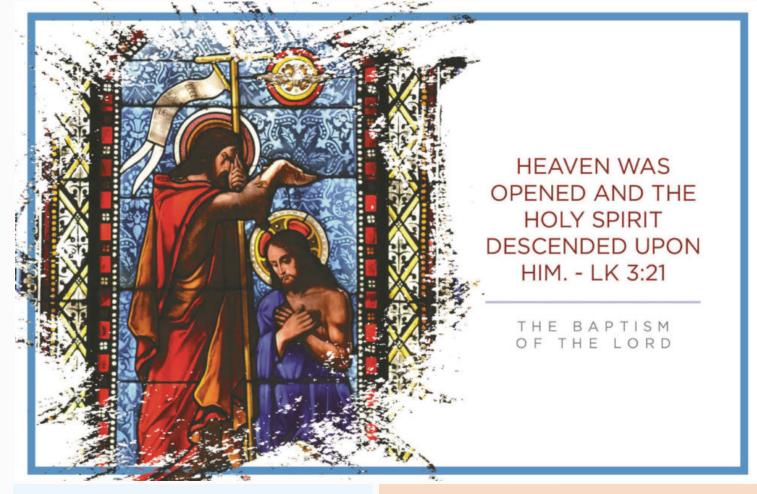


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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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

JANUARY 12, 2025

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.

Steubenville East Youth Conference July 25-27, 2025 | Springfield, MA

Gr. 9 – 12

Where high schoolers encounter Jesus Christ and leave as transformed disciples

2025 Theme: Consumed

This weekend changes everything. At each Steubenville Youth Conference, teens experience a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their prayer life, strengthens their faith, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends. \$50 deposit by Jan. 12 \$190 Total.

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the

motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be wellpleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the

resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart. -Father John Muir ©LPi



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 <u>www.saintjuniperoserra.org</u> 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 Phone: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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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, January 11

4:00 p.m. Nicholas Vicenzo by Mike & Ginger Bilas/ Father Dennis Conway by Catherine Gonzales SUNDAY, January 12

The Baptism of The Lord

9:00 a.m. John & Jo Hughes by The Brennan Family/ Vincent Attianese & Janet Giordano by Marie Attianese 11:00 a.m. Mark Waxenberg by Roy & Julie Hugill/ Juliet Rodrigues by Family

MONDAY, January 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Frank & Laura Phillipe TUESDAY, December 14 8:00 a.m. Lucia Miranda by Jeanne Gionfriddo WEDNESDAY, January 15 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Sweeney & Pauline Myler by Jeffrey Martin THURSDAY, January 16 8:00 a.m. Lucia Miranda by Phil & Linda Smith

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 18

4:00 p.m. Joyce & Paul Bey by Bey Family/ President-elect Donald Trump SUNDAY, January 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Sunday 9:00 a.m. Ellie Glasser by Joe, Stacey & Brendan Puiia/ Paul Marianella by The SJS Women's Club 11:00 a.m. Marguerite Daigle by Dcn Ron Daigle

SANCTUARY LIGHTS St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **GREGORIO S. CRUZ** 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 in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on 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, Thomas Rippchen. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH =

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

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: Christmas Collection \$20,419.00 12/29/2024 Weekly Collection \$10,668.00 Solemnity of Mary Collection \$3,372.00 1/5/2025 Weekly Collection \$12,049.00 Monthly Collection \$5,365.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ΗΑΝΚ ΥΟ

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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!!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The Baptism of the Lord

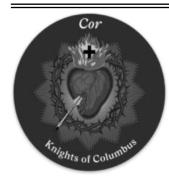
Titus 2:11-14 The grace of God appeared, and he offers salvation to all people. He teaches us to say NO to ungodliness and worldy passions, and to live a self-controlled, upright and godly life while we wait for the blessed hope-the appearing of the glo-



ry of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He Jus- encounter tifies us with his grace and we become heirs in hope of eternal life. How can you live an upright and godly life in your relationship? One way is by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you in your communication, and help you to grow in intimacy and grow in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 24-26, 2025 in North Easton, MA February 7-9, 2025 in Long Island, NY

March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, Vermont Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of 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 https:// wwmectw.org/.



