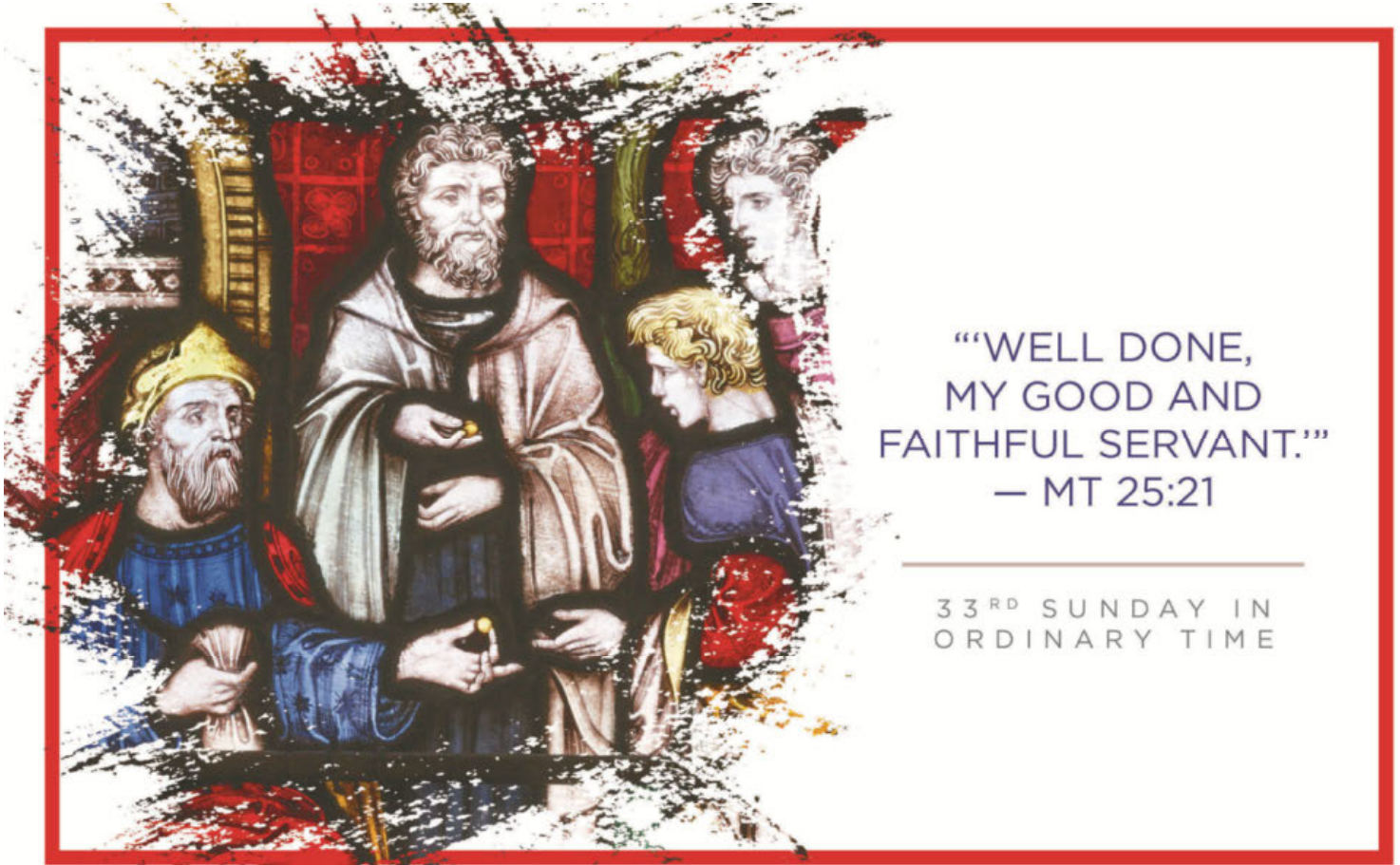




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NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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80 Hayes Road
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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.



Advent *by* Candlelight

sponsored by

St. Junipero Serra Parish Women's Club

Wednesday, December 6

6.00pm | St. Francis of Assisi Church

Followed by a social in the hall

You are welcome to bring a dessert or finger food for the social to share.

