymond W. Billig by Family

SUNDAY, November 12

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Francisco Estrosos, Sr. & Francisco Estrosos, Jr. by Maria

9:00 a.m. Barbara Cortin by Paulann Marianella 11:00 a.m. Leanne Harriss by Becky Furlong

MONDAY, November 13

8:00 a.m. John Eccher, Sr., 17th Anniversary by June & Family

TUESDÁÝ, November 14

8:00 a.m. Christopher Golik by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, November 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Laura & Frank Phillipe

THURSDÂY, November 16

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

SATURDAY VIGIL, November 18

4:00 p.m. Anne, Susan & Jeanne McKenna

SUNDAY, November 19

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Philip & Winifred Burnham by Their Children 9:00 a.m. Creagan, Rawls & St. Marie Families 11:00 a.m. Alfina & Salvatore Neri, Joseph Reale & Alfio Bonano by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for DAN & CLARE STEFKO

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

The Mass Intention Calendar is open for 2024! Mass offerings are \$25 for weekends and \$20 for weekdays. Beginning this year, when there is an overlap on requested dates/times on the weekends, up to 2 families may share the date/time.

To view the calendar, go to our website www.saintjuniperoserr.org and click on Church Calendar, Mass Intentions. Contact Ginger to reserve your Mass at 860-644-2411 x101. If you offered a Mass Intention on February 8 or March 28, 2024, please call the office.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November



14th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

Lights, - Camera - Action! Calling all Youth Teens, Grades 6th - 12th

Double your Pre – Advent pleasure and put a couple FUN SERVICE HOURS, and/or Cheer in your stockings at our next Youth Ministry Event

When: Sunday, November 19th 4:00 – 5:30, That's two hours of service for 90 Minutes – WOW!

Where: SFA Church Hall

We're making Hot Cocoa Bombs for the Annual Parish Live Nativity to be held on Sunday Dec, 3rd for our Lead Actors, Grades 6th and 7th.



We need you to put your Directors, Producers, and Coaches Hats on in rehearsing this year's script for the Live Nativity. Built in the spirit of Vacation Bible School come to support the younger school age youth in learning their parts and roles as far as entry into the staging area for this short one hour play and come away with a better understanding of the Birth in Bethlehem.

Oh come all Ye – Faithful; Christmas Reindeer Games and Free Food as always, please bring a Friend.

Blood Drive St. Margaret Mary Church



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HELP US CELEBRATE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



Christmas Mass Intentions cards will be on sale starting November 18th till Saturday December 23rd, before and after all Masses. Cards will be sold by the

CCD or Confirmation Youth. Card front artwork was done by children of the parish as part of the Knights of Columbus Christmas poster project. The llam Mass at St. Margaret Mary will be offered for the intentions of those receiving cards. Intentions may be for anyone, living, deceased, ill, homebound etc. and may be sent to family, friends or yourself as part of Christmas.

Enclosed is a form which allows for up to 5 names per card. The back cover informs the recipient of Mass celebration with intention on their behalf. All forms will be placed on the altar Christmas Day for llam Mass.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION



The Thanksgiving food collection will take place on 11/18 and 11/19 for many local families, and others served by Head Start Program in Vernon, Dept. of Children and Families and Community Child Guidance Clinic in Manchester and St. Lawrence O'Toole's church pantry

that serves 300 families in Hartford. Grocery bags will be handed out after each Mass Nov. 11 and 12.

Currently we need full-sized blankets and sheets. If you are able to help, please put the new or clean bagged sheets and blankets in our canvas bins at the St. Margaret Mary church main entrance.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- Hand our empty grocery bags after Masses Nov. 11 or 12 for the Thanksgiving food collection
- Help sort the Thanksgiving grocery donations at St. Margaret Mary church hall on Sunday, Nov. 19 between 9:30 am and noon
- Roll a bin full of donated items from the main entrance at St. Margaret Mary to the garage for storage after 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays or 11:00 am Mass on Sundays - check in with Joe or Catherine or an usher if you are able to assist.

Join a group of volunteers to sort donations on occasional Monday mornings at 9 am in the St. Margaret Mary church hall.

