

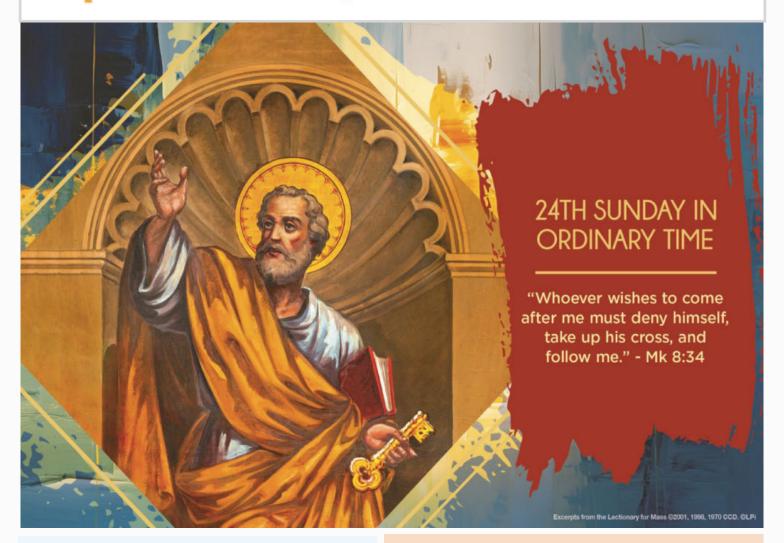


St. Junípero Serra Parish





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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

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)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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

Looking for Youth Altar Servers



Boys and girls entering 2nd grade and older are encouraged to become altar servers. An hour altar server training will be held at our parish. Confirmation students can get service hours for attending training and serving at Masses.

If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office at 860-644-2411 or email admin.coord@sjs-sw.org

LECTORS WANTED!

Is God calling you to be a lector?

We are in need of additional Lectors for all the weekend Masses. Training will be provided.

If you're interested to become a lector please contact the Parish Office at 860-644-2411 or email admin.coord@sjs-sw.org



COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERT Featuring Brian Chicoine

Date: September 28, 2024 Where: St. Margaret Mary Church Hall

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per adult

\$5.00 per child (children under 16)
Join us for a FUN night of country music to help benefit the St. Junipero Serra Parish Scholarship program. This event is BYO food and beverages. There will be a raffle for items and services donated by local businesses. All funds raised

will be donated to the Church Scholarship program to benefit Senior High School students.

Tickets can be purchased starting September 7th to September 22nd at any weekend Masses or at the Church Office during open hours















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

Phone: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

Pastor

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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, September 14

4:00 p.m. Connie & Bill Collins by Their Niece SUNDAY, September 15

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Carmelo & Sarina DeGrandi by Family/ Francisco Estrosos, Jr. by Maria Estrosos 11:00 a.m. James M. Gerrity, Sr. 30th Anniversary by Family / Augustine Rodriguez by The Bendernagel Family

MONDAY, September 16

8:00 a.m. Dave & Bunny Eaton & Their Children, Jeff & Renee by Sarah Blackwell

TUESDAY, September 17

8:00 a.m. Jean Grilli by The Beaudreau Family

WEDNESDAY, September 18

8:00 a.m. Thresia Eaton, 15th Anniversary

by Her Granddaughter, Sarah Blackwell

THURSDAY, September 19

8:00 a.m. James & Joan Gerrity by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, September 21

4:00 p.m. Laurette D. Billig by daughter, Carol/ James Coleman by Ginger & Mike Bilas

SUNDAY, September 22

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Michael & Bertha Troiano, Jr. by Their Children/ Muriel Parille by Don Parille

11:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family/Alfina Milluzzo by The Bridge Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky Vecchiolla. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.



The Monthly Rosary for September will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21st at 12:00 noon at the grotto outside St. Francis of Assisi Church. Please bring a lawn chair and join us.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 9/1/2024 Weekly Collection \$10,575.00 Monthly Collection \$4,746.00 9/8/2024 Weekly Collection \$12,270.92 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

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September 21 and 22, 2024

2024 HOPES COLLECTION

HELP OUR PARISH EDUCATORS & STUDENTS The HOPES Collection is an annual fundraiser that provides vital support to our Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Our most vital resource in every Catholic school is our dedicated teachers. Their profession is a vocation. This collection will provide new revenue sources to offer our teachers a just wage, ensuring quality education, enthusiasm and stability. We ask you to join us in supporting our children by supporting their teachers. It is a true search for our children's excellence. HOPES means brighter futures for all our children by enabling us to keep tuition affordable for families. This year the collection will run from September 21-22, 2024. Please consider donating to support our schools. For more information or to donate, visit the Center for Catholic Education & Formation's webwww.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-schools/ site: hopes



SINGLE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Sept. 27-29 – "Be Still and Know That I am God." Unsure of your direction in life? This retreat at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield is for *you!* No registration fee. Contact Sr. Carolyn at sc@littlesistersofthepoor.org.



