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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere
throughout the whole
region of Galilee.
- Mk 1:28

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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**

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)

JANUARY 28, 2024

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS,
NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.**



February
24
5pm
SMM
Church Hall

All are welcome!

All proceeds benefit SJS Youth Ministry
Sponsored by South Windsor Knights of Columbus #5779

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!

Lenten Bible Study

Women in the New Testament

Women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and the flourishing of the early church. This six lesson study surveys New Testament texts about Mary the Mother of Jesus, women healed by Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Mary Magdalene, and various women of the early church, such as Priscilla and Phoebe.

Come join our Bible Study starting Monday, February 12th at 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Study guide booklets with commentary and weekly study questions will be available for purchase at the first meeting. There will be a summary video for each lesson, and we will break up into small discussion groups to go over the previous week's questions. All are welcome.

Please call Dan Peck
at 860-436-5933 to register.

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

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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 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 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

MONDAY, January 29

8:00 a.m. Fred Sauer by Morning Mass Friends

TUESDAY, January 30

8:00 a.m. Patricia DiDonato by Vicky & Stacy

WEDNESDAY, January 31

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

THURSDAY, February 1

8:00 a.m. Annick Donahue by Joan & Lee Schermerhorn

SATURDAY VIGIL, February 3

4:00 p.m. Sliwak Family by The Holcomb Family/ Shirley Teixeira by St. Vincent de Paul Council

SUNDAY, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. David Bulow by The Brennan Family

11:00 a.m. Patricia Smith by Lagasse Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **JOYCE & PAUL BEY**

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

"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary."

-St. Padre Pio



**Join us to pray the Rosary
Monday - Thursday
after the 8:00 am morning Mass**

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

1/21/2024 Weekly Collection \$9,823.00

Catholic High School Collection \$2,244.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



2024 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION

On behalf of the students, teachers and staff of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the 2024 *Catholic High School Collection* last weekend. Your generosity supports a culture of Catholic faith and academic excellence in our Catholic high school tradition that benefits the entire community.



If you would like to donate, please access the *Catholic High School Collection* online donation tool by visiting: <https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-schools/high-school-collection> or use the QR code below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Open House

The New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS) invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!

Come visit a class any time between January 22 – May 1st!

Visit:

www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com or call 860-242-5573.



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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule February 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church
12:10 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church
7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church

Prayer Service w/Ashes

3:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church

Ashes will also be distributed individually during the day 8:30 am to 11:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church and 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church.



Immacare Homeless Shelter Meal-February 12, 2024
Needs list can be found on the parish Facebook page the week before meal preparation begins. Donations to get supplies for the preparation, for the 75-80 men in the shelter would be greatly appreciated also. If you prefer to make a donation, please make sure to make checks out to St. Junipero Serra and clearly note on an envelope that it is for the shelter meal. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support Charlie & Maryellen Brennan.

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.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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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.

St. Josephine Bakhita Novena

St. Josephine Bakhita's feast day is February 8th. She is the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking. Please join us in praying St. Bakhita's Novena starting on January 31st. Go to the Ministry of Life's webpage under the tab Novenas for additional information or go to

<https://thebakhitafoundation.com/who-we-are/who-is-st-bakhita/novena-to-st-bakhita/>.



Diaper and Wipe Drive

The Annual Diaper and Wipe Drive for local pro-life pregnancy centers is scheduled for February 10th through the 18th.

Pro-life pregnancy centers are faith-based, community-based, not-for-profit organizations that provide care and resources to assist women with immediate and ongoing needs related to unexpected pregnancy. Their focus is on life-affirming services and is designed to empower a woman to welcome her child into the world. Pregnancy centers provide an expanded range of essential and professional care encompassing support services, medical care, and resources, usually at no cost to the women, men, and youth they serve. Personalized care is provided within a respectful, compassionate, and supportive environment by trained workers/individuals. (Charlotte Lozier Institute)



RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 8-10, 2024 in Litchfield, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system or online giving have been *automatically* sent via email or mail, if there was no email of record. If you did not receive a statement and would like to, please contact Ginger at admin.coord@sjs-sw.org or call the office at 860-644-2411 x101.

Recently I read - *'Surround yourself with the kind of friends that will cut a hole in a roof to lower you down at the feet of Jesus'* -

There you are my dear friend,
Come to sit by me once again,
I know both your story,
and how it is told,
A peace within me,
since you have returned.

My heart knows soon,
you will leave again,
And I will miss my dearest friend,
Doubly so,
for it is a mystery to me,
Where it is I hide,
as soon as you leave.

Good friends have always made the road of life more enjoyable. They make light the heavy burdens of life. Good friends tell us hard truths that challenge us to be better. A friend is there when times are good and when times are difficult.

John 15:10-15

10 If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

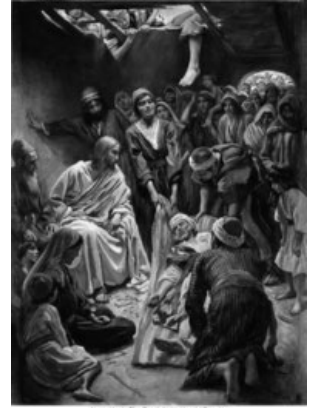
11 I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

12 This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

13 **No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.**

14 **You are my friends**, if you do what I command you.

15 I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; **I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.**



The Catechism of the Catholic Church says -

CCC2347 **The virtue of chastity blossoms in friendship.** It shows the disciple how to follow and imitate him who has chosen us as his friends, who has given himself totally to us and allows us to participate in his divine estate. Chastity is a promise of immortality.

Chastity is expressed notably in friendship with one's neighbor. Whether it develops between persons of the same or opposite sex, friendship represents a great good for all. It leads to spiritual communion.

"God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle. In the company of friends, we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal." -St. Maximilian Kolbe

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." -St. Thomas Aquinas

"Eating and drinking don't make friendships – such friendship even robbers and murderers have. But if we are friends, if we truly care for one another, let us help one another spiritually... Let us hinder those things that lead our friends away to hell."

-St. John Chrysostom

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@sjs-sw.org

The January 2024 food collection will take place the weekend of 1/27 and 1/28/2024. Grocery bags were distributed 1/20 and 1/21/2024. Your donations will help local families in need as well as Head Start families in Vernon and DCF families in Manchester. Also, The Bristol Men's Shelter will benefit from your donations.



Looking for a way to help us help others?

- 1) Next month, hand out empty grocery bags after Masses 2/17 and 2/18/2024
- 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, let us know in advance by emailing the president, in case we are meeting in a different location, we will welcome you.

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.



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