St. Junípero Serra Parish We are baptized to serve and celebrate

WWW.SAINTJUNIPEROSERRA.ORG | (860) 644-2411 MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9AM-3:00PM | FRIDAY: 9AM-12PM

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."

LUKE 6:21

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

FEBRUARY 13, 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.

St. Junípero Serra Parish BIBLE STUDY

This Lent we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew Chapters 17-28. The Lenten session will cover the second half of Matthew, including Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, his Crucifixion and Resurrection. Classes consist of recorded professional lectures, small group discussion, and independent reading at home during the week using a study guidebook. All are welcome, regardless of your Bible study experience.

Bible Study will start <u>Monday, March 7th</u> and meet weekly for 4 weeks until March 28th, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall.

To preregister call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933

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, channel 3 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

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SATURDAY VIGIL, February 12

4:00 p.m. Kristina Guay by Her Mother, Irene Guay SUNDAY, February 13 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. For the Blessings of Liesse Beloin by Dorothea Mikalauskas 9:00 a.m. Juliet Rodrigues by Family 11:00 a.m. Lucille Potamianos by Peg & Mark Longo MONDAY, February 14 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Minguy by Annamae Davis **TUESDAY**, February 15

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Lonczak by Bob & Joan Levintan WEDNESDAY, February 16 8:00 a.m. Samuel & Mary Bottaro by Family THURSDAY, February 17 8:00 a.m. Timothy Kennedy by Ginger Bilas

SATURDAY VIGIL, February 19 4:00 p.m. Carole Snyder by Billy, Janette, Matthew, Josephine & Christina SUNDAY, February 20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Anthony Melluzzo

by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo 9:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family 11:00 a.m. Stanley & Zofia Grivers by Family

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 in your prayers 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, Ginette Collin. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF **SCRIPTURE**

February 13, 2022 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or



even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it. ©LPi



Mark Your Calendar ! Join Us at the First Ever





INCREASE YOUR FAITH

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. No need to study anything, just come and Cenac



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, February 22nd 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

Leadership Team Needed ST. JUNIPERO SERRASUMMER 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)

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

STEWARDSHIP Total Offertory including Online Giving: 2/6/2022 Weekly Collection \$10,987.50 Monthly Collection: \$3,447.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



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.

The food collection for February will take place on the weekend of 2/26 and 2/27/2022. Bags will be given out at the Masses the weekend of 2/19 –



2/20/2020. This month our donations will go to Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, our regular clients and Sacred Heart Church in Hart-ford.

Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting?

Please email <u>president@societyhelpline.org</u>. Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u>

Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.



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.



Our Lady Queen of Peace (Hail Mary Full of Grace, pray for us, that we are able to do our part for peace in the world!) Oftentimes it's easy to see how others could do things differently to make a better world. And while it is important to vote for political leaders who will lead our nation to respect life, bring hope, and instill love, the first step to a better world comes from within us. Is there anyone that you need to forgive?

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Can it be, that you shined the sun, To light a path for me?

> My days were dark, The nights were cold, Peace and love, Had frozen to stone.

How can it be, A stream of light, Reached my heart, This dark, dark night?

A gentle glow, Of warmth and hope, Against the ice, And bitter cold.

A love so pure, So full of grace, Took my pain, With love replaced.

And kindled within, An icy heart, The will to love, The broken parts. Can it be, that you shined the sun, To light a path for me? Your darkest day, Your coldest night, Your death, Upon the Cross,

> Forgave my sins, Shone the way, To love, to be, To live.

The Lamb of God, Shone the Son, And taught me, To forgive.



"No one heals himself by wounding another" - Saint Ambrose

I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serves toward the peace of our divided Mexico.

--Saint Cristobal just before his executioners fired

V. "AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US"

CCC2838 This petition is astonishing. If it consisted only of the first phrase, "And forgive us our trespasses," it might have been included, implicitly, in the first three petitions of the Lord's Prayer, since Christ's sacrifice is "that sins may be forgiven." But, according to the second phrase, our petition will not be heard unless we have first met a strict requirement. Our petition looks to the future, but our response must come first, for the two parts are joined by the single word "as."

And forgive us our trespasses . . .

CCC2839 With bold confidence, we began praying to our Father. In begging him that his name be hallowed, we were in fact asking him that we ourselves might be always made more holy. But though we are clothed with the baptismal garment, we do not cease to sin, to turn away from God. Now, in this new petition, we return to him like the prodigal son and, like the tax collector, recognize that we are sinners before him.133 Our petition begins with a "confession" of our wretchedness and his mercy. Our hope is firm because, in his Son, "we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."134 We find the efficacious and undoubted sign of his forgiveness in the sacraments of his Church.135

CCC2840 Now - and this is daunting - this outpouring of mercy cannot penetrate our hearts as long as we have not forgiven those who have trespassed against us. Love, like the Body of Christ, is indivisible; we cannot love the God we cannot see if we do not love the brother or sister we do see.136 In refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace.

2841 This petition is so important that it is the only one to which the Lord returns and which he develops explicitly in the Sermon on the Mount.137 This crucial requirement of the covenant mystery is impossible for man. But "with God all things are possible." ... as we forgive those who trespass against us

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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 re-



treat 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>.



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