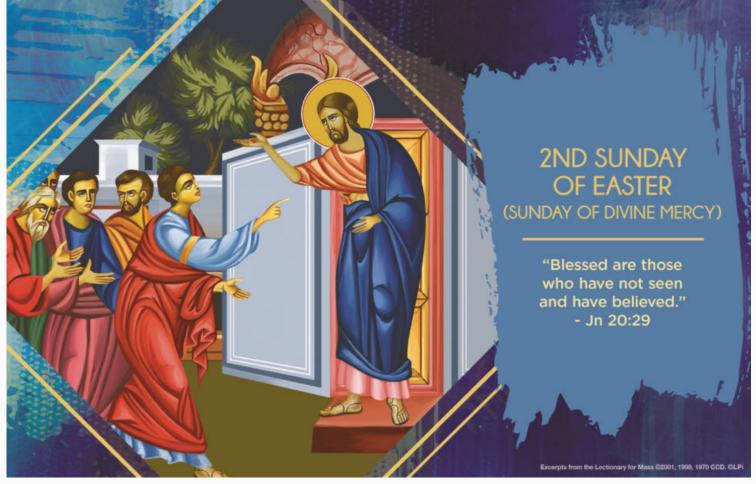
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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

APRIL 27, 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.



Parish Retreat Saturday, May 17

The Women's Club will be sponsoring a Parish Retreat on Saturday, May 17th at St. Francis of Assisi Hall. The retreat is open to all members of the Parish (men and women) but registration will be required.

Please call or email Nedra Gallo at ngallo33@icloud.com or 860-432-1793 by Monday, May 12th if you would like to attend. There will also be a sign up available in the church vestibules at both SMM and SFA. Registration is at 9:15am and the talk begins at 10am. A light lunch will follow at 11:30am.

The program will be lead by Noel Terranova , he is a member of the retreat team at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center.

The topic is :

Title: <u>"The Eucharist in Three Dimensions: Presence, Participation, and Justice"</u> The current Eucharistic Revival here in the US, nearing its conclusion, has given us a new opportunity to reflect on the role of the Eucharist in our lives. This retreat discussion will present three dimensions of our shared Eucharistic faith.

There is no cost for the presentation but we will ask for a "FREE WILL" donation. Any questions please contact Paulann Marianella at 860-291-9960



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

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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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SATURDAY VIGIL, April 26

4:00 p.m. Arthur Zito by His Children/ Eileen & Alvin Kendall by Mary SUNDAY, April 27 | Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Mary Rego, 3rd Anniversary/ Malani Wijelatha by Hashila 11:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family

MONDAY, April 28 8:00 a.m. Ray Zagorski by Family TUESDAY, April 29 8:00 a.m. Helen & Michael Burava by Daughter, Joyce WEDNESDAY, April 30 8:00 a.m. Joseph SinhCon Pham by Daughter, Mimosa Pham THURSDAY, May 1 8:00 a.m. Mary Janicke by Linda & Phil Smith

SATURDAY VIGIL, May 3 4:00 p.m. Agnes Griffin by Mary Bey/ Special Intention for Mickey Walzer by Cheryl & Roy Hauck SUNDAY, May 4| Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Mary & Ann Godesky by Carol & Bob Fischer 11:00 a.m. Giuseppina & Paolo Matarazzo by Their Children/ Harry Barcone by Robert Barton

SANCTUARY LIGHTS St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MARY JANICKE 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, 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 Muzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro, Shelia Brown, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky Vecchiolla, Atlas, Jane Mahoney, Thomas Rippchen, Michael & Susan Klosowski, Marilyn Pugliese. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE April 27, 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Easter |John 20:19-31



It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger con-

text: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

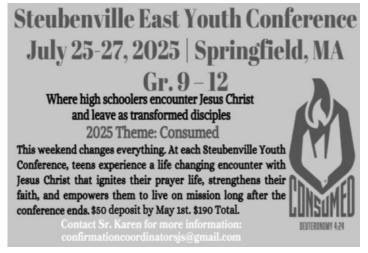
Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness. — Father John Muir ©LPi



Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at

vestibules of both churches or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.



