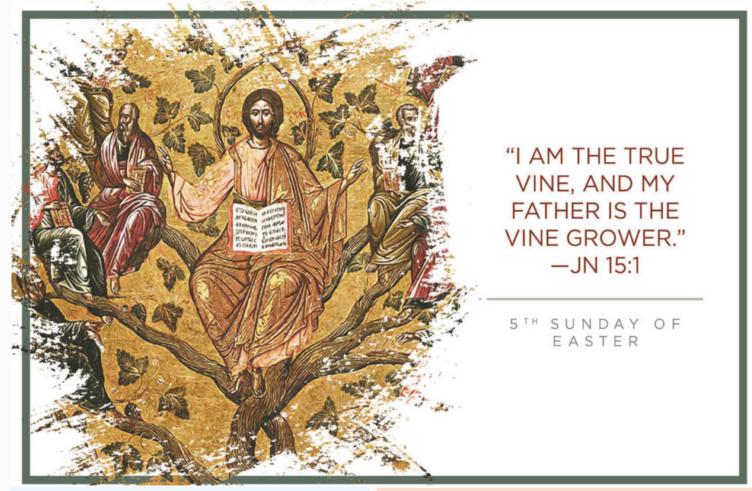
St. Junípero Serra Parish We are baptized to serve and celebrate

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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

APRIL 28, 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.

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION MASS FOR ALL DECEASED MOTHERS

to include your mother's name as an intention of the Mass for Saturday, May 11 at 4 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church please contact the office at 860-644-2411 x 101 or email admin.coord@sjs-sw.org by May 8th. Up to 2 names may be celebrated. All the names will be placed in the front of the altar in a special way. A free will offering will be accepted

New Summer Office Hours – beginning in June, Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

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 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: 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.

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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

MONDAY, April 29

8:00 a.m. Helen & Michael Burava by daughter, Joyce **TUESDAY**, April 30 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Szoka by Son, Roy & Family WEDNESDAY, May 1 8:00 a.m. Mary Janicke by Phil & Linda Smith THURSDAY, May 2 8:00 a.m. Patricia Smith by Lagasse Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, May 4 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Mecca by His Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, May 5 | Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Eugene Forte by Grace Rosol 11:00 a.m. Agnes Griffin by Mary Bey

SANCTUARY LIGHTS St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MARY JANICKE 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 & Cheryl Hauck, Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West, Sophie Myzuzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro, Paul Marinella. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

How does a person become a canonized saint? Answer:

Question:

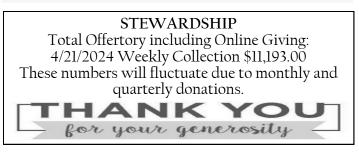
It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

Canonized Saints

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint." ©LPi

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





INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets other every 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.

Avery Street Christian Reformed Church invites you to join them for a Community National Day of Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2. This one-hour service will focus on praying for state and local leaders and the organization they represent. The church is located at 661 Avery Street in South Windsor. We hope to see you!

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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 !

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. 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* <u>president@societyhelpline.org</u>
- 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 úsed furniture to share? Please post your donation at <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u>

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.

Dear Parents:

Send your kids on a splash-tastic adventure! At

Scuba VBS, kids dive into friendship with God! Scuba is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Handson science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats



are just a few of the standout activities that help 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 like volunteer as one of our VBS Scuba Team members! Sincerely,

Your Scuba VBS Team at St. Junipero Serra Parish





Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet

had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are 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.

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Pawns or Saints!

"Do not underestimate the importance of the pawn." - my daughter is looking at me intently through the chessboard. The blue in her eyes - deep lakes of surprising wisdom since she is only ten. "The pawn is

important too..." she continues "...The pawn is willing to sacrifice itself to protect the Queen!"

She knows that I being a new chess player have almost made a dire mistake of moving my pawn without thinking about the bigger picture. I have done this simply because there are many pawns and they seem to not have as many gifts as the other pieces. For anyone who has ever played chess, you would know that **once you lose the Queen, you lose the game**.

Most of us are like lowly pawns in our life. We do not have great powers such as the knights, the bishops, or the rooks. But like the wise words of a budding chess player, don't underestimate the importance of the pawn or the ordinary person. We are

each made in the image of God and no one human person is worth more or less than the other in His eyes. Similarly to chess if we consecrate ourselves to the queen and pray the rosary as the Queen - The Blessed Mother - has told us at Fatima - "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph!"

Saint Maximillian Kolbe was known to be a chess genius. He formed the Militia of the Immaculata and later would be a martyr in WWII offering his life in exchange for a prisoner who was a father and husband.

Excerpt from the National Catholic Register article Joseph Pronechen October 9, 2010

of Father Lucjan Krolikowski, a priest who knew Saint Maximillian Kolbe

"Maximilian Kolbe used to come very often to the seminary. **He played chess.** He was so brilliant: a genius in math. He would play with 10 seminarians at one time and win every one. But he was humble and gave us a chance to win.

He was a genius. When he applied for the novitiate, there was a committee studying each case. When it came to Raymond — his name from baptism — his professor of math and physics said, *"To be a monk would be a waste of time. He is a genius,* and they need to send him to the university. He could be another Galileo or Copernicus." The father provincial said, *"Yes, you might be right; he is a genius. But I will tell you, professor, we also have geniuses of the spiritual realm, and we call them saints."*

Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God's heart.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Modern times are dominated by Satan and will be more so in the future. The conflict with hell cannot be engaged by men, even the most clever. The Immaculata alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. However, assumed into Heaven, the Mother of God now requires our cooperation. She seeks souls who will consecrate themselves entirely to her, who will become in her hands effective instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spreading of God's kingdom upon earth. Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Let us give ourselves to the Immaculata [Mary]. Let her prepare us, let her receive Him [Jesus] in Holy Communion. This is the manner most perfect and pleasing to the Lord Jesus and brings great fruit to us." Because "the Immaculata knows the secret, how to unite ourselves totally with the heart of the Lord Jesus... We do not limit ourselves in love. We want to love the Lord Jesus with her heart, or rather that she would love the Lord with our heart. Saint Maximilian Kolbe

CCC966 "Finally *the Immaculate Virgin*, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and *exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things*, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."508 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fifth Sunday of EASTER

John 15:1-8 "Jesus said, I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. If you remain in me and my words remain in you,ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship 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 <u>https://www.ectw.org/</u>.

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