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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

- Lk 4:18a

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

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JANUARY 23, 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

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is - the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word. God's life, to touch us and change us. It



can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. Cod doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sedness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the secred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

- Lk 4:18a, 19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 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

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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

Mass

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 22 4:00 p.m. Joyce & Paul Bey by Bey Family SUNDAY, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Lloyd Estey by Daughter, Lorrie Coelho 9:00 a.m. Richard Haberstroh by Joan & Garvin Boudle 11:00 a.m. Jane Helbig by Scabich Family

MONDAY, January 24

8:00 a.m. Lawrance & Antoinette Drank by Lisa Grivers TUESDAY, January 25
8:00 a.m. Laurette Billig by Kathy Sullivan
WEDNESDAY, January 26
8:00 a.m. George & Ida Pola by Family
THURSDAY, January 27
8:00 a.m. Matt Burns by Friend

SATURDAY VIGIL, January 29

4:00 p.m. William Bannon- 75th Birthday Remembrance by Family
SUNDAY, January 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family
9:00 a.m. Joseph F. Yacavone & Diane Yacavone by Dillman Yacavone Family

11:00 a.m. Áida Morales Velez by Liturgy Committee

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for JOHN FIDLER & JOHN FIDLER, II 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, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

St. Paul Conversion

Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other? Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Angli-



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

cans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, Unitatis Redintegratio, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is high-lighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org. ©LPi

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 1/16/2022 Weekly Collection \$10,625.71 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



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>knightshelping-</u> neighbors@yahoo.com. End of year contribution statements for parishioners who participate in our envelope system or online giving have been *automatically* sent via email or mail, if there was no email of record. If you did not receive a statement and would like to, please contact Ginger at ginger@southwindsor.cc or call the office at 860-644-2411 x101.



The Knights of Columbus and St. Junipero Serra Parish are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org. Any

questions call Kevin Paradis @ 860-212-9661.

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Junipero Serra Parish for their generosity in helping to feed others for the monthly food collection on Janu-



ary 22 and 23. Head Start and DCF families, Little Free Pantries in South Windsor all received food for their tables, as did our regular clients and Bristol Men's Shelter Emergency Pantry.



Volunteer opportunities for the St. Vincent de Paul Society include helping with the monthly collection on the weekend

of the 4th of the month, 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>president@societyhelpline.org</u> 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 <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> or by calling 860 648-0216.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH



Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, 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 25th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

THE ONLY PREEREQUISITE IS A DESIRE TO KNOW GOD BETTER

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend March 25-27, 2022 in Farmington, CT. The weekend healing process includes



discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at <u>mlaffin@prolifeministry.org</u>, or visit our website at <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>.

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

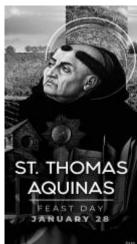
Higher payouts – play for \$25 – all games. Help support local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.



Leadership Team Needed ST. JUNIPERO SERRA-SUMMER BIBLE CAMP Leadership Team of 3 Individuals Needed to

lead and coordinate other adult and teen volunteers for the Summer Bible Camp of 2022 . *If interested please call or email or call the Faith Formation Office* <u>faithformation@southwindsor.cc</u> 860-644-2549 ext. 107 St. Francis Church Hall |July 11 – 15 9:00 am – 12 noon (for Children Ages 5 – 10) 5

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28



One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris

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and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

FOR HAITI

Did you know that you can put many of your old household items in the St. Vincent de Paul bins at SMM and they will be collected and sent to Haiti? These items do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition. For example:

Baseball caps

- Decks of cards, match cars, jump ropes Frisbees
- Embroidery floss and small sewing kits
- Hand lotions, shampoos and hand sanitizers (trial size from hotels)
- Flannel backed tablecloths (used for birthing pads)
- Jewelry, earrings and bracelets (given as reward in classes)
- Nail clippers
- Pillowcases (used to carry foods)
- Towels (even torn ones are cut up to make washcloths)
- Sheets (used to make diapers and baptismal dresses)
- Tackle boxes (used by midwives to carry supplies)
- Shower caps (used to cover foods), and
- Old suitcases <u>NO FABRIC SUITCASES (soft)</u> sent to Haiti packed, and after are used by people to hold their belongings.

Items may be placed in bags marked 'Haiti' for ease in sorting.

The Giving of Treasure

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

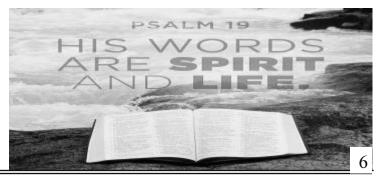
Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).



Xavier Open House Feb. 8: Xavier High School will have an Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Come see our fabulous campus as well as meet faculty, staff, and coaches. Our students are given the tools and resources to grow and take on whatever challenge is next. Academics. Athletics. Clubs. Activities. Faith. Friendship. This is what we're about. You can register at xavierhighschool.org. Click on Admissions and then Open House. Director of Enrollment Management Matthew McCaffrey can be reached at 860-346-7735 x743.





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