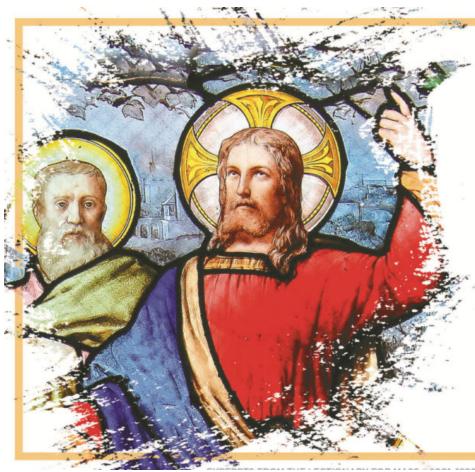


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— MK 13:33

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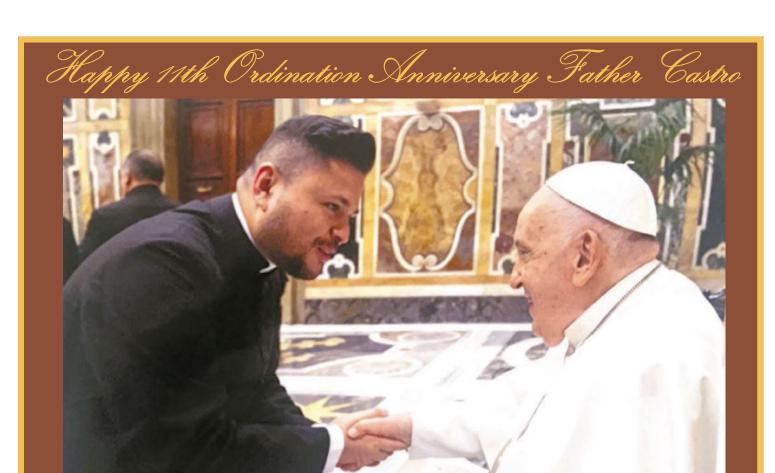
**Thursday** 

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.



Picture was taken when Father Castro met with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Nov 16, 2023



# Advent Denance Service Monday, December 18 6:00pm St. Margaret Mary Church

# **Mass of Healing & Hope**

We will be celebrating the Mass of Healing & Hope-the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Tuesday, December 19 | 7:00pm St. Margaret Mary Church

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick gives strength, support and healing to those who are ill, elderly, or facing surgery. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and bring anyone who may need this special 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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> 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

### **Pastor**

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# Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Catechist

Ronald Audette Phone:860-644-2549 ext 108 youthministersjs@gmail.com

### **Confirmation Coordinator**

Sister Karen Skurat Phone:860-644-2549 ext 107 confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com

### **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

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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

MONDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. Rose St. Laurent by Robert & Francine

TUESDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. Judith Gottier by Annamae Davis WEDNESDAY, December 6

8:00 a.m. Samuel & Mary Botaro by Family

THURSDAY, December 7

8:00 a.m. Joseph SinhCon Pham

by Daughter, Mimosa Pham

### FRIDAY, December 8 Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 a.m. SFA | Special Intentions

by Laura & Frank Phillipe

12:10 p.m. SFA | Roland & Geraldine Spino

by Theroux Family

7:00 p.m. SMM | Audrey Szoka

by Her Father, Roy, & Family

### SATURDAY VIGIL, December 9

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

SUNDAY, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Charles Veci, Sr. by Family

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

11:00 a.m. Robert Trichka by Family

### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for BELATED BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR JP CHILICKI

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, 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.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve | Sunday, Dec 24, 2023 4:00pm Vigil Mass SFA 4:00pm Vigil Mass SMM 10:00pm Mass SMM

Christmas Day | Monday Dec 25, 2023 9:00am Christmas Mass SFA 11:00am Christmas Mass SMM

New Year 2024 | Monday, Jan 1, 2024 9:00am Mass SFA 11:00am Mass SMM

### 法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法法 Fr. Castro in Rome

With Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, Fathers Héctor Rangel, Andrés Galeano & Brendan Finnegan-Seminarian from our parish.





### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 11/12/2023 Weekly Collection \$11,133.00 11/19/2023 Weekly Collection \$11,186.00 11/26/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,482.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

Catholic Campaign Collection \$2313.00 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Next weekend special collection Retired Religious Fund





Dear Parishioners.

