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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)**

AUGUST 25, 2024

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

CALLING ALL PARISH YOUTH GRADES K - 12
Sunday, Sept 8th at the St. Margaret Mary Church

Kick the Fall off with our First Pop-Up Youth Group Meeting of the New CCD Year.

Join us right after the 11am Mass for: Free Food, Inflatable Castle, Face paint, games, arts and crafts a scavenger hunt, frisbee golf, and a soccer goal challenge.

Upper Grades 9 & 10 Service Hours available for helping to set up and clean up.



Be a coach / mentor for the younger grades to help make this event a success.

BRING A FRIEND. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

11:00 AM set up, 3:00 PM clean up.

Sign up slots available on The Sign-up Genius

save the date
Sunday, September 8, 2024

St. Junipero Serra Parish

Parish Picnic

at St. Margaret Mary Church

Following the Mass at 11:00 am all are invited to attend our parish picnic. Hoping to see you there!

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA PARISH

**BACKPACK
BLESSING**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 am at SFA | 11:00 am at SMM



Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to the Mass to receive a special blessing.

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 Road. Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am to 3pm

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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



SATURDAY VIGIL, August 24

4:00 p.m. Christopher Perrone, 3rd Anniversary by
Parents/ Alfina Milluzzo by Wanat Family

SUNDAY, August 25

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Michael Zagorski

by Mrs. Carol Warner & Family

11:00 a.m. Sheila Walsh by Family/

Paul Beltramello by Morning Mass Friends

MONDAY, August 26

8:00 a.m. Merlyn & Kaitlyn Jones by Maria

TUESDAY, August 27

8:00 a.m. Julie Martin by Annamae Davis/

Alfina Milluzzo by Santo Milluzzo & Family

WEDNESDAY, August 28

8:00 a.m. Carlo & Tullia Casalini

by Their Children & Grandchildren

THURSDAY, August 29

8:00 a.m. Muriel & Neil Soucy by son, Warren

SATURDAY VIGIL, August 31

4:00 p.m. Reverend Daniel J. Sullivan

by Mrs. Carol Warner & Family

SUNDAY, September 1

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Malani Wijelatha, by Daughter Harshila

11:00 a.m. Joseph & Susan Cucolo & Joseph Ninfa
Borbely by The Borbely Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
CHRISTOPHER ERTEL & BERNARD ERTEL

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.

A Call for Seekers of the Faith

Order of Christian initiation for Adults -OCIA Program.

Is God calling you to conversion?

**Do you know someone in our parish who has a desire
to investigate the Catholic Faith more deeply?**

If you are a baptized Catholic and have a desire for the
Sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist

Or If you are a fully initiated Catholic desiring
to nurture your faith,

please contact the Faith Formation office.

We would truly love to hear from you!

Faith Formation Contact –

**Maria Rosati - 860-644-2549 ext.107 or
email: at FaithFormation@SJS-SW.org**

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, Donald Tuleja, John Weyrauch. 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**

Offertory of the weekend of 8/18
will appear in our next week's bulletin.

TIME FOR SOMETHING NEW

The Office of Seminarians & Vocations with the
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We have an early transmission deadline.

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no later than noon

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Fall Bible Study

Fall 2024 Bible Study The Gospel of John Part I

Join us as we study the first half of the Gospel of John this Fall. We will study the second half of John's Gospel in the Spring during Lent. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels written, and has a more well developed theology than the three other Gospels. It is sometimes referred to as the gospel of love.

Bible study will take place in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:15 pm until 8:30 pm on 7 consecutive Monday nights starting September 16 through October 27. This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback text book with the Bible readings, commentary and study questions. There will be a professional online video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register, or if you have any questions about the study.



Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity! In August, we will help local families and the Bristol Men's Shelter. We welcome helpers with our food collection – just come a bit early to one of the Masses and we'll show you how to help. If you know of anyone or any family that needs help with food, utilities, clothing, furniture or rent please let us know by leaving a message on our help line – 860-648-0216, your message will be kept confidential.

