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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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

OCTOBER 6, 2024

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)

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

SPRITFIC CONFIRMATION RETREAT Sunday, October 20, 2024

11:00am –5:00pm 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!

Featuring: Fr. Anthony Federico Former ESPN Journalist

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

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

Fall Harvest Dance Saturday, November 2, 2024

St. Margaret Mary Church Hall | 7pm- 11pm

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.

\$20 per person or \$150 for a table of 8

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

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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, October 5

4:00 p.m. Christopher Yustinich by His Family/ Barbara Halstead by Gerard Halstead SUNDAY, October 6 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Robert Devenish by Bob & Joan Levintan/ Elizabeth Velez by Maureen & Rob Sullivan

11:00 a.m. Jeanne Walsh by Family

MONDAY, October 7

8:00 a.m. Irene Corriveau by Connie Girard
TUESDAY, October 8
8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
WEDNESDAY, October 9
8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
THURSDAY, October 10
8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Jorge Castro

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

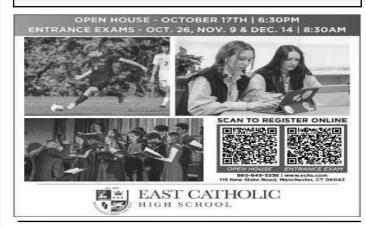
SANCTUARY LIGHTS St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for FATHER DAVE BARANOWSKI If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

EMEMBER Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill: in your prayers 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.



During the month of October, every Monday night at 6pm, we will be praying for the unborn and preborn at every Holy Hour, Adoration and benediction. Monday Oct 21st we will be praying the Rosary and the Prayer for Life.

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



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. All are welcome!!

Rosary Service to Honor Our Lady of Fatima, Mother of God. Please join us on Monday, October 7, 2024 (feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary) at 6:00PM, St. Mary's Church, 42 Spring St. Windsor Locks, CT for a rosary service in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, led by Deacon Hank Szumowski. The service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Gospel reflection, consecration to Mary, recitation of the holy rosary and benediction. Special intentions for this service are as follows: the protection of religious freedom and to end to the scourge of abortion in our state, nation and throughout the world.

Every Thursday Night Rosary---Praying for Our Nation and Upcoming Election. Every Thursday evening at 6:00PM, St. Mary's 42 Spring St. Windsor Locks, CT the rosary will be offered to seek the Blessed Mother's intercession in praying for the 2024 election of a President who will protect the sacredness of life from conception to natural death and defend religious freedom.

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PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



Please join our Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask

God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

<u>Please join us in praying for our nation</u> <u>at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 12,</u> in front of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

We will be joining with others praying the Rosary throughout the U.S. as we storm heaven with our prayers. Please contact Peggy at 860-978-0126 for more information. We will gather rain or shine.

Recycle Your Religious Items from Home!

A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home. Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken



rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles, as well as used instruments. <u>ITEMS NOT TAKEN: Reli-</u> gious Books, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine). Please bring your items in no later than Sunday, October 13th and drop them off at lower level stage area of St. Margaret Mary or St. Francis of Assisi Church's Vestibule. The church is open around Mass times, 8:30-3 Mon-Thursday, SMM, Mon & Wed, SFA. For questions regarding drop off, please contact the office at 860-644-2411 x101, for questions regarding specific items, please contact Kimberly at 717-381-5816.

Knights Helping Neighbors Program



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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.

<u>Please call Steve Solimene at 860-967-2968.</u> 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. Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity!

Please be advised our bins will no longer be available at the main church entrance, they will be at the lower entrance by the lower parking lot only.

The annual collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on the weekend of October 12-13. These funds help us help our local families in need of financial assistance for rent or utilities or medical bills. In September, we helped local families and the

St. Ann's Pantry in Hartford. 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. You can also email <u>president@societyhelpline.org</u> or go to our website www.societyhelpline.org

"Votum Fecit Gratiam Accepit" "Vow made, graces received."

The word votive - comes from the Latin word - Votum which means a vow. Traditionally people would light a candle as a memorial for a prayer or intention of the heart.

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. I make a solemn vow to observe your righteous judgments. I am very much afflicted, LORD; give me life in accord with your word. Accept my freely offered praise; LORD, teach me your judgments. My life is always at risk, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have set snares for me, but from your precepts I do not stray. Your testimonies are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on fulfilling your statutes; they are my reward forever.

Votive Candles in our Churches Donations for the candles: \$5 | \$2

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 9/29/2024 Weekly Collection \$10,342.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"Guiding Principle - It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born."

Birthright was born of an inspiration of love. In a world where women are told that abortion is healthcare and that their baby is a problem to be dealt with, Louise Summerhill the foundress, while still raising her own seven children, decided to extend a hand to mothers without support.

Over the last 50 years she discovered that most women who had abortions did so for the most part because they felt that they were alone and could not manage the responsibility of motherhood. They are told a lie that after an abortion they will feel better, and they will forget and move on with their lives.

We know that this is not true. As Saint Mother Theresa put it - "Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three-quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."

Education is imperative in saving lives, and Birthright educates and walks with moms while they are making their decision. They show them that at 21 days their baby already has a heartbeat. By 8 weeks, every organ is already present, and the baby is a well-proportioned small-scale baby that responds to touch.

85% of the moms who walk into Birthright give birth to a baby. Testimony from the mothers helped at Birthright illustrate the need for the support of pro-life pregnancy centers everywhere.

"I was in a dark place until Birthright helped me. I want to be a very good mother. When I gave him life, he gave me life."

"Thank you for your love and support throughout my pregnancy. It meant so much to me to have you there at a time when I felt sacred and alone. Giving birth was the best decision I made. Looking at him now, I can't imagine my life without him. I appreciate everything you guys have done for me."

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

 Birthright is one of our five Pro-Life Organizations supplied items from our parish fundraiser drives. During the month of October, we will be collecting baby bottles that you can fill with coins or a check donation to support moms and babies.

By Maria Rosati



Let's Celebrate Life!!

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October, October 6th this year, is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnera-



ble, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life. Join us in celebrating life.

Birthright Bottle Drive



Baby bottles are in the vestibules of St. Margaret Mary and St. Francis of Assisi. Please take a bottle and fill it with donations to help Birthright do their blessed work for

women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Please return the bottles by October 31 in the baskets labeled "Returns". All bottle proceeds will go toward the expenses incurred by Birthright for moms and their babies and for spreading the word about the work they do to save lives and help moms.

Respect Life Month Novena

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

A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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