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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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 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)

DECEMBER 29, 2024

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

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1st
9:00am at SFA
11:00am at SMM



The Hartford Bishops' Foundation recently awarded St. Junipero Serra Parish a \$9000 grant for our Spirit Fire in Action program that will help a large group of 34-36 of our teens/young adult and parent chaperones to attend Steubenville East in Springfield, MA next July.

Steubenville East Youth Conference

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Gr. 9 – 12

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Contact Sr. Karen for more information:
confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com



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. 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, 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.



Our Office will be Closed Wednesday, Dec 1st.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 28

4:00 p.m. The Living & Deceased Hauck Family by Roy & Cheryl Hauck/
Beverly Gluhosky by Deacon Ed & Fran Giard

SUNDAY, December 29

The Holy Family

9:00 a.m. Charles Veci, Sr. by Family/
Edward J. Gallagher by His Wife
11:00 a.m. Carmelo Testa & Alfina Milluzzo by Family/
James Coleman by Bridge Family

MONDAY, December 30

8:00 a.m. John Norris by The Hauck Family

TUESDAY, December 31

8:00 a.m. John Kelleher, 36th Anniversary
by Daughter, Maureen

WEDNESDAY, January 1

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m. SFA | Richard Dougherty by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

11:00 a.m. SMM | Walter & Carol Steuernagel
by Joan Berry

THURSDAY, January 2

8:00 a.m. Mike Smith by His Sister

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 4

4:00 p.m. Laurette D. Billig by Daughter, Carol/
Lloyd Estey by Lorrie Coelho

SUNDAY, January 5

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving of the Baby Jesus/
Edward J. Gallagher, 2nd Anniversary by Cathy Gallagher

11:00 a.m. Sebastiano & Maria Milluzzo by Milluzzo Family/Virginia Blanchard by Gerald & Roberta Dundon

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.
We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you. Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
EDWARD, RUTH & PAUL SULLIVAN

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
12/15/2024 Weekly Collection \$12,243.00

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These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and
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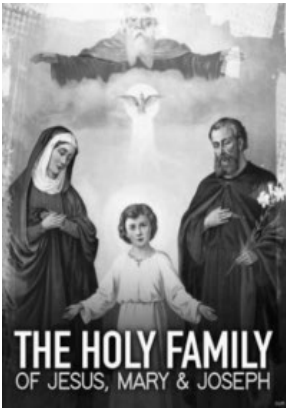
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Please remember in your
prayers the following
parishioners who are ill:

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



Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family?



This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christian families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society" (Angelus message, 30 December 2001).

Poinsettias that graced our sanctuaries this Christmas season will be given away **ONLY** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at SFA and the 11:00 at SMM on **Sunday Jan. 12.**



Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity. *Please be advised our donation bins are now located at the lower entrance by the lower parking lot only.* Thank you for helping us provide the gifts of Christmas to Local families and Our Lady Queen of Peace for Christmas and Our Lady of Sorrows for Three Kings Day! We also helped local families and St. Anne's Pantry in Hartford with the December food collection.

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

Thank you for helping us to help others!



The Bible?



0 stars: not recommended - Satan



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or call 860-242-5573 to speak with Judy Kostelni, Director.

Immacare Homeless Shelter Meal needs list can be found on the parish Facebook page the week before meal preparation begins. Donations to get supplies for the preparation, for the 75-80 men in the shelter would be greatly appreciated also. If you prefer to make a donation, please make sure to make it out to St. Junipero Serra and clearly note on an envelope that it is for the shelter meal. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support Charlie & Maryellen Brennan.



The **SOUTH WINDSOR COMMUNITY CHORUS** will be presenting their **Winter Concert** on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at the South Windsor High School, 161 Nevers Road, South Windsor, CT. at 7:00 pm.



This year's theme is "**Tis The Season**" with pieces from *Wicked*, *Nutcracker Jingles*, *May It Be*, *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Eve*, *The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights)* and many more favorites, Tickets are \$10 for Adults (12 yrs. and up): \$7 (11 yrs. to 4 yrs.); 3 yrs. and under free. Military personnel in Uniforms are always free. Tickets available at the door. Reception to follow.

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Retreat Theme : IN MY LOVE, ABIDE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6: 19-21

One of our greatest treasures has been our opportunity each year to participate in the annual retreat at Holy Family. Please consider joining our group this year and experience the Love of God first hand.

Any questions, please call one of the guys below:

Joe Alubicki 860-989-8423 (12 Years of retreats)
Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745 (63 Years of retreats)
Fred Seeley 860-560-3458 (3 Years of retreats)
Steve Solimene 860-967-2968 (31 Years of retreats)

What is Humility Anyways?

If we derive the meaning of humility from the award ceremonies of the famous, we would conclude that winning prestige, trophies, and recognition humbles us. We have all seen the awards accepted - *I am so humbled* they say. But is that true? Is that humility?

Conversely, if being the best is not humbling, then is being humble just having poor self-esteem or not being good at anything? But that too we sense is not true humility.

Blessed Mother was chosen to be the Mother of God. And she neither responded as the actresses do, fanning her blushing cheeks in false pretenses. Nor did she deny that an honor had been bestowed. From her heart burst a prayer so magnificent that it would be passed down through generations - The Magnificat - From it we hear, that something great has taken place and that it had been not of her own doing but that of God's. She praised Him and she acknowledged His great work in her and accepted all that would come to be as a result. Her life would show that from the time of honor from the three Kings, she was humble and accepted their gifts in the cold lowly stable. Then too, at the foot of the cross when all had deserted Jesus and herself, still she was faithful. Neither in popularity nor in desertion did she change. Ahh that must be it. That is humility!



The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

“As gifts increase in you, let your humility grow, for you must consider that everything is given to you on loan.”

Padre Pio

Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity, and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted, and ardent. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

What is a stable, but the place of outcasts, the refuge of beasts, and the shelter of the valueless, and therefore the symbol of those who in the eyes of public opinion do not count and hence may be ignored as of no great value or moment? Anyone in the world would have expected to have found Divinity in an inn, but no one would have expected to have found It in a stable. Divinity, therefore, is always where you least expect to find It.

Venerable Fulton Sheen

CCC2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."2 But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart?3 He who humbles himself will be exalted;4 humility is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought,"5 are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer.

"Man is a beggar before God."6

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

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