You can also email president@societyhelpline.org or go to our website www.societyhelpline.org

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA PARISH

Dear Parishioners,
 We will be starting a "Millions of Monicas" prayer group in our parish. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer and through the intercession of St. Monica. We will pray that our young family members, children and grandchildren will be drawn back to the Catholic Faith and will enjoy the richness of the Church.

Please come to St. Margaret Mary Church at 3:00 pm every Friday for 40 minutes. We will begin on September 13, 2024.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS



Don't forget to register for the CONFIRMATION Program before Sept. 1!

The SJS Confirmation Program is a two-year program, usually beginning in Gr. 9. Classes are two Sundays a month, September – April.

Catholic school parishioners are also required to attend these parish classes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

If your teen is a high school student and still has not registered for our first year (Confirmation1), please do so before Sept. 1

Registration forms are on the SJS Parish website.

First class and parent meeting is Sunday, Sept. 8.

Email Sr. Karen for more information.

ConfirmationCoordinatorSJS@gmail.com

Pastors Memorial Garden Update!



Great news! The first order of bricks has been delivered to the garden area. We are in the process of planning the installation. They look great! There is still time to order a brick if you haven't done so yet. We will be putting in a second order soon! *The deadline for this order is September 30.*

You can order right online at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/sjs

If you have any questions, please call Mary Leslie at 860-614-5011.

Along the Beam - Worldview

It is common to hear of truth spoken today as developed by a personal worldview. Decisions are based on where a person is coming from or from a particular relative circumstance.

But if the truth is determined by how each person feels or thinks, it would be impossible to be certain if one choice, or the other, was truly right or truly wrong.

As Catholics, we are rooted in the truth of Christ and his Church. All things should be seen in light of Him and His teachings.

C.S. Lewis talks about the difference between what a person sees when they look directly at something and the more that a person is able to see when they look "along" something.

"I was standing today in the dark toolshed. The sun was shining outside and through the crack at the top of the door there came a sunbeam. From where I stood that beam of light, with the specks of dust floating in it, was the most striking thing in the place. Everything else was almost pitch-black. I was seeing the beam, not seeing things by it."

Then I moved, so that the beam fell on my eyes. Instantly the whole previous picture vanished. I saw no toolshed, and (above all) no beam. Instead I saw, framed in the irregular cranny at the top of the door, green leaves moving on the branches of a tree outside and beyond that, 90 odd million miles away, the sun. Looking along the beam, and looking at the beam are very different experiences." C.S. Lewis

Maybe it could be said that this beam of light is the Church. Looking along the beam of the church we find understanding in God's moral code, regardless of how we feel or our present circumstances. We can take what happens to us in our own lives and find God's way through it.

"Christ is the eternal splendor enlightening our minds and hearts." – St. Ambrose

"The Word of God has but to give a gesture of command and everything falls into place; each creature performs its own proper function, and all together constitute one single harmonious order." – St. Athanasius



THE MORAL LAW

CCC1950 *The moral law* is the work of divine Wisdom. Its biblical meaning can be defined as fatherly instruction, God's pedagogy. It *prescribes for man the ways, the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude; it proscribes the ways of evil which turn him away from God and his love.* It is at once firm in its precepts and, in its promises, worthy of love.

CCC1951 Law is a rule of conduct enacted by competent authority for the sake of the common good. *The moral law presupposes the rational order, established among creatures for their good and to serve their final end, by the power, wisdom, and goodness of the Creator. All law finds its first and ultimate truth in the eternal law. Law is declared and established by reason as a participation in the providence of the living God, Creator and Redeemer of all. "Such an ordinance of reason is what one calls law."*

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





JOIN THE CHOIR

St. Junipero Serra Parish Choir invites you to join us as we rehearse and prepare for the Christmas Season. These rehearsals are every Thursday at St. Margaret Mary Church starting at 7pm. If you only wish to sing with us for Sunday Mass, we rehearse - 45 minutes before the Mass starts and alternate between St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi OR you can do BOTH!

There are no auditions and everyone is welcome. If you have a question, please email our Choir Director, Bobby Dolan at Robert.dolan@uconn.edu.

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