We begin a new, holy and yet busy season. I would like to share some news, events and coming changes in the parish. First of all, we are a very busy and active parish. I am very happy about that because it reflects the work, love, and commitment of so many of you, as well as your generosity during the Annual Parish Collection.

There are different activities and special events that I would like to bring to your attention and to encourage all of you to attend:

- December 15th, Christmas Concert at 7pm at
- December 16th, Recollection Day at Enders Island, Retreat Center, Mystic
- December 18th, Penance Service at 6pm at SMM There will be five priest available for confessions. It will be the last opportunity before Christmas.

December 19th Mass of Healing and Hope. Anointing Mass at 7pm at SMM

This year Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. We are going to have a different schedule for that day since the Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4pm at each church. You will receive a Christmas postcard with the schedule.

Lastly, beginning the first weekend of January we will have new a Sunday' Mass schedule. I have received from the Archdiocese some suggestions and recommendations regarding the schedule in the parish. The Parish Council, the Finance Committee and I have come to the conclusion that for this coming January the schedule for the Masses will be as fol-

Vigil Mass 4pm at St. Margaret Mary Church.

Sunday morning Mass 9am at St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday morning Mass Ilam at St. Margaret Mary Church.

This change is based in the reality that the Archdiocese is living with the conditions of our priests. This year 10 priests that were active in some parishes have died, leaving some parishes with a lot of pastoral needs. A group of 8 priests retired this year and 10 more will be doing so next year. Some are on medical leave or receiving medical treatments and only God knows what else we will face this coming year. As I always say, "there is always something". I am sure more things will come during this month. Please keep checking our bulletin, facebook page and our website for more information.

During this Advent season, let us prepare our hearts, souls and homes to receive Our Savior and Lord. May God bless us always.

Rev. Jorge E. Castro

### Let Us Prepare! Children of St. Junipero Serra Parish,

Help us prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We need you to help us get the manger ready for the baby Jesus, during the season of Advent. Advent is the time for all of us to get ready for Jesus by praying and helping family and friends by doing good deeds.



Each week of Advent, before or after Mass, you will be able to add some hay to the manger in front of the altar, to show that you are doing good deeds and getting ready for Jesus. As we prepare for Jesus' birth, let us all help together and be kind to one another.



Once again our parish is inviting young singers to join the Children's Choir for Christmas Eve. The Mass will be held at 4pm

at St Francis of Assisi Church. We will sing upstairs from the choir loft. Attached below is a link to last year's Mass. It was absolutely beautiful. We will be doing the same music. Feel free to use this link below and watch the video to practice with your children. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EO9G-Sk5GDs We will have one rehearsal which lasts an hourat noon Sunday 12/17 downstairs at SFA.

Please text Sarah Blackwell 860-335-3407 to reserve your child's place in this year's choir.



### ADVENT BY CANDLE LIHGT Wednesday, December 6 6:00pm | St Francis of Assisi Church followed by a social in the hall

For more info contact Ronnie Zagaja at 636-698-4640

or email: ronniezagaja@gmail.com

The SJS Women's club will be collecting PJs for children - any size or cozy socks for the East Hartford Family Shelter till 12/8. All donations of any size can be left for boys or girls at the churches and will help us with PJ collection to keep them warm while in the shelter for the Holidays. If you have any questions contact Paulann at 860 291 9960. Thank you for your continued generosity. 5

### 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 of Sorrows parishes in Hartford for Christmas and Three King's Day.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- Hand our empty grocery bags after Masses 12/9
- 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? 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

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Wednesday, December 13 | 12pm to 5pm

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# Please join your parish for a

During Advent Season at Ender's Island in Stonington, Connecticut

Saturday, December 16th

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!



### HELP US CELEBRATE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS Christmas Mass Intentions cards will be on sale till Saturday, December 23rd, CARDS ARE before and after all Masses. Cards will be sold by the CCD or Confirmation AVAILABLE: 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 Ilam Mass.

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have early transmission deadlines due to the Christmas & New Year Holidays. Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon

Wed, Dec 6th for the Sun, Dec 17th

Wed, Dec 13th for the Sun, Dec 24th

Wed, Dec 20th for the Sun, Dec 31st

Wed, Dec 27th for the Sun, Jan 7th

Email your submissions to: **bulletin@sjs-sw.org** 

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



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

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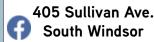
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