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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)

**OCTOBER 13, 2024** 

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

# SPIRIT FIRE

CONFIRMATION RETREAT Sunday, October 20, 2024

11:00am -5:00pm St. Junipero Serra Parish

St. Junipero Serra Parish St. Margaret Mary Church Hall 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor

Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration Music Band: Hands and Feet Cost: \$25 Includes pizza!

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All Confirmation Teens in 9th - 12th Grades are Welcome!

Contact your Confirmation Coordinator or Email Sr. Karen at confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com



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 complimentary ice cream sundae bar! Set-ups provided along with free coffee and tea.

# 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

# Pastoral Staff

Offices located at 80 Hayes Road. Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am to 3pm

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#### **Pastor**

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#### **Confirmation Coordinator**

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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, Joan: 860-402-3105

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, October 12

4:00 p.m. Barbara Halstead by Her Family/ Helen Socha by Catherine Bednar

SUNDAY, October 13

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Bertha Troiano by Her Children/

George & Ida Pola by Family

11:00 a.m. Frank Ricciardone

by Lorna & Dick Shaker & Family

### MONDAY, October 14

8:00 a.m. Don Bania by wife, Joyce

TUESDAY, October 15

8:00 a.m. Christopher Yustinich

by His Aunt & His Parents

WEDNESDAY, October 16

8:00 a.m. Fred Sauer by Family

THURSDAY, October 17

8:00 a.m. Cassie & Paul Moriarty by Joan Raimondo

### SATURDAY VIGIL, October 19

4:00 p.m. Joseph Reale by Family/

Marge Pane, 1st anniversary by Her Family

SUNDAY, October 20

# Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Dan & Clare Stefko by Robinson Family/

David T. Watson, Jr. by His Parents

11:00 a.m. Charles Manzella by His Family/

Giuseppe Tine by the Matarazzo Family

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MICHAEL

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for DAN & CLARE STEFKO

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, Virginia (Ginny) Blanchard. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

# There will be NO Confession, Adoration, Benediction on Monday, October 14.

# A Prayer for our Nation as we Prepare to Elect our Leaders

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, Not only of individuals, but also of nations. We thank you that we can organize ourselves politically And declare our political loyalties In a way that preserves our absolute loyalty to you.

> We thank you for your law, Which our Founders recognized As higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity

that elections provide us, not only to vote, but to mobilize many others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we know that politics is not our salvation;

We also know that part of serving you is to be politically active, and that your people are not a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the

world. Awaken Your people that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer

Are the hands that fill out the ballot; That the same eyes that read your Word Are the eyes that read the names of the candidates,

And that they do not cease to be Christians
When they carry out their duty to vote.

Protect the integrity of our elections, And deliver us from deceit and fraud.

Awaken your people to the consequences of their vote, A vote to advance freedom and to thwart tyranny,

to protect children from indoctrination in falsehood and sin,

to defend marriage and family, to stop the killing of the unborn, the most vulnerable of all,

And to save our nation from destruction. Lord, we rejoice today That we are citizens of your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed

To being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our Consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts and prayerful reflection.

'Voting with a Clear Conscience' pamphlets are available in our churches for more information.

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

Please come to "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.

St. Margaret Mary Church at 3:00 pm every Friday for 40 minutes. All are welcome!!

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Appreciation Dinner

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the South Windsor Knights of Columbus will host its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Appreciation Dinner. Which will be held again this year at the South Windsor Senior Center located at 150 Nevers Rd., South Windsor. This year's event will once again be offering sit down dinners or take out. Dinners will be served between 4pm and 6pm. Please RSVP with the number of guests in your party that will be attending the sit-down dinner. Or, the number of takeout meals you will be picking up and the approximate time you will be arriving.

The annual Military Appreciation Dinner was started by the Liebman family in South Windsor back in 2008. It was taken over by the South Windsor Knights of Columbus in 2019. This event is open to all Veteran's and service personnel, whether active or inactive and their families. You do not have to be a resident of South Windsor to attend this event.

If you're interested in attending, RSVP to one of the following {please leave a message if no answer)

- Kevin Paradis @ 860-212-9661 or kevin@kevinparadis.com
- Susan Papapietro @ 860-436-4821 or suepapapietro@cox.net

# Give blood. Help save lives. Blood Drive St. Margaret Mary Church

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The Women's Club would like to thank everyone who supported the Country Concert Scholarship Fundraising event. A big thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors, especially Brian Chicoine for

sharing his talent and love of music with us. With everyone's support we had a very fun and successful evening. THANK YOU!

