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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
(except Holy Days & Holidays)**

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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

St. Patrick's Dinner

Saturday, March 29, 2025

St. Margaret Mary Church hall

Doors open at 5:00

Authentic corned beef dinner prepared by The Brennans. Pasta, salad and rolls will also be served.

DJ and Irish step dancers!

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for 12 and under.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses
3/8-9, 3/15-16, 3/22-23.

Tickets will be made available at the office also.
Tickets are limited to 200! So get your tickets early!!



Lent 2025 Bible Study The Gospel of John Part II

Join us as we study the second half of the Gospel of John this Lent. We studied the first half of John's gospel in the fall, but the second half study is a stand-alone study and newcomers are welcome. The Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels written and has a more well developed theology than the three other gospels. It is sometimes referred to as the gospel of love.

Bible study will take place in St. Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:15pm until 8:30pm on 6 consecutive Monday nights starting March 10 through April 14. This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback textbook with the Bible readings, commentary and study questions. There will be a professional online video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register,
or if you have any questions about the study.

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.



SATURDAY VIGIL, February 22

4:00 p.m. William Davis- 8th Anniversary by Annamae

SUNDAY, February 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Michael Zagorski by Family

11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Rodrigues Family/

Richard Hall by Joanne & Ed Bendernagel

MONDAY, February 24

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

TUESDAY, February 25

8:00 a.m. Ed Argo by Linda Beaudreau

WEDNESDAY, February 26

8:00 a.m. Leonard Mazzoni

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

THURSDAY, February 27

8:00 a.m. Rita Saccuzzo by her son, Michael

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 1

4:00 p.m. Mary & Henry Fagnant by Daughter/

James O'Keefe by Family

SUNDAY, March 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Joseph Kronenwetter

by Donna Kronenwetter & Family/

Kimberly St. Jean by Gerald Doucette

11:00 a.m. Mary Loan Kim Do & Marie Irene

McAndrews by Mimosa Pham/

Manuel Valdez Tolento by Pavadora Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for

ALFINA MILLUZZO

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.



Attention!!
Divine Mercy Cenacle
time changed to
3pm

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March*

4th at 3:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

2/16/2025 Weekly Collection \$8,356.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 23, 2025 | 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their dark-nesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.



What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

- Father John Muir ©LPi

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, Thomas Rippchen. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

COR: A Ministry of prayer, faith, formation and fellowship for all men of the parish will hold its 2nd session on Thursday, February 27th from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi church hall. Please plan to join us for evening prayer, learning our faith, and friendship.



St. Vincent de Paul Society needs volunteers for pick up and deliveries of donated furniture. If you can help one Saturday morning a month please let us know. Training will be provided.

For February the food collection on 2/22 & 2/23 will help local, DCF and Head Start Families as well at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Pantry, in Hartford. .



We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the conference room at St. Margaret Mary. Please consider joining us!



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

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!!



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 sup-

port local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27,36-38: "Jesus said, to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Be merciful, just as your father is merciful. Stop Judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you, a good measure and overflowing. For the measure which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Learn to listen and communicate better with your spouse. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, VT

April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA

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://www.mectw.org/>.



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Use of Parish Meeting Spaces



All parish meeting rooms must be pre-booked. We want to be sure you have the space reserved for your needs and that there will be no conflict with another group. For safety

purposes and HVAC control, we also want to know who is in any of the facilities at any given time. To book the halls or meeting rooms, please

contact Ginger at 860-644-2411 x101 or email admin.coord@sjs-sw.org

**"Our Lady has never refused me a grace
through the recitation of the rosary."
-St. Padre Pio**



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

TRUE LOVE



Who can comprehend the love of God? Infinite in proportions. He chose to die on the cross for us. Perhaps a parent's love is similar to the love of God.

I did not create them
But from our love they were conceived-
And life -oh my life - seemed to never have been before
Each child of mine had been born -

All of which I have, or had, or ever will want
I pour into them and watch and love-
And time that has been and time to come
Since their being has become one -

For a moment I can glimpse the
Love of the Creator of all things,
That though my being only lately came to be,
That upon the cross He thought of me and them -

And He loved us all as if -
We always were and always had been,
Eternity conceived a thought of our souls -

Began before and stretched out between the nails,
On either side - Borne of love- He gave us life -

As if the years yet to come, when we came to be,
He willed us with Him -In heaven eternally.

"Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross." St. John Vianney

"The cross is the school of love." St. Maximilian Kolbe

*"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
St. Augustine*

"When He died in the Wounded World He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less." C.S. Lewis

CCC2367 Called to give life, spouses share in the creative power and fatherhood of God.¹⁵⁴ "Married couples should regard it as their proper mission to transmit human life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby cooperating with the love of God the Creator and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters. They will fulfill this duty with a sense of human and Christian responsibility."

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

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