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St. Junipero Serra Parish - 2025

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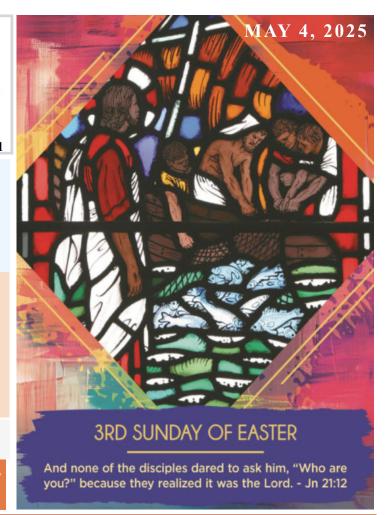
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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.





# 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: "The Eucharist in Three Dimensions: Presence, Participation, and Justice"
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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> 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.

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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

MONDAY, May 5

8:00 a.m. Joan Foster by Ginger & Mike Bilas

TUESDAY, May 6

8:00 a.m. Alan Anderson by Cheryl & Roy Hauck

WEDNESDAY, May 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Benjamin Ferreira

by Cherly & Roy Hauck

THURSDAY, May 8

8:00 a.m. Marisa Vildozola, 6th Anniversary by Mother

SATURDAY VIGIL, May 10

4:00 p.m. For All Deceased Mothers

SUNDAY, May II Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. For All Mothers

11:00 a.m. For All Mothers

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ARLENE MÁRTOCCI

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

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, Tim Appleton. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 4, 2025 | 3rd Sunday of Easter | John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in



this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin articles must be received

no later than 8:30 am Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> Email your submissions to: bulletin@sjs-sw.org

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.

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

YOUR ARTICLES



**MONTHLY** The Monthly Rosary for May will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima outside St Francis of Ássisi Church on Saturday, May 17th, at 12:00 noon. We will crown the statue of Our Lady so

please bring flowers if you are able. Children are especially invited to this event.

Please call Peggy, 860-978-0126, with questions.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:admin.coord@sjs-sw.org">admin.coord@sjs-sw.org</a> to request

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

#### STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 4/20/2025 Weekly Collection \$13,287.00 Easter Collection \$7,091.00 Holy Week Collection \$1,444.00 4/27/2025 Weekly Collection \$11,952.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



Thank you parishioners for your generosity! In April, we helped the Bristol Men's Shelter, local DCF and Head Start Families. In May, the food collection will take place 5/24 &



5/25. grocery bags will be distributed 5/17 & 5/18.



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

**INCREASE** YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13th at 3:00pm

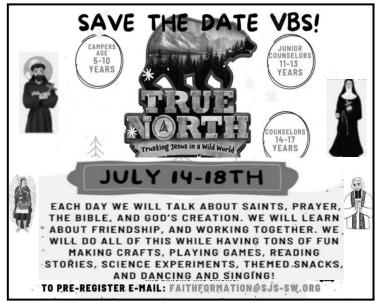
Divine Mercy Cenacle

at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

# Congratulations Sarah Mahoney & Patryk Zygadlo

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.





#### 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.

#### 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https:// archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

#### THE PRIEST IS FULFILLING THE MINISTRY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

So many times we can resolve to not do this or that bad thing again. And then our weak nature and circumstances overcome us once again. When we go to Confession, the priest is in the place of Jesus - Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who has come to bring us safely back home again.

"So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came [before me] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10: 8-11)

Lost Sheep

We are lost in the dark world, We are without guile and trickery to outwit the wolves, We are conned easily, We are lured with kindness. We are lulled by evil hymns, We cannot hear the truth from the learned good – Who are groomed with clothes pressed – It seems our ignorance made us food for wild animals, An evil god would let us be eaten, But Your eyes narrow, Your feet walk in deep, strong, strides, The evil flees at the breeze of Your cloak You scoop us in Your arms, Penetrate a pitiful reproach with a kiss – Now why did you do that for? Our tears and shivers tell You we don't know – we wish we hadn't -You instantly forgive, Carry us to safety.

> Your concerned eyes makes us sorry, We bury our face in Your coat -



"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way."

-St. Jerome

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am—you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil."

- St. Agatha

CCC1465 When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner.

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@sjs-sw.org

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 Knights of anyone you know in the parish need assistance, please call Steve Solimene at 860-967-2968. Columbus 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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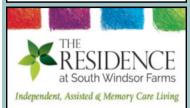
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