ATTENTION Men of St. Junipero Serra Parish

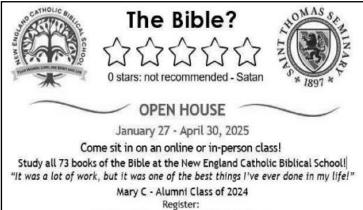
Cor is all about Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for men. The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 5779 are excited to share the implementation of Cor, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Junipero Serra par-

ish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Cor will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 23rd at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity.

Calling all SJS Parish Youth Grades 6 – 12 Your Parish Youth Ministry Presents: Glow - Glow - Glow Have you noticed the daylight hours "Glowing" a little longer now? We all like light in our lives. Jesus said, "I am the light of the World, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life" Youth Ministry invites you to participate in food, fun, and games. Sunday, January 19 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Bring a friend and come and play Glow games;

Glow Shoes, Glow Basketball, Glow Dodgeball, and back by popular demand, Cocoa Bombs!!! See you there!!



Visit: NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com or call 860-242-5573 to speak with Judy Kostelni, Director.

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.



The Monthly Rosary for MONTH January will take place on January 18th. We will meet at 12:00 noon in the chapel Margaret of St. Mary Church. Please join us in starting off the New Year in prayer. All are welcome.



Call Peggy, 860-978-0126, with any questions.



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

Wednesday, January 15 | 12pm to 5pm

Sponsored by St. Junipero Serra Parish & SW Knights of Columbus

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SWKofC to schedule an appointment.

Women's Club corner: Attention: Happy New Year! The SIS Women's Club will not be meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th at St Francis



of Assisi Hall. Social begins at 6:30 and our meeting begins at 7 pm. If you would like to join the Women's club please come to the meeting or Contact Paulann at 860 291-9960.

(*If there is inclement weather and school is cancelled in South Windsor we will not meet.)



Happy New Year! And thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity. With your help, your St. Vincent de Paul Society delivered 220 gifts and \$825 in gift cards to Our Lady Queen of Peace on 12/19/2024 for Christmas and 250 gifts and \$600 in gift

card to Our Lady of Sorrows on 12/30/2024 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 confiden-



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

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH :

BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!



Blessed Mother looked upon her son, Jesus dying on the cross and He in that moment, gave to her us as her children. Every mother remembers most tenderly the moment that her children are born, the moment she takes her babies into her arms, the moment that her baby becomes her

most precious responsibility and love. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. John 19:26-27S

So, like good children who look to our mothers for what to do. We stand below the cross with her. We look at his suffering body, that He gave up for us. And we Pray...

Prayer in front of the Crucifix LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE FATHER, SEND NOW YOUR SPIRIT OVER THE EARTH. LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL NATIONS, THAT THEY MAY BE PRESERVED FROM DEGENERATION, DISASTER AND WAR. MAY THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, BE OUR ADVOCATE. AMEN.

"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary." **St. Bonaventure**

"Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth." Saint Anthony of Padua

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary." **St. Thomas Aquinas**

I. MARY'S MOTHERHOOD WITH REGARD TO THE CHURCH

Wholly united with her Son . . .

CCC964 Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death";504 it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion:

Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son."505

965 After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers."506 In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant /860.644.2549/ faithformation@sjs-sw.org ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH _____

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend February 7-9, 2025 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living

Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's



love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at <u>mlaffin@prolifeministry.org</u>, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Archdiocese of Hartford's Wedding Anniversary Mass February 15, 2025 at 3:00 pm

The Archdiocese of Hartford is celebrating its' Annual



Wedding Anniversary Mass in conjunction with the observance of National Marriage Week (February 9 – 15, 2025) helping the Catholic faithful renew and deepen the lived experience of

the Sacrament of Marriage and to celebrate the vocation of marriage and family life.

All couples celebrating their 1st and five year increments from 5 to 60 years (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55), and every year beyond 60 years taking place in 2024-2025 are invited to reaffirm their sacred wedding vows and receive Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne's Episcopal Blessing at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, CT.

The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is January 28, 2025

For more information and to register for this event online visit the Archdiocese of Hartford website at <u>www.Catholicedaohct.org/faith-formation/</u> upcomingevents or call our parish office.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.



For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall | Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm Bingo starts at 6:30pm. Higher payouts – play for \$25 – all games. Help support local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.





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