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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed
at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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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
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JANUARY 5, 2025

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confirmationcoordinatorsjs@gmail.com



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 5, 2025 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.



Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— 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

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.



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

INCREASE YOUR FAITH
Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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

MONDAY, January 6
8:00 a.m. Muriel Soucy by Her Son, Warren
TUESDAY, December 7
8:00 a.m. Nellie Fidler by Annamae
WEDNESDAY, January 8
8:00 a.m. Benjamin Tacelli by Family
THURSDAY, January 9
8:00 a.m. Michael J. Troiano, Jr. by His Children

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 11
4:00 p.m. Nicholas Vincenzo 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

STEWARDSHIP
Total Offertory including Online Giving:
12/22/2024 Weekly Collection \$13,442.00
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



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.

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.

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!

SANCTUARY LIGHTS
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **SPECIAL INTENTION JOAN BERRY**
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 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.

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.



Give blood. Help save lives.

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

Wednesday, January 15 | 12pm to 5pm

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Happy New Year! And 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



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 preparation – January 13, 2025 - 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 checks out to St. Junipero Serra and clearly note on an envelope that it is for the shelter meal. Your support is greatly appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE



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MEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 10-12, 2025

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.

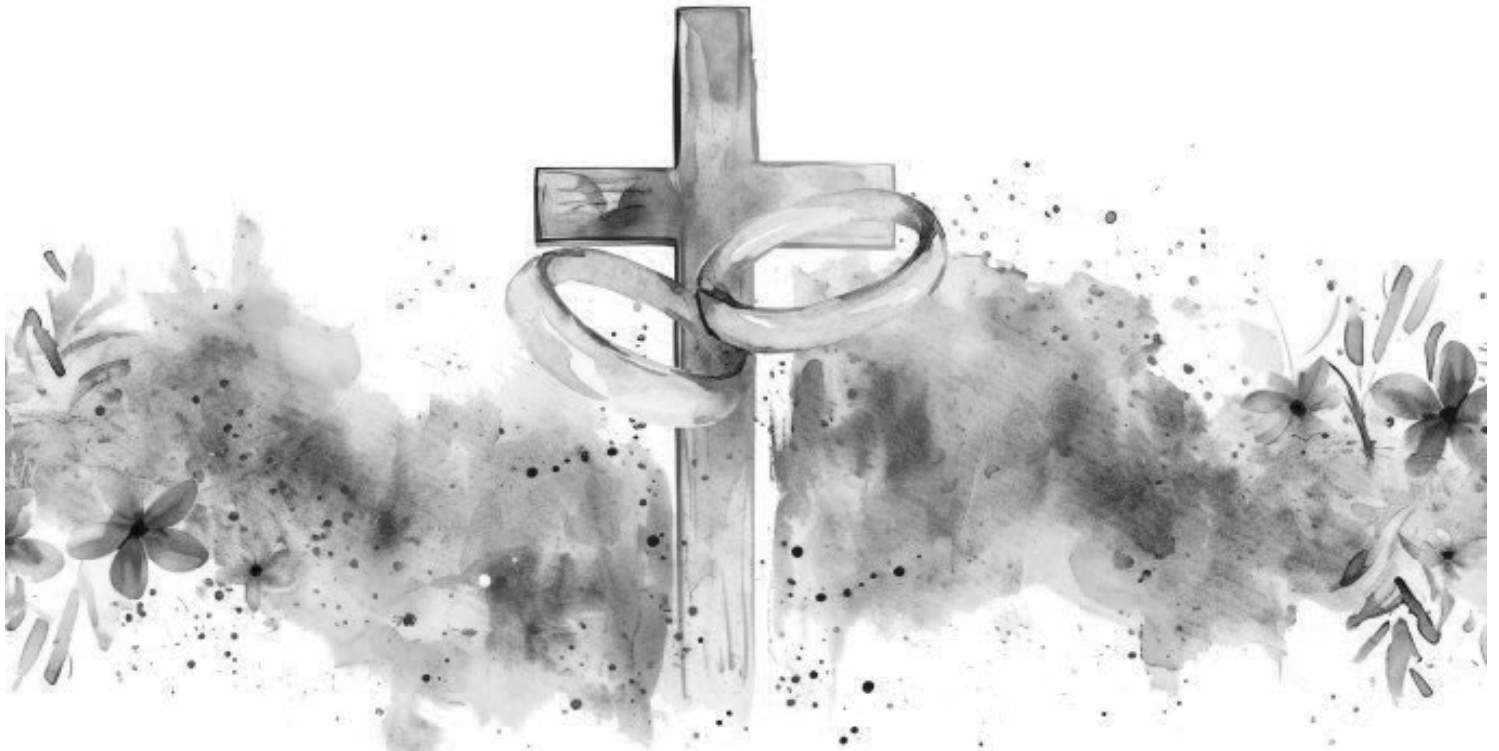
Any questions, please call one of the guys below:
 Joe Alubicki 860-989-8423 (12 Years of retreats)
 Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745 (63 Years of retreats)
 Fred Seeley 860-560-3458 (3 Years of retreats)
 Steve Solimene 860-967-2968 (31 Years of retreats)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS
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Archdiocese of Hartford

Wedding Anniversary Mass

February 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Celebrant: The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne

Archbishop of Hartford

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue

Hartford, CT 06105

This year the *Archdiocese of Hartford* is celebrating its' annual ***Wedding Anniversary Mass*** in conjunction with the observance of ***National Marriage Week*** (February 9 – 15, 2025) an international event seeking to strengthen marriages in communities and influence the current culture.

Parishes are asked to invite couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries to this celebration.

Couples in the first year of marriage or celebrating a milestone year, (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or in increments from 5 to 60 years) are invited to have their marriage blessed by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne. *Family and friends are also invited to this joyful celebration.*

Registration information and resources to invite and publicize this special event register are available the Center's website: www.catholicedaohct.org/Anniversary-Mass. Registration opens August 20, 2024.



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