Dear parishioners,

This past weekend we had our annual picnic. We were able to share a pleasant time as a parish and community. These spaces continue to strengthen us as a community and family in Christ. It was all possible thanks to the service, dedication and effort of many of you. I want to express my infinite thanks to all who participated and helped in one way or another. This picnic was a success in many ways, but especially in the participation of a large number of our parishion-

We have many more activities planned for the rest of this year. I pray and hope that we continue to participate and support the parish, so that we can continue to grow in unity and solidarity among ourselves. Thank you all for your commitment and love for the church.

> May God bless us always. Rev. Jorge E. Castro

Fall 2024 Bible Study The Gospel of John Part I



Join Latt I

Join us as we study the first half of the Gospel of John this Fall. We will study the half of John's Gospel in the Spring during Lent. The Gos-

pel 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

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 Mon-

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

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.

SPIRIT FIRE CONFIRMATION RETREAT Sunday, October 20, 2024 11:00am -5:00pm **All Confirmation Teens**

in 9th - 12th Grades are Welcome!



Music Band: Hands and Feet Cost: \$25 Includes pizza! Featuring: Fr. Anthony Federico Former ESPN Journalist Mass, Confession, **Eucharistic Adoration** Contact your Confirmation Coordinator

or Sr. Karen confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com St. Junipero Serra Parish St. Margaret Mary Church Hall

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Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity! In September, we will help local families and the St. Ann's Pantry in Hartford. We will distribute bags 9/14 & 9/15. The food collection will take place 9/21 & 9/22. 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

The 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin on September 25th and run through November 3rd.

The 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40- day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach and a peaceful vigil outside an abortion facility.

The Respect for Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford is sponsoring the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. The St. Junipero Serra Parish Ministry of Life will be partici-



pating on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. There are sign-up sheets at St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi. You can also email the Ministry of Life at sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net with any questions or to sign up.

Those who are called to stand witness during this 40 day vigil send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. We hope you will join us as we pray to save the lives of the preborn.

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Death and Dying

"Why must we suffer? Because here below, pure Love cannot exist without suffering."

-St Bernadette Soubirous



It was my sophomore year in high school and class was to be held in the new wing, where the art studios invited students to contemplate life in color and light.

No one knew what to expect from a class called Death and Dying. It would only be upon reflection years later that I realized that this teacher was no less courageous than a soldier. He was deciding to walk forward with each of us into the shadowy places most people would not even dare think about. The journal he gave us he would keep private. We could share anything. The grade we would find out was unimportant. As divine timing would have it, I was to experience a tragic death in my family while taking this course. The class far from being morbid became my light. He taught us from the beginning, where life starts, the meaning of life, the purpose of pain, and the process of dying. Then he reminded us about eternal life. He taught us that grief had stages and that we should not be afraid to look at death head-on. He taught us it was ok to cry.

On the last day of the term far from the murmuring sounds you might expect to hear from teens who had been studying death, there was a palpable ease in the room and something more...relief. For each had written in the journal and most had already experienced death in their lives. By now they had each considered the inescapable fact that no one was going to make it out alive. But still, hope seemed to sparkle in each student's eyes where it had not before. The pain had

meaning and purpose and God had a plan! The sunlight streamed through the window in Death and Dying class - the Divine Artist - had painted the picture with His blood.

"With shortness of breath You explained the infinite And how rare and beautiful it is to even exist..."

-Saturn -Song by Sleeping At Last -

With the confusion in the world today and laws and bills presented on abortion and ending life before God has called us home, I am reminded of my high school Death and Dying teacher. Yes, I see him clearly in my mind- Do not be afraid! he is saying - Look upon the cross! - It is ok to cry - hush now for on the horizon...

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away." Revelation 21:4

The sick person before God

CCC2318 "In [God's] hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind" (Job 12:10).

CCC2319 Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God.

CCC2320 The murder of a human being is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator.

CCC2322 From its conception, the child has the right to life. Direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, is a "criminal" practice (GS 27 \$ 3), gravely contrary to the moral law. The Church imposes the canonical penalty of excommunication for this crime against human life.

CCC2324 Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator.

CCC1506 Christ invites his disciples to follow him by taking up their cross in their turn. By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick. Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in his ministry of compassion and healing: "So they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them."

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

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.

Fall Harvest Dance SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, November 2, 2024 St. Margaret Mary Church Hall | 7pm-11pm Cost: \$20 per person or \$150 for a table of 8

DJ Ed Killingbeck will entertain us all evening so we can dance

the night away! Grab your friends for a fun night. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance at some great prizes. Please bring your own snacks and drinks for the evening. There will be a complementary ice cream sundae bar! Set-ups provided along with free coffee and tea.



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