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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road South Windsor, CT 06074

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &

Wednesday

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

JANUARY 21, 2024

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.

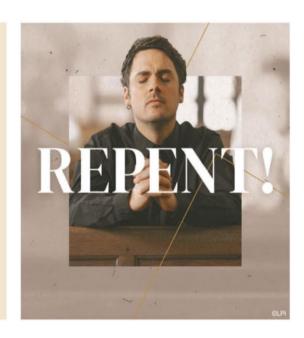
Bake Sale! Sunday, February 11 After the 11:00 mass St. Margaret Mary Church Purchase a plate of brownies or bags full of cookies for \$1 or more. Money raised will purchase items needed for Immacare Residents to get started in a home of their own. Special thanks to our Confirmation Students for baking and selling their goods!



Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

- Father John Muir

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.



SATURDAY VIGIL, January 20

4:00 p.m. Mark Edward Dione by Ralph & Peg Viola

SUNDAY, January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Louise Magaldi & Sylvia Szeredy

by Chris & Jim Lewis

In Thanksgiving of the Baby Jesus

by Obregon/McGinnis Family

11:00 a.m. John Fidler & John Fidler, II by Family/

Mike Durocher, 20th Anniversary by Lorraine & Family

MONDAY, January 22

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

TUESDAY, January 23

8:00 a.m. Shirley Teixeira by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, January 24

8:00 a.m. Gene Forte by Joan & Lee Schermerhorn

THURSDAY, January 25

8:00 a.m. Willard Hauck by Cheryl & Roy Hauck

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 27

4:00 p.m. Special Intention/Sister Luigina Milluzzo & Rosanna Neri by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

SUNDAY, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. J. Doris Marianella by Family

11:00 a.m. Joyce & Paul Bey by Family/Juliet Rodrigues

by Family

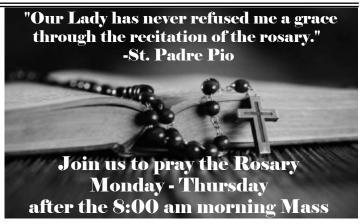
SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for PETER BLUME, SR.

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, Tracy Robinson. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.



STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 1/14/2024 Weekly Collection \$12,263.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

This Weekend-Second Collection 2024 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb

to the person taking his or her last breath. The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

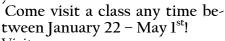
WINTER SNOW POLICY

Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass.

Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page for possible cancellation.

Open House

come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!





"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." – St. John Paul II

9 Days for Life

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9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Tuesday, January 16 - Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Coming Soon!

The Ministry of Life has a page on St. Junipero Serra Parish's website. Under Ministries, click on Ministry of Life. The Ministry of Life page has five tabs, Activities, Novenas, Resources, Advocacy and Album. We are very excited about sharing Ministry of Life in-

formation and having it easily accessible. Thank you, Anton, for working with us to make this happen.

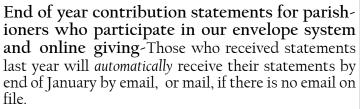
> Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Mark 1:14-20: Jesus proclaimed, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and Believe in the gospel." Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Let us all become fishers of men. Let us decide to follow God. Also, for the New Year, give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT

February 8-March 21,2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week) 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/.



Please contact Ginger at admin.coord@sjs-sw.org if your email has changed, if you have email and prefer a hard copy, or if you would like to request a statement for the first time.

Because of your open-hearted giving, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to deliver over 525 gifts and \$2970.00 in gift



cards to Our Lady Queen of Peace parish on December 18th and Our Lady of Sorrows on December 29, both in Hartford. Both parishes expressed their heartfelt gratitude for your generosity in this Christmas season. Families served by DCF in Manchester and Vernon Head Start also received gifts and gift cards from our Christmas Giving Trees. God Bless you all.

The January 2024 food collection will take place the week of 1/27 and 1/28/2024. Grocery bags will be distributed 1/20 and 1/21/2024. Your donations will help local families in need as well as Head Start fami-



lies in Vernon and DCF families in Manchester. Also, The Bristol Men's Shelter will benefit from your dona-

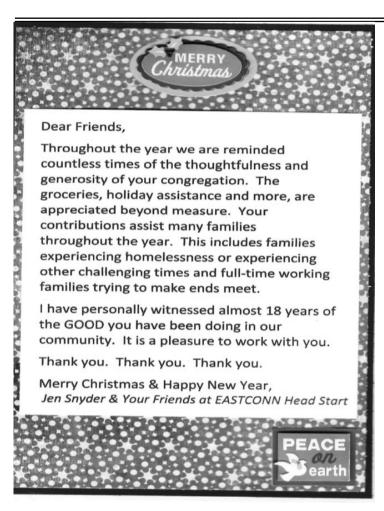
Looking for a way to help us help others?

- Hand our empty grocery bags after Masses 1/20 and 1/21/2024
- 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.
- 4) Attend our monthly board meeting, 7 pm, the second Tuesday of the month in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement.

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 request for assistance on site www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.



FOR HAITI

Did you know that you can put many of your old household items in the St. Vincent de Paul bins at SMM and they will be collected and sent to Haiti? These items do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition. For example:

- Baseball caps
- Decks of cards, match cars, jump ropes, Frisbees
- Embroidery floss and small sewing kits
- Hand lotions, shampoos and hand sanitizers (trial size from hotels)
- Flannel backed tablecloths (used for birthing pads)
- Jewelry, earrings and bracelets (given as reward in classes)
- Nail clippers
- Pillowcases (used to carry foods)
- Towels (even torn ones are cut up to make wash-cloths)
- Sheets (used to make diapers and baptismal dresses)
- Tackle boxes (used by midwives to carry supplies)
- Shower caps (used to cover foods), and
- Old suitcases <u>NO FABRIC SUITCASES</u> (soft) sent to Haiti packed, and after are used by people to hold their belongings.

Items may be placed in bags marked 'Haiti' for ease in sorting. This is an ongoing collection.

MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FALL 2024 PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

St. Bridget School - Jan. 28, 2024 | 9:00am - 12:00pm St. James School - Jan. 29, 2024 | 9:30am

Informational tours are also available by appointment.

St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. Come see the Catholic school difference! Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innova-



tive curriculum in a nurturing and respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Tuition assistance available to qualifying families. To learn more or RSVP for an Open House event, please contact Kathy at St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731, or Amy at St. James School, aguenther@saintjamesschool.net, 860-643-5088.

Want to help your Parish and save on taxes? Make a gift tax-free from your IRA. If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a gift from your IRA to a qualified charity, like St. Junipero Serra Parish. An IRA gift, otherwise known as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), is not included as taxable income to you. It can also be used to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution – the legal amount that must be withdrawn from your IRA each year. Contact your financial advisor for details.

FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO at St. Margaret Mary



Church Hall | Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm Bingo starts at 6:30pm. 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.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

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