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

Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live Streamed at www.saintjuniperoserra.org

NOVEMBER 26, 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.



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



Please join your parish for a

Day of Recollection

During Advent Season at Ender's Island in Stonington, Connecticut Date: Saturday, December 16th

Cost: \$60

which includes breakfast, hot lunch, snacks & transportation

The bus will leave between 7:00 – 7:30 a.m.
from the St. Francis of Assisi, back parking lot and return about 5:00 p.m.
Please contact Ginger in the office,
860-644-2411 x101 or admin.coord@sjs-sw.org

to get on the list as space is limited!

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

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

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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

MONDAY, November 27
8:00 a.m. Robert & Connie Theroux by Theroux Family TUESDAY, November 28
8:00 a.m. Steven Hart by His Godmother WEDNESDAY, November 29
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Celia Cardini by John & Doreen Blondin THURSDAY, November 30
8:00 a.m. Robert & Connie Theroux by The Theroux Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 2
4:00 p.m. Alfina & Salvatore Neri by Family
SUNDAY, December 3
First Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. Jack Zagaja by Ed & Kathy Sullivan
9:00 a.m. George & Marie Irene McAndrews
by Mimosa Pham
11:00 a.m. Paolo Aliano, 6th Anniversary by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for AUDREY SZOKA

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.

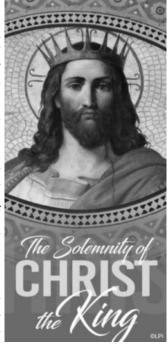


Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy

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.

Christ the King

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world. And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called



the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?

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 <u>www.saintjuniperoserr.org</u> and click on Church Calendar, Mass Intentions. Contact Ginger to reserve your Mass at 860-644-2411 x101.

Thank your for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, If



you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

Special Collection
December 9&10-Retired Religious Fund
Offertory of the weekends of 11/12 & 19/2023
will appear in our next week's bulletin.

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.



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 are up with tag decorations with suggested gifts for children and teens at Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady GIV 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
- 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.

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? your Please post donation 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-



HELP US CELEBRATE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Mass Intention cards will be on sale till Saturday December 23rd, before and after all Masses. Cards will be sold by the CCD or front artwork was done by AVAILABLE:

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE

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 Ilam

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









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/sis 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 MIL61@aol.com

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on November Tuesday. 28th at 7:00pm at SMM





Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time "Give your heart to your spouse."

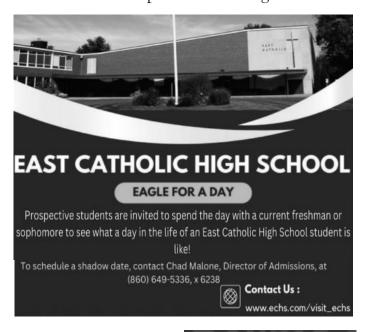


Proverbs 31:10-12: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond band. entrust-

ing his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life." Give your heart to your spouse. Give your spouse good things. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign

January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https://wwmectw.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.

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one - the one whose kingdom never ends.

Father John Muir

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

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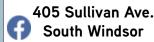
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