Email president@societyhelpline.org if you would like to know more about these or other ways to volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.



Come join us for



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL!

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Monday, November 20th at 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi Hall Pizza and Subs to be provided. Bring your own appetizer and drinks.

All parish adults are invited!

RSVP - Tony Cardinale - st.juniperoserratc@cox.net Rematch of Super Bowl LVII Philadelphia Eagles vs. Kansas City Chiefs Game starts @ 8:15







The Pastors Memorial Garden

Thank you to all who have sent in your brick orders. There is still plenty of time left to order a brick for the Pastors Memorial Garden! Brochures describing the project are available at the entrances of both churches.

If you have not placed an order, we now have an online tool to make it easier. Log onto www.bricksrus.com/ donorsite/sjs and enter all the information. Directions are on the web page. It is recommended that capital letters are used, but lower-case letters are accepted. The letters automatically get centered on the brick.

Also, you can add an icon or a symbol to your brick for an additional \$10. Those can be found on the above webpage. Directions are included there as well. If you have already placed an order and would like to include a symbol or logo and/ or if you have any other questions, please contact Mary Leslie at 860 614-5011 or MJL61@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE Advent by Candlelight Wednesday, December 6

More details to come!

Offertory of the weekend of 11/5/2023 will appear in our next week's bulletin.

Weekend of 11/25,26 - Our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www. usccb.org/cchd

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"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary." - Pope Benedict XVI

Thank you for your support of the Birthright Bottle Drive. The amount donated will be in the bulletin shortly. Sometimes you may think that your positive actions supporting life are inconsequential. You may ask, how can one person make a difference? This article may give you a different perspective on those thoughts.

Ministry

How to Become First Rate (abridged) by Dr. Donald DeMarco

Arthur Rubinstein begins his lengthy autobiography by paying tribute to his Aunt Salomea Meyer. Mrs. Rubinstein had given birth to six children. It would be eight years before she would conceive her seventh. Given her situation, it may be understandable that she was reluctant to give birth to a seventh child. The distinguished pianist writes: "I was utterly unwanted by my parents, and if it hadn't been for the enthusiastic persuasion of my Aunt Salomea Meyer, my intrusion into this valley of suffering might have been prevented".

Rubinstein went on to become a first-rate pianist, one of the most celebrated of his century. By contrast, his aunt remains in the eyes of the modern world as invisible as a guardian angel. This is a rich and dramatic irony, Rubinstein played the piano, his aunt saved his life. Which was more important? To the secular mind, Rubinstein's life was first-rate. He dazzled the music world with his astonishing talent, spoke eight languages, hobnobbed with celebrities, and was admired

by millions. Yet, none of this would have transpired except for the persuasive influence of his life-saving aunt. There can be life without music; but there cannot be music without life.

Perhaps society has it backwards. Being first-rate is an encomium that belongs to people who understand the dignity and importance of life and form little communities of love. Let the celebrities, experts, specialists, jetsetters, VIPs, and CEOs have their "second-rate" pursuits. "First-rate" pursuits belong to those humble individuals who live by the Golden Rule, serve God, and love their neighbor. They need neither fame nor publicity. Their reward is not to be found in awards or in trophies but in their joy.

The paradox of the person whose life is "first-rate" is that he does not seek that identification. It is a consequence of living his life authentically, which is to say, living a life of love. I am therefore inclined to think that Aunt Salomea's life was "first-rate," though, no doubt, no such thought ever entered her mind. We can thank her, nonetheless, for the prodigy whose life she saved. We can thank her for having a clear appreciation of the importance of every human life, even those who reside in the womb and are devoid of any social status. We can thank her for convincing her sister, Mrs. Rubinstein that she should act as a mother.

We human beings all have the same Creator and the same nature. No one is self-generated. We all owe our existence to another. Therefore, we should always be attuned to the needs of others. And this is the simple formula for a "first-rate" life.





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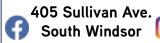
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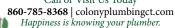
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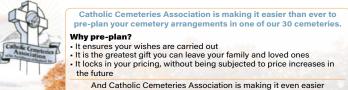
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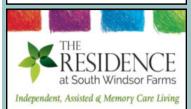
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