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“Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations.”
- Mt 28:19

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road
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Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &
Wednesday**

**Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live
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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)**

MAY 26, 2024

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



Special Father's Day Celebration Mass for All Deceased Fathers

**To include your father's
name as an intention of
the Mass for**

**Saturday, June 15
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 June 11th.**

**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.**

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.



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

MONDAY, May 27

8:00 a.m. Liwayway, Dolfus, Policarpio & Wesley
by Maria

TUESDAY, May 28

8:00 a.m. Paul Valacer by His Wife, Stasia

WEDNESDAY, May 29

8:00 a.m. Arlene Martocci by The Women's Club

THURSDAY, May 30

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Pappalardo by Lisa & Stan Grivers

SATURDAY VIGIL, June 1

4:00 p.m. Katherine McTeague by Joanne & Ed
Bendernagel/ Henry Ruiz, Sr. by Aurea Ruiz

SUNDAY, June 2

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9:00 a.m. Michelina P. Mazur by Her Daughters /
Francisco Estrosos, Sr., Francisco Estrosos, Jr.
by Maria Estrosos

11:00 a.m. Parparian, Paparian & Saad Families by
Paparian Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
MICHAEL & MARY MURPHY

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 &
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.

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

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



Our Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th
in honor of Memorial Day.

No Confession & Adoration Monday, May 27.

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners
for your generous donations to the May
food collection! With your help we provid-
ed groceries and gift cards to local families,
Little Free Pantries in South Windsor, Lo-
cal Head Start families and Local DCF families. Addition-
ally, we provided food to the pantry at St. Lawrence
O'Toole Church in Hartford.



It is fundamental that when you give to any charitable
organization, you are confident the funds are used wisely.
Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Ap-
peal supports the catholic ministries and programs as
indicated in the 2024 Appeal literature, which can be
found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No
Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
5/19/2024 Weekly Collection \$10,853.00
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 12th at 6:00pm. All wom-
en of the Parish are welcome
to join us. This meeting will be our Annual Banquet to be
held at Oscar's Restaurant on Sullivan Ave. A buffet style
meal will be served along with coffee, tea, soda and des-
sert. 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 lorrie2000e@yahoo.com. Last
day to register and pay is Friday, May 31st. Hope you can
join us!



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www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com



Dear Parishioners,

Every day we pray for priestly vocations because we are aware of the shortage of priests in our archdiocese. The last time this parish was blessed to two priests serving the community was in 2020. In these last 4 years I have been able to serve both churches, 4 nursing homes and other hospitals and facilities around South Windsor and Hartford, funerals, appointments, communion calls, and among other pastoral, archdiocesan and administrative responsibilities. I understand that some spiritual personal needs want to be attended to in the moment we face them, and we do not know when these may reach our families and lives, but we need to be aware and try to understand that I am the only priest assigned to this great parish. I try to care for and attend to every need that arises daily. Although I'm still "young" as some people say, I also need one day off a week, which is every Friday. This day I am not in the rectory or the office. I have tried to serve the parish as much as I can and when time allows, and although I know that I am not perfect, I have always done so with pastoral zeal, dedication and love for Jesus and priestly service.

I strongly ask that you please try to understand that when I cannot attend a call, an appointment, anointing of the sick or other family or personal emergency, it is not because I do not want to but because I am also trying to meet other needs in the parish or because I am not in the office at the moment people call. So, let us continue praying for more vocations in our archdiocese, in this way the pastoral service of our parishes will be more abundant and fruitful. May the Lord continue to bless us and help us in our spiritual, family and personal journey.

Blessings,
Rev. Jorge E. Castro

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 1st and June 16th 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.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

INVITATION to the Parents of Our Faith Formation Students

We are excited to announce a 2024-2025 school year Registration Night! (All WPC K-5, 6th and 7th, 8th, and our Confirmation 1 and 2 (9th and 10th grade) parents are invited to attend!)

**Registration
Night**

Tuesday June 4th - 7pm at Saint Margaret Mary Church Hall. Opening Prayer with Father Castro. Come meet the Faith Formation Staff as we explain our program.

Registration Fee will be discounted on this night only. VENMO will be accepted on this night only. Check or cash payment will also be accepted.

Pastors Memorial Garden Brick Walkway Update

We would like to thank everyone who has purchased a brick! The order for the bricks will be placed in the next



few weeks. The walkway will be placed in the Stations of the Cross area near the rectory at St. Margaret Mary Church. If you would like to place an order,

please pick up a brochure at the entrances to the churches or order on line at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/sjs. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to the rectory. All proceeds from the brick sales are going to the installation and purchase of blank bricks necessary to complete the walkway. A Celtic Cross has been installed in the Pastors Memorial Garden in Memory of Fr. Daniel Sullivan, former pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church for almost 30 years. Funding for this cross came from many donors. We thank you for your generosity.

St. Junipero Serra Parish Social volunteer wanted.....How many of you remember the Soccer Club Socials they held at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall with food and dancing? What fun times! The Pastors Memorial Garden Committee is holding a Parish Social on November 2nd. If you would like to be involved in the planning we invite you to a meeting on June 10 at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. We would love to have your input. If you have any questions please call Mary Leslie at 860 614-5011. Hope to see you there!

Archdiocesan Award Ceremony

The Light of the World Award, will be presented to our two Confirmation teachers: Anthony Cardinale and Marybeth Murdoch, who together taught over 100 students this year. This will take place at the Archdiocesan Award Ceremony on June 2, 2024 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford. Each parish was asked to recommend one or two dedicated parishioners who have made significant contributions to the spiritual welfare of their parish teens. Both teachers have spent countless hours creating lessons to increase the faith of their students and have involved them in service both within and beyond the parish. We congratulate them both.

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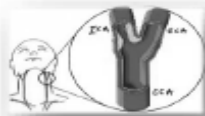
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Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment.

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Kidneys (2) Screening †
Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses, and stones.



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