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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live Streamed at www.saintjuniperoserra.org

JANUARY 9, 2022

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday-8:00 am Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm Monday after 8:00am Daily Mass Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

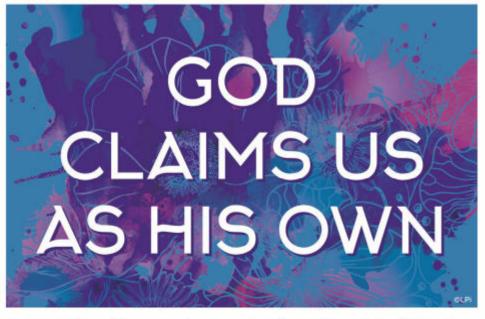
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremenoously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the ourpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death.



the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds. and stewards are just a few of the wonderful d'fts babtism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core. Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what

baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim. us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass \$2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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 thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

Pastoral Staff

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Parish Office: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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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, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound: Your parish priests, 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.

Winter Snow Policy: Please check our website or Facebook page for possible cancellation. Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc



SATURDAY VIGIL, January 8

4:00 p.m. Christopher Yustinich by Family
SUNDAY, January 9
Baptism of The Lord
7:30 a.m. Denis Giroux by Family
9:00 a.m. Reynold Tardif by Mary Bey
11:00 a.m. Sebastiano & Maria Milluzzo, Sister Luigina Milluzzo & Rosanna Neri by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

MONDAY, January 10

8:00 a.m. Laurette Billig by Daughter, Carol Billig & Family TUESDAY, January 11
8:00 a.m. Dianne Robitaille by Friend
WEDNESDAY, January 12
8:00 a.m. Michael J. Troiano, Jr. - Birthday Remembrance by Children

THURSDAY, January 13 8:00 a.m. John Fidler & John Fidler, II by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 15 4:00 p.m. Carole Snyder by Billy, Janette, Matthew, Josephine & Christina

SUNDAY, January 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Louise Magaldi by Chris & Jim Lewis 9:00 a.m. Claude Brochu by Brochu Family 11:00 a.m. Lincoln Streeter by Scabich Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

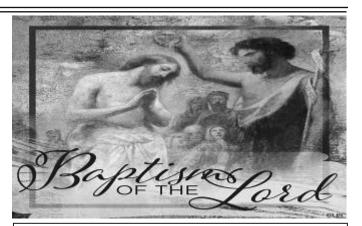
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ALBERT C. ANIELLO If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.



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, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, 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, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

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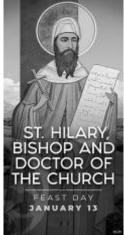


STEWARDSHIP Total Offertory including Online Giving: 12/26/2021 Weekly Collection \$9,091.50 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Hilary of Poitiers Bishop and Doctor of the Church January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making

his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians. St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circui-



tous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS, a program supported by the Knights of Columbus at St. Junipero Serra Parish, is designed to support those in our community with help that they cannot otherwise provide for themselves. Some examples might include general yard cleanup, light tree and shrub trimming, correcting safety issues in the home or points of entry, or moving furniture or help in decluttering. If you or someone you know could use help of this kind, please contact the Knights at 860-648-0216; and select Option 3, or send us an email at <u>knightshelpingneighbors@yahoo.com</u>.

Nine Days for Life Novena



The Knights of Columbus of St. Junipero Serra Parish encourage you to participate in the Nine Days for Life Novena promoted by the US Council of Catholic Bishops, which takes place January 19-27, 2022. 9 Days for Life is a multi -faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life.

Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participation is from home at a time most convenient to you. Daily guidance and reflections are on the Novena website, which is <u>https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life</u>. There is no need to sign up for anything or provide any information – just click on the block for the day of the week you're on, and you get all the resources for that day on one web page. Please contact Steve Leslie at 860-644-3501 with any questions.

End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system or 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. Please contact Ginger at <u>ginger@southwindsor.cc</u> 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 Retreat "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist & Everyday Life" Join us for a FREE virtual Women's Retreat, Saturday, January 29, 9am-3pm - <u>via Zoom</u>



Explore with us Encountering Jesus, His true presence, in the Eucharist at Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & prayer, & in everyday life. Hear an engaging talk on the Eucharist, discussions of personal stories from women like you, plus prayer & song a retreat experience not to miss!