A free will offering will be collected for the program.

For more information contact Ronnie Zagaja

Email: ronniezagaja@gmail.com or Call at 636-698-4640



Our annual

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

is returning this year

On Friday, December 15th at 7pm

at St. Margaret Mary Church!

Our choir, accompanied by a 22-piece orchestra and organ,

will be performing beautiful arrangements

of many beloved Christmas carols.

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Reception to follow.



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

Winter Snow Policy: Please check our website, channel 3 or Facebook page for possible cancellation.



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

MONDAY, November 20

8:00 a.m. Francisco Obregon by Obregon Family

TUESDAY, November 21

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor
by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

WEDNESDAY, November 22

8:00 a.m. Anna Tiep Trinh by Hoang Family

THURSDAY, November 23

8:00 a.m. Richard & Catherine Soares by Beth Holcomb

SATURDAY VIGIL, November 25

4:00 p.m. John Woodcock, Jr. by Family

SUNDAY, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m. Lorraine Ferrero by Barbara Mule

9:00 a.m. Vincent Attianese by Family

11:00 a.m. Edmund R. Palauskas, Jr. by Mother

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
MARGARET DEFFLEY

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 Moshier, Anne Moshier, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy

Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelly, 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.

THANKSGIVING MASS
Thursday, November 23 | at 8:00 am
at St. Margaret Mary Church



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others

ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know

that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



In observance of Thanksgiving,
our office will be closed Thursday,
November 23 & Friday, November 24.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

11/5/2023 Weekly Collection \$12,854.00

Monthly Collection \$5,290.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

SPECAIL COLLECTIONS

This Weekend- Catholic Campaign for Human Development

December 9&10-Retired Religious Fund



Dear Parishioners,

When you love what you have, you have everything you need. Giving thanks to God is the key that turns problems into blessings, darkness into light, and the unexpected into the best gifts. Today we celebrate that God is good, because he has provided us with daily bread, strength in our hearts, light and comfort, blessing and happiness. During these days of joy and gratitude, let's take advantage of every second, every minute we have to enjoy the people we love and the moments of happiness we share with them. While life moves fast and unexpectedly, let's be thankful for what we have here today.

God has always been generous with us in many ways, let us be generous and grateful to all those who are part of our lives and our own stories. May this Thanksgiving Day move us to appreciate every blessing in our lives. When we count our blessings, all of our lives become a prayer of love and thanks. Thank you for your faith, your prayers and support to the parish.

Happy Thanksgiving!
May God bless you all.
Rev. Jorge E. Castro

The SJS youth group is offering babysitting!

Attention Parents:
Would you like a night out?
The youth group is offering babysitting!
Saturday, December 9th | 6-9pm
St. Margaret Mary Church Hall

High School students from the Confirmation program will watch your children (ages 4-9) while you enjoy a night out! Adult supervision will be provided. To reserve a spot, please call or text Marybeth Murdoch (860) 680-0515 by Monday, December 4th.



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.juniperoserratac@cox.net
Rematch of Super Bowl LVII. Philadelphia Eagles vs. Kansas City Chiefs. Game starts @ 8:15

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA PARISH

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 11am 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 11am Mass.

Costs for cards are \$5.00 for single and \$10.00 for packet of 3. All monies go to parish youth services.



Thank you for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving food collection! With lots of help

from volunteers, we helped many local families, and others served by the 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.

The Christmas Giving Trees will be put up Saturday November 25th with tag decorations with suggested gifts for children and teens at Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady of Sorrows parishes in Hartford for Christmas and Three King's Day.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

1. Hand our empty grocery bags after masses 12/9 and 12/10
2. 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.
3. 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.

Blood Drive
St. Margaret Mary Church
Church Hall
80 Hayes Road, South Windsor



Wednesday, November 22nd | 9am to 2pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SWKofC to schedule an
appointment.

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

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.



Please join your parish for a

Day of Recollection

During Advent Season

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Date: Saturday, December 16th

Cost: \$60

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from the St. Francis of Assisi, back parking lot and return about 5:00 p.m.

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