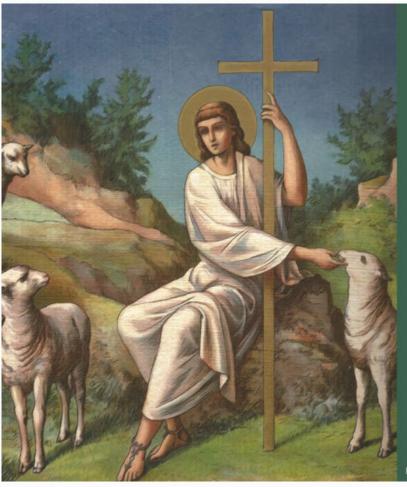


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Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &

Thursday

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

(except Holy Days & Holidays)

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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 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

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Winter Snow Policy: Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass. Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page or Channel 3 for possible cancellation.



SATURDAY VIGIL, April 20

4:00 p.m. Arthur Zito by His Children/Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

SUNDAY, April 21 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Luc Michaud by Family

11:00 a.m. Paolo & Giuseppina Matarazzo by Their Children

MONDAY, April 22

8:00 a.m. Anthony Carzo by Pendergast Family

TUESDAY, April 23

8:00 a.m. Edwin Castro

WEDNESDAY, April 24

8:00 a.m. Francisco Estrosos, Sr. by Maria Estrosos

THURSDAY, April 25

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Pappalardo by Annamae Davis

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 27

4:00 p.m. Eileen & Alvin Kendall by Mary/ Mary Rego, 2nd Anniversary by The Botti Family

SUNDAY, April 28 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Raymond Zagorski by Family/ Susana Isla & Ronan Ramilo by Sonia Isla 11:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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

Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce addition to assisting the under-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 & Cheryl Hauck, your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life. Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West, Sophie All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are Myzuzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

A prayer for Earth Day Dear Jesus,

We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment from destruction and overuse.

Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person. Amen



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

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Total Offertory including Online Giving: 4/14/2024 Weekly Collection \$10,696.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

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Divine Mercy Cenacle



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting

will be on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary The Archbishop's Annual Appeal Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Teresa Foran, changes lives through service. In **DONATE TO THE** served of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of

used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

St. Gianna Novena



St. Gianna is a powerful saint for pregnant and parenting mothers and of the preborn. The Novena runs from April 19-27. Go to https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena to sign up to receive a daily email or to read the daily prayers.

A Thank you: Our parish received a beautiful thank you note from the Caring Families Director for the diapers and wipes our parishioners donated. Your act of kindness and support for life is very appreciated.



THANK YOU

Grace and Peace to You,

Earlier today a Saint Junipero Serra parishioner dropped off items for our baby boutique. On behalf of Caring Families and those we serve, thank you so much for these items. We rely on people to keep our boutique well stocked for those faced with an unplanned pregnancy. We also appreciate all that the Ministry of Life does for those in need. We are so grateful for our shared conviction of pro-life and pro-faith! God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

Kindest Regards, Pieter Nijssen





Calling all Teens | Grades 6 - 12th Our next Youth Group event Sunday, April 28th 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

St. Margaret Mary Church Hall.
It's time for "Chopped - Fire"
Cake Baking Contest
We will Celebrate Pentecost –The
Birthday of the Church. Cakes will be
judged for creativity and taste!
Extra points for including fruits of
the Holy Spirit! Bring your chef's hat

and a friend. This will be a Blast !

Dear Parents:

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faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! So mark these dates on your calendar: July 15- 19. The fun starts at 9am. and will end at 12 noon and will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Forms can be found on our website – www.saintjuniperoserra.org to register your children for camp – SPACE IS LIMITED! E-mail Maria at faithformation@sjs-sw.org if you would

E-mail Maria at faithformation@sjs-sw.org if you would like volunteer as one of our VBS Scuba Team members! Sincerely,

Your Scuba VBS Team at St. Junipero Serra Parish

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing support for your St. Vincent de Paul Society. The April food collection will take place the weekend of 4/27 and 4/28. Grocery bags will be distributed this weekend. With your help we will give groceries and gift cards to local families, Little Free Pantries in South Windsor, Local Head Start families and Local DCF families. Additionally, we will provide food for the Bristol Men's Shelter.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- 1. Next month, hand out empty grocery bags after masses 5/18 and 5/19/2024
- 2. Help roll a bin full of the 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. *If you would like to help please email* president@societyhelpline.org
- 4. Attend our monthly board meeting, 7 pm, the second Tuesday of the month (5/14/2024) in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, let us know in advance by emailing our president, in case we are meeting in a different location. We will welcome you!

Email <u>president@societyhelpline.org</u> 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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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Fourth Sunday of EASTER:

1 John 3:1 "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd, and I will lay down my life for my sheep." Jesus leads us as we listen and hear his voice. Let us lay down our life for our spouse. Let us make a decision to love our spouse. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you and teach you tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

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/.

East Catholic High School's Spring Event: Breakfast at Tiffany's will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 6:00pm-10:00pm at The Hartford Club (46 Prospect Street, Hartford, CT). Join us for an evening of live music, fun, and prizes. Visit our event site: auctria.events/ECHSBreakfastAtTiffanys for more information on auction items, sponsorships, and to purchase tickets!

Golf Tournament: The 33rd Annual Tom Malin Eagle Invitational is taking place on June 14 at 1:00 at Blackledge Country Club. This year's golf tournament honoree is Connie Wentzel, former teacher and huge supporter of student-athletes since 1999! To register your team, visit auctria.events/2024ECHSTomMalinEagleGolfInvitational

Saint Bridget School Drama Club presents: Beauty and the Beast Jr. Show Nights April 26th at 7pm April 27th at 7pm | April 28th at 2pm

Please call the school office, 860-649-7731, for ticket information. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (13 years and under).

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me—and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby—blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi





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