Organized by women from Our Lady

Queen of Peace parish. Space is limited so please register by January 24. To register, contact: Elizabeth at tiggpercy@hotmail.com

FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm Bingo starts at 7:00pm

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. **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Poinsettias that graced the sanctuaries this season will be given away **Only After** the 9:00a.m. Mass at SFA and the 11:00a.m. Mass at SMM on Sunday January 9.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH



Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study any-

thing, just come and see what it's all about. We start off the evening with The Divine Mercy Chaplet , Spiritual Rosary and finish the night sharing our Faith and discussing The Divine Mercy message. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

THE ONLY PREEREQUISITE IS A DESIRE TO KNOW GOD BETTER

Sunday 2 p.m., Jan. 23, 2022 - Chris Doucot, a pastor and pacifist, and his wife, Jackie Allen-Doucot, are co-founders of the Hartford Catholic Worker. It is a North Hartford social service organization that assists people who need food, clothing, shelter and other necessities. In addition to their local work, the couple does humanitarian work abroad. They've traveled oversees several times, including to Bosnia, Iraq - and twice to Afghanistan. Chris will speak about their travels and specifically about the way war affects civilians in foreign countries. The event is sponsored by the South Windsor Historical Society and the Wood Memorial Library. It will be held at the library, 783 Main St., South Windsor. Admission is \$5.

Any questions, please call John Mason at 860-614-7560

UNBOUND MINISTRY

Are you Feeling stuck? Do you feel bound, restless, anxious? Are you regretting past mistakes, sins, transgressions? Are you feeling angry, resentful, hopeless? The Un-



bound Ministry Team is offering a one day conference in the Diocese of Springfield on January 15th from 9:00am 5:00pm. It is a Freedom in Christ Conference where you will learn about the 5 keys and will be able to receive Unbound Prayer.

For more information, please visit

Mary's House of Prayer's website: <u>https://</u>

maryshousechicopee.org/newsevents/newsevents/ and if you plan on

attending, contact Donna Marotto at (860) 952-4005 or <u>marottodonna8@gmail.com</u>

The Best Place in the World



A man walked into the Church. He shuffled about with his feet. His hands fussed about his collar, searching or as a result of a hidden itch. He carried under his arms things that one could not help but wonder why he felt he needed to keep it all with him.

I observed him, and his face met mine and lit up in a

great big smile! *My name is Pat. What's yours*? he said in a child-like way, though he was maybe 60 years old. I told him my name was Maria and he shuffled away still smiling. I wondered about the differences in Pat. What might afflict him as he sat very near me in the back of the Church.

A few weeks later, I was walking into the church again and Pat jumped out of the passenger side of a car and waved happily at me in a way that was both joyful and contagious, like he had just spotted his best friend. He held the door out for me saying *Trials and Tribulations right?* And then he knowingly smiled and exclaimed, *But you and me Maria, are in the best place in the world*!

I marveled that he remembered my name and when I went to my pew in the back to kneel, Pat knelt not far away. I prayed, *Lord take care of Pat*. A few moments later Pat got up and began shuffling and fidgeting about again. I wondered what he searched for as he made his way to the front right of the church and knelt in a pew. I was still watching my new friend only to realize he had found **the better place at Jesus' feet in front of the Tabernacle**. I marveled at how Pat had found Jesus right away.

When Pat left Mass that day, he didn't forget his new friend in the back. He waved unabashedly in my direction and despite myself I waved just as enthusiastically back at him, and a happy child-like spirit filled my heart with Joy.

I saw Pat jump into the passenger side of a car that pulled up. I suspect that Pat never learned to drive. I marvel at the pure wisdom of his beautiful soul as I heard him again in my memory, *Trials and Tribulations, right? But you and me Maria, are in the best place in the world*!

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." – *Blessed Mother Teresa*

Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you- for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love. **Therese of Lisieux**

CCC526 To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God". Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange":

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant 860.644.2549/ faithformation@southwindsor.cc

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our Entrance Exam will take place on Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, please go to <u>https://www.echs.com/</u> <u>Visit ECHS</u>. Our Shadow Day program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to <u>https://</u> <u>www.echs.com/Visit ECHS</u> to begin the process of scheduling a visit. It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab. #WeAreEC!

SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 30th from 9:00am -11:00am

St. Bridget School offers our students a safe and disciplined environment steeped in Catholic tradition, and academic excellence. We



invite you to our open house on January 30th from 9:00am to 11:00 am. At our open house families will be able to tour our school and learn more about our exceptional programs. Our daily curriculum offers students a challenging academic schedule and participation in art, music, gym, Spanish and library. We also support a variety of sports and clubs.

Those unable to make our open house may call to schedule an individual tour. Visit our website, <u>www.saintbridget-school.com</u> or call our school office at (860) 649-7731 Ext 217 We look forward to meeting you!



Volunteer opportunities for the St. Vincent de Paul Society include helping with the monthly collection on the weekend of the 4th Sunday of the month, unless it is Thanksgiving, Christmas or

Easter, selling raffle tickets at Knights of Columbus Bingo on Friday nights 4:45 - 7 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall, sorting clothing on occasional Monday mornings, and pickup and delivery of kitchen items and used furniture in good condition on Saturday mornings on the truck. The St. Vincent de Paul Board meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, all are welcome to attend and see what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about. Currently we are meeting by conference call. If you would like more information about volunteering or attending a meeting please email <u>presi</u>dent@societyhelpline.org and if you have kitchen items or good used furniture to donate please post your donation at <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> If you need help or know of someone else who needs help, let us know by posting a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or by calling 860 648-0216.

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