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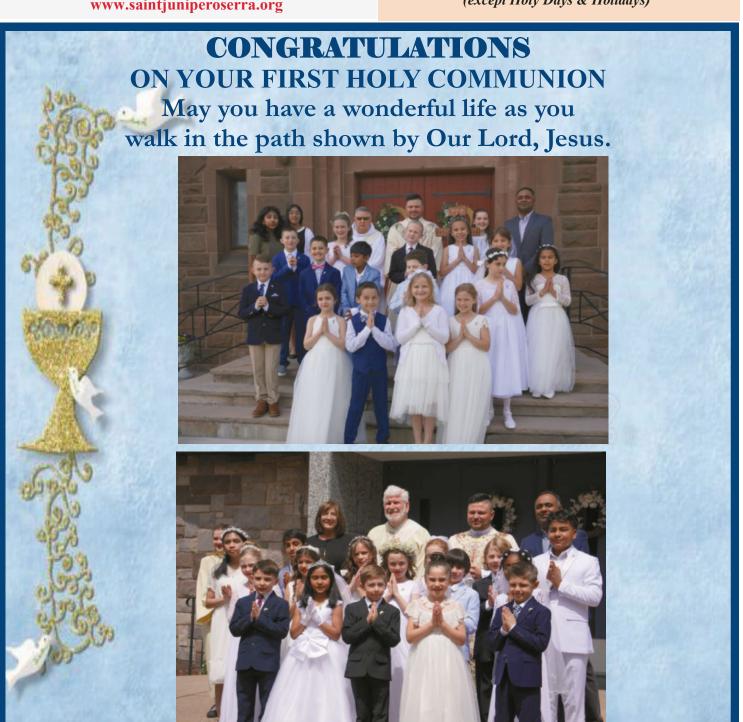
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

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)



# 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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> 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

**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.



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

MONDAY, May 20

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

TUESDAY, May 21

8:00 a.m. Joanne McQueen by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, May 22

8:00 a.m. Mary Eastwood by Her Cousin

THURSDAY, May 23

8:00 a.m. Elsie Kelleher, 37th anniversary

by Daughter, Maureen

SATURDAY VIGIL, May 25

4:00 p.m. Anthony Alexius SinhDuc Pham

by Sister, Mimosa Pham

SUNDAY, May 26 | The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. Andre & Anita Pelletier by Their Children/

Thomas Rathbun by Lynda Pelkey

11:00 a.m. Stephen Wisneski & Granddaughter, Jennifer

Daleb by Family

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for BEN NILES COMPEAU

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MARGARET MESSER

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 Marianella, Shelia Brown. 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

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Pentecost Sunday

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7: Brothers and Sisters: No one can say, Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces ALL of marriage them in <u>everyone</u>. To each individual **encounter** the manifestation of the Spirit is given



for some benefit." As a couple, use the gifts God has given you and enrich your marriage. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to love one another more. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up

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 inperson 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/.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to

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the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford. 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. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life. 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 settle-

#### 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

#### Online Giving Weekend | June 1&2

You are invited after all Masses on the weekend of

June 1 and 2 for an informational session on Online Giving. This is an easy, convenient and safe process to make your



weekly contributions to your Parish. If you already have an online account and need any assistance or questions answered, please feel free to join us.

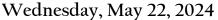
Any parishioner, who signs up between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> to start using Online Giving, will be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 gift card to a local restaurant.

Come down to the Church Hall after Mass to see how easy it is to set up and use.

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 5/12/2024 Weekly Collection \$11,324.00 Catholic Communication Collection \$2,570.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### St. Junipero Serra Church Women's Club Annual Banquet

The Parish Women's Club will be holding their last meeting of this season on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. All women of the Parish are welcome to join us. This meeting



will be our Annual Banquet and will located at Oscar's Restaurant on Sullivan Ave. A buffet style meal will be served along with coffee, tea, soda and dessert. The cost is \$30.00 per person. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Lorrie Coelho by either calling (860) 380-0972 or email at <a href="lorrie2000e@yahoo.com">lorrie2000e@yahoo.com</a>. Last day to register and pay is Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope you can join us!



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. Additionally, 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. Next month, hand out empty grocery bags after Masses 6/15 and 6/16
- 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 (6/112024) 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.

#### Heart of Grace



It was exposed for all to see, I wore my heart there upon my sleeve,

Its rhythm set, beat by beat, By how others treated me, or how other's felt, Compelling my heart to reach out, Or to hide,

Bare to all, Heart aflame, pumping raw, It took not much to make me bleed, My heart just there upon my sleeve,

A love this way, I always thought; Why have You exposed my bleeding heart?

Until I noticed Your heart... Living on the altar, outside of You, And Your Mother's pain filled face, Her heart exposed, yet full of grace, My heart exposed, next to Thine, Each pump each beat no longer mine.

"Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of Containing God's gift of himself." Mother Theresa

> "Live then with your heart raised up in GOD, and do not allow yourself to be crushed by sadness." St. Paul of the Cross

"He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne....My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

- Words of Our Lady of Fatima to Sr. Lucia

"In the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I trust. Look to the Star, call upon Mary! In danger, in difficulty or in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Keep her name on your lips, never let it pass out of your heart." Št. Bernard

Prayer as covenant

CCC2562 Where does prayer come from? Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are

CCC2563 The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant.

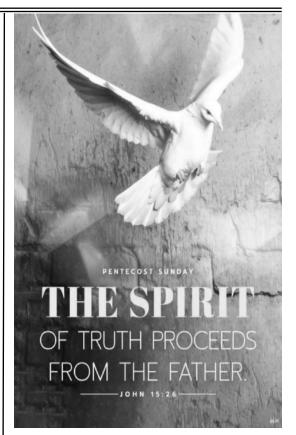
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#### Holy Spirit

**Question:** 

How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

Answer:

My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.



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