Knights Helping Neighbors Program

Knights Helping Neighbors (KHN) is a program offered by Knights of Columbus Chapter 5779 in order to assist St. Junipero Serra parishioners in time of need with general household services. This includes services such as: light duty household work, transportation to doctor's appointments, emergency prescription pickups, rides to Mass, etc.

Please call Steve Solimene at 860-967-2968. Our Knights Helping Neighbors Team will be most willing to accommodate you in setting up an appointment in order to further discuss your needs. Thank you.

## 40 Days for Life Vigil!

Special thank you to those who joined us for the prayer vigil outside of Planned Parenthood. We were joined by parishioners from other parishes, a beautiful expression of love for the preborn. As we celebrate and respect life, please continue to



pray for the end to abortion and to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.

## Birthright Bottle Drive

The Birthright Bottle Drive was kicked off last weekend. Your support is so important to the job Birthright does for mothers and their babies. Baby bottles are in the vestibules of St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi. Please take a bottle and fill it with donations and return the bottles by October 31 in the baskets labeled "Returns". Thank you for your generosity.

### Respect Life Month

Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>, we will pray the Rosary and the Prayer for Life.

## Respect Life Month Novena

Go to <a href="https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month">https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month</a> to participate in the Respect Life Month Novena from October 22<sup>nd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity! *The Vincent de Paul bins will be at the lower entrance by the lower parking lot only.* 

The annual collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society

will be this weekend. These funds help us help our local families in need of financial assistance for rent or utilities or medical bills. In October we will help local families and Bristol Men's Shelter. We will distribute bags 10/19 & 10/20. The food collection will take place 10/26 & 10/27. 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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 10/6/2024 Weekly Collection \$11,878.00 Monthly Collection \$5,029.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Next weekend's second collection will be for the World Mission Sunday. "Since it is so likely that (children) will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage.

Otherwise you are making their destiny not brighter but darker."

— C.S. Lewis

#### The SOLDIER AND HIS KING'S FLAG

There once was a story,
a long time ago,
Of a war on the open seas.
Of a crew, and a captain,
who were loyal to the king.
The captain, with a voice quite loud,
And a flag clenched in his fist, declared;
Lift high our flag, high above the mast,
let it blow in the wind for all to see,
That aboard this ship are a thousand men,
Soldiers of the King!

A soldier then, did retort, before he raised his flag on high; But won't the flag, as it soars and sways give them too much

To prepare their arms, and attack our ship, if against us they might be?

What if the ship approaching does not serve the king?
The captain then did stroke his beard,
and considered the soldier's thoughts a while,
but then with conviction, he cocked his head,
and said, with a proud smile;
Lift high our Flag, high above the mast,
let it blow in the wind for all to see,
That aboard this ship are a thousand men,
Soldiers of the King!
Then bravely with his flag raised high,
he told his loyal crew;

There is no ship to defend, nor an army if we are afraid. The king has chosen us, so that the flag may be waved. The battle we must fight, though our lives may be lost, Our bravery, our purpose, is on that flag, It's why the war must be fought. They took a knee, with a firm salute, At the Cross upon the flag, Where there it soared and blew and flapped, High above the mast. Though to that ship, many called it, a target on their back. The loyal crew, and their captain, raised their king's Flag. For many years, it was said, and even to this day, Those who serve Him, raise the flag, Sending messages in the wind, For all who pass will surely know,



They are soldiers to the king!

#### II. THE SIGNS AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

CCC1293 In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of anointing and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual seal.

CCC1295 By this anointing the confirmand receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object.106 Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret.107 CCC1296 Christ himself declared that he was marked with his Father's seal.108 Christians are also marked with a seal: "It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."109 This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial.110

"Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light." St. Cecilia

"Never let your home be without a crucifix upon its walls, to the end that all who enter it may know that you are a disciple of a Crucified Lord, and that you are not ashamed to own it." St. Jean Vianney

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

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Eight Sunday In Ordinary Time

Your spouse is a priceless gem. Gift your spouse with a weekend just for the two of you. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: October 18-20, 2024, Sunapee, NH | November 1-3, 2024, Glen Rock, NY | November 4-25, 2024, (Virtual) November 15-17, 2024, Bennington, VT.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person 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 <a href="https://www.ectw.org/">https://www.ectw.org/</a>.



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