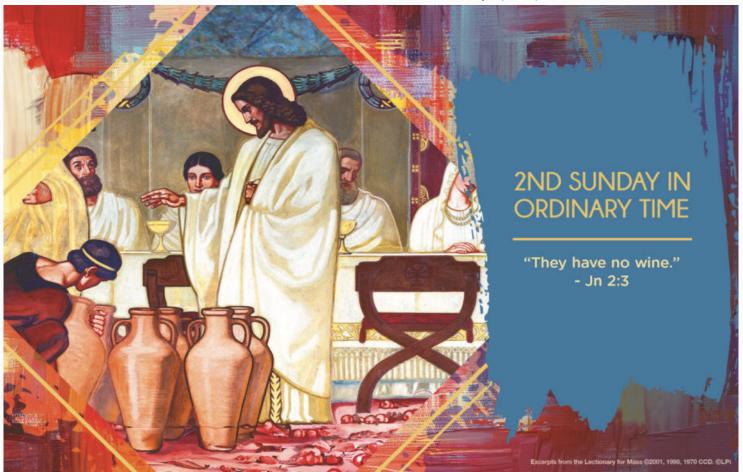


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80 Hayes Road

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)

JANUARY 19, 2025

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

Jesus said, "I am the light of the World, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life"

Calling all SJS Parish Youth Grades 6 – 12 Your Parish Youth Ministry Presents:

Glow - Glow - Glow

Sunday, January 19 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall

Have you noticed the daylight hours "Glowing" a little longer now?

We all like light in our lives.

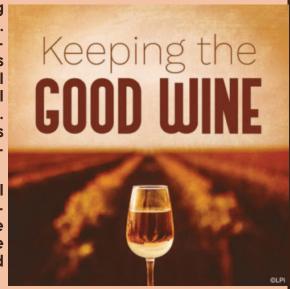
Bring a friend and come and play Glow games; Glow Shoes, Glow Basketball, Glow Dodgeball, and back by popular demand, Cocoa Bombs!

Food, Fun, and Games. See you there!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 19, 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time | John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.



Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the everimproving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now. 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 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, 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.

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SSATURDAY VIGIL, January 18

4:00 p.m. Joyce & Paul Bey by Bey Family/ Special Intention for 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

MONDAY, January 20

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

TUESDAY, December 21

8:00 a.m. Lucia Miranda by Maury & Louise Bridge

WEDNESDAY, January 22 8:00 a.m. Special Intention

THURSDAY, January 23

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Elaine Zagorski by Morning Mass Group

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 25

4:00 p.m. Marcel Bizier by Family/ Stanley & Cecelia Gumula by Family

SUNDAY, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Sunday

9:00 a.m. Louise Magaldi & Sylvia Lewis Szeredy by Christine & James Lewis/ Susan DiBella Roberts by Robin Saccoccia & Debbie Kingsley 11:00 a.m. Sister Luigina Milluzzo, Rosanna Neri & Alfina Milluzzo by Milluzzo Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR ELAINE ZAGORSKI

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.

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.



There will be NO Confession, Adoration, Benediction on Monday, January 20.

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

Archdiocese of Hartford's Wedding Anniversary Mass February 15, 2025 at 4:00 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 www.Catholicedaohct.org/faith-formation/upcomingevents or call our parish office.

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End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system and online giving-Those who received statements last year will automatically receive their statements by end of January by email, or mail, if there is no email on file.

Online givers - Contribution statements are also available through the Our Sunday Visitor online giving site. If you are receiving envelopes and wish to discontinue, please let the office know.

Please contact Ginger at admin.coord@sjs-sw.org if your email has changed, if you have email and prefer a hard copy, or if you would like to request a statement for the first time.

Women's Club corner:

Attention: Happy New Year! The SJS Women's Club will not be meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th at St SJS Women's Club Francis of Assisi Hall. So-



cial 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. This month the food



collection on 1/25 & 1/26 will help local, DCF and Head Start Families as well at the Bristol Men's Shelter. Grocery bags will **Food Collection** be distributed 1/18 & 1/19. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of

the month in the conference room at St. Margaret Mary. Please consider joining us in this the New Year of 2025.

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

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Total Offertory including Online Giving: 1/12/2025 Weekly Collection \$11,620.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.





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.

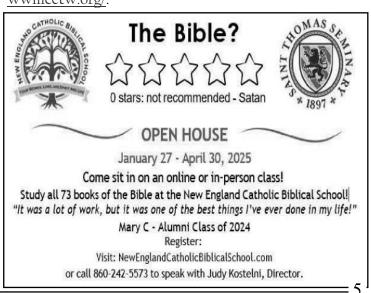
Cor will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 23rd at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity.

> Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 12:4-11:We all are given spiritual gifts from the Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, and more. You can use these gifts in your relationship with your spouse. To learn more and to grow in your marriage, check out 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 in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on 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/.





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.

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. In the event that your needs are beyond our resources, our dedicated Knights will assist with providing information regarding South Windsor, and/or, local community services so that your needs can be directed to the proper agencies and resources.

In closing, we are committed to providing assistance to those who are truly in need. If you or anyone you know in the parish need assistance, 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.

MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS JANUARY PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

St. Bridget School

Jan. 26, 2025 | 9:00am – 12:00pm Pre-K through Gr. 8

> <u>St. James School</u> Jan. 23, 2025, 6:00pm

Pre-K Program Only & Jan. 28, 2025, 9:30am K – Gr. 8 Program (RSVP Required)

Informational tours are also available by appointment. St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new



student applications for the 2025-26 school year. Come see the difference! We offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a respectful learning environment. Tuition assistance available to qualifying families. To learn more or RSVP for an Open House event, please contact Stephanie Holmes at Admissions@SaintTeresaCatholic.org or (860) 643-2403 x155 or visit us online.

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 mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at mwww.rachelsvineyard.org.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

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