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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.

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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.

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Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

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SATURDAY VIGIL, May 11

4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass For All Deceased Mothers SUNDAY, May 12 | Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. For All Mothers of St. Junipero Serra Parish 11:00 a.m. For All Mothers of St. Junipero Serra Parish

MONDAY, May 13

8:00 a.m. Romeo Jr., Belen & Barbara by Maria

TUESDAY, May 14

8:00 a.m. Roger Trudeau by His Wife

WEDNESDAY, May 15

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

THURSDAY, May 16

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Pappalardo by St. Vincent de Paul Society

SATURDAY VIGIL, May 18

4:00 p.m. Stanley & Cecelia Gumula by Family

SUNDAY, May 19 | Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. Donald & Robert Tuleja

by Elizabeth, wife & mother/

Magadelene Lobo by Family

11:00 a.m. Margaret Messer by Family/

John Fidler & John Fidler, Jr. by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ALPHONSINE JACQUES & SPECIAL INTENTION & FOR ALL THE MOTHERS OF THE WORLD

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.

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

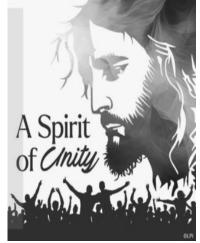


Join us to pray the Rosary Monday - Thursday after the 8:00 am morning Mass

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE May 12, 2024 | 7th Sunday of Easter

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a pri-

vate meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: Tutti dentro. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select



few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too. -Father John Muir ©LPi

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Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love-mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life-that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love.

Let us pray for each of them: *God our heavenly Father,*

you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude

for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus,

God's Son and our brother.



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Happy Mother's Day and thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing support for your St. Vincent de Paul Society. This month's food collection will take place the weekend of 5/25 and 5/26/2024. Grocery bags will be distributed 5/18 and 5/19. 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. Addition-

ally, we will provide food to the pantry at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- 1) This 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 (4/9/2024) 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 <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post a request for assistance on our website <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> or call 860 648-0216.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have early transmission deadline.
Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon
Tuesday, May 21st for Sunday, June 2nd.
Email your submissions to: bulletin@sjs-sw.org

The Parish will have a baby shower for the Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers beginning May 4th through May 18th. Baskets to collect your gift will be available in the vestibule of each Church. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and consideration for the families that are welcoming a new baby.



Saint Junipero Serra is participating in a baby shower for moms and babies who need a little extra support in their courageous and beautiful choice of life. One of the organizations that the baby shower will donate to is Carolyn's Place. Below is an excerpt from their website. https://carolynsplace.org/ Please consider donating if you can!

The Story of Carolyn Marie

On the evening of November 4, 1991, Rev. Robert Rousseau, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Watertown, Connecticut, was leaving a meeting in the church hall. As he walked into the dark parking lot he decided to

return inside and turn on the

outside lights for the women who would be leaving their meeting shortly. He walked back through the dark church entryway and flipped the switch for the parking lot lights. As he walked past the entryway for the third time Father recalls, "I was just about to leave when I heard a cry." Startled, he looked down and saw a shaft of light hitting a box in the corner, and he spotted a little foot inside. "I didn't know if it was a doll or a baby at first. There was just that cry in the darkness. I bent over and saw it really was a baby, wrapped in a blue T-shirt." Fr. Rousseau recalls, "It was as if God poked her and said, 'Let yourself be known.' She wasn't crying. She just let out that one cry that got my attention. If I hadn't gone in to turn on the lights, I wouldn't have found her. And if she hadn't cried out, I would have been out the door."

Fr. Rousseau had one of the women at the meeting downstairs, whom he knew was a nurse, come upstairs to help while someone called 911. The baby was no more than three hours old. She was taken to Waterbury Hospital by the emergency team.

Fr. Rousseau suggested they give the foundling child a name. Because November 4 is the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, he called her Carolyn and he gave her the middle name Marie for our Blessed Mother. Father could scarcely imagine how afraid and alone the mother must have felt, but how courageous she was to choose life for her child and place her in a safe surrounding where she would be found.

Carolyn Marie was adopted confidentially but her story did not end there. With the prayers and hard work of a core group of parishioners, one year later, Carolyn's Place, Inc. opened its doors, in order that "No woman should face pregnancy alone."

Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, we thank you for your faithfulness to God and your openness to life. Your willingness to trust that God would lead you through whatever circumstance you found yourself in is a wonderful example for us. We ask you to intercede for all who are involved in serving women and children and men through Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center. We want to discover what God is asking of us in our daily activities so that we may cooperate in bringing about His will on earth as it is in heaven. You said 'yes' to life and Jesus was conceived and born and accomplished salvation for all who would believe. Pray for us so that we may continue to say 'yes' to God's will, and that we may be able to help all whom we serve to also say 'yes' to life and in so doing accomplish Your will. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord and Savior. Amen -Prayer written by Rev. Robert Rousseau-



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more

information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward. Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$21 million in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. In 2023, we were



able to provide nearly \$900,000 to over 150 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese. Organizations such St. Vincent de Paul Society right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors. 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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