Join us to pray the Rosary Monday - Thursday after the 8:00 am morning Mass The new sidewalk installation at St. Francis of Assisi along Ellington Road is beginning. This is a project being completed through grants and the Town of South Windsor and approved by the Archdiocese of Hartford.



The Parish will have a baby shower for the ProLife Pregnancy Centers beginning May 3rd through May 18th. Baskets to collect your gift will be available in the vestibule of each Church. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and consideration for the families that are welcoming a new baby.



STEWARDSHIP Total Offertory including Online Giving: 4/13/2025 Weekly Collection \$12,901.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we collected \$1,462.00 to restore the Church and build

the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's late to too Visit not give. www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

The Pastor's Scholarship Application 2025 for High School Seniors

We invite all seniors graduating from high school and who have been dedicated in serving our parish community by participating in service, to apply for this scholarship. Visit our website



under "Confirmation" to obtain the application or email the office at admin.coord@sjs-sw.org to request a copy.

Applications must be returned to the office by May 12, 2025 and may be left in the black mailbox after hours. ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH :

Immacare homeless shelter meal 👰 ImmaCare Inc. preparation – May 5th – 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.

Thank you for your support, Charlie & Maryellen Brennan.



Erin Moriarty & Joshua Schneider

Thank you parishioners for your generosity! This month, the food collection will this weekend. This month we'll help local, DCF and Head



Start Families and the Bristol Men's Shelter.



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



70 TIMES 7 TIMES

One of the most difficult demands of our faith is that of forgiving someone who has hurt us. It is built into the prayer that Jesus gave us - "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us." (The Our Father)

Jesus exemplifies this command from the cross - "Forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:24) And so he shows us that an apology is not a prerequisite to forgiveness. Not even the offender's understanding that he or she has wronged me, excludes this demand.

It seems to be the unwavering door stopper to heaven. "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

Forgiveness is so important that Jesus says we should continue to forgive though we are offended over and over again. "Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother, and Jesus replies, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times"." (Matthew 18:21-22)



More than likely we have been in the position of the one to have to be forgiven as well as the one to have to forgive another at some point in our lives. For those particular

well as the one to have to forgive another at some point in our lives. For those particularly big offences, C.S. Lewis makes a profound assertion, that when Jesus is instructing us to forgive 70 times 7 times, more often than not, we must forgive 70 times 7 times, for just one offense.

There is no use talking as if forgiveness were easy. We all know the old joke, 'You've given up smoking once; I've given it up a dozen times.' In the same way I could say of a certain man, 'Have I forgiven him for what he did that day? I've forgiven him more times than I can count.' For we find that the work of forgiveness has to be done over and over again. We forgive, we mortify our resentment; a week later some chain of thought carries us back to the original offence and we discover the old resentment blazing away as if nothing had been done about it at all. We need to forgive our brother seventy times seven not only for 490 offences but for one offence. -from Re-flections on the Psalms, C.S. Lewis

"You Can't go to heaven hating somebody, forgive now. Be compassionate now. Be grateful now. Love Jesus & Mary now. Accept God's will now. - *Mother Angelica*

That your enemies have been created is God's doing; that they hate you and wish to ruin you is their own doing. What should you say about them in your mind? "Lord be merciful to them, forgive them their sins, put the fear of God in them, change them!" You are loving in them not what they are, but what you would have them to become. -St. Augustine

Nothing so likens you to God, as to forgive him who has injured you. - St. Thomas Aquinas

... as we forgive those who trespass against us

CCC2842 This "as" is not unique in Jesus' teaching: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"; "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."139 It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and the mercy and the love of our God. Only the Spirit by whom we live can make "ours" the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.140 Then the unity of forgiveness becomes possible and we find ourselves "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave" us.141

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Did you know...The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include Vos estis lux mundi and Vademecum. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim survivors and all who have been harmed. Bishops in the US lead the way for these changes with the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 20 years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care and seeking restorative justice.



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