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The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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

APRIL 17, 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.

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

"Alleluia!" Christ is Risen! "Alleluia!" With these simple words we proclaim to all the world that death does not have the final word. With these simple words we proclaim our belief in the promise of Jesus Christ that everyone who lives and believes in Him will have eternal life.

Jesus came to deliver this message of hope. It is a message of his self-sacrificing love for us that even conquers death. It is a message that is received and welcomed by some, and rejected by others until the end of time.

Easter is a day of triumph, of great joy and hope, even though we continue to witness the horrific effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the tragedy being inflicted on so many innocent people of all ages, not to mention the many sorrows and sins that are still part of life in this world. But none of these things will ever have the last word. Easter is the definitive message that God has the last word that life will triumph over death, that sorrow and anguish will inevitably give way vindication and joy!

We possess an unshakeable hope because of Jesus Christ. During this Easter Season, as we celebrate the glory of His death and resurrection, let us remember that it offers us hope, and it gives us comfort. It is in response to divine love that we rejoice as brothers and sisters today, no longer scattered and divided by sin, but united as one Body in Christ. As together we renew our baptismal promises and receive the Holy Eucharist, we become living signs of the redemption of the world, as one Body we proclaim the Easter Gospel for the salvation of the world.

Today and every day people across our Archdiocese give of their time, talent and treasure to help others and bring them hope. This gift of self is evident within our Church and throughout the wider community. Thank you for all that you do to build up God's Kingdom.

> As we celebrate Easter you are in my prayers, and I ask God's choicest blessings upon you and your loved ones. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford

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



SATURDAY VIGIL, April 16 | HOLY SATURDAY

NO Mass at 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Vigil of Easter - SMM St. Junipero Serra Parish Families

SUNDAY, April 17 |EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURECCTION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SFA 9:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SFA 11:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SMM

MONDAY, April 18 8:00 a.m. Bill Dunn & Deceased Members of the Dunn Family by Annamae TUESDAY, April 19 8:00 a.m. Stephen Sager by Jeanne & Tom WEDNESDAY, April 20 8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

THURSDAY, April 21 8:00 am Eileen Papushek by Francis & Eileen Flannery

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 23 4:00 p.m. Barbara Gillin by Mary Bey

SUNDAY, April 24 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. Loren & Margaret Andreo by Family 9:00 a.m. Edwin Castro 11:00 a.m. Theresa Theriault by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ANDREW FULOP St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for BARBARA GILLIN 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.

There will be <u>NO evening confession</u> on Monday, April 18.





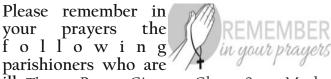
Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to where white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed! ©LPi



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 Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Hendrickson, 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, Laurie Gilligan, Joan Paterna. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH



Dear Parishioners,

Easter is synonymous of new life for all of us who have decided to leave the old self behind. It is necessary to let our defects, our mistakes and imperfections die on the cross of Christ. Easter means freedom, Easter means life, a new life. If our chains die on the cross, on Easter we live the fullness of freedom as a result of sacrifice.

Jesus is passing through our lives right now, bringing us his light and his peace, and he wants us to give him our slave chains, he has already taken his Easter (step) and is inviting us to live OUR PERSONAL EASTER. May Christ enlighten our hearts and families with the new light of his resurrection.

Happy Easter! Jorge E. Castro

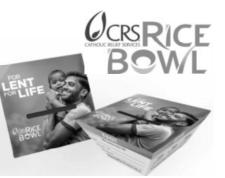


The April food collection will take place the weekend of 4/23 & 4/24. Grocery bags will be given out at all Masses Easter weekend, 4/16 & 4/17. With your help St. Vincent de Paul Society will be able to assist Head Start

families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, our regular clients and Bristol Men's Shelter.

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 <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> or call 860 648-0216.

EASTER SUNDAY HAPPY EASTER! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in

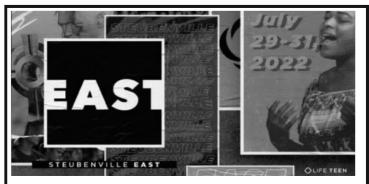


our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl, next weekend 4/23, 24. There will be boxes in the vestibule of both churches or you can donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. The SJS Women's Club will meet this month on Thursday, April 21st at St. Francis of Assisi Church hall at 6:30 for social time and 7 pm



meeting. We will begin to assemble items for the Raffle baskets we will make for the May fundraiser for the Scholarship fund. If you have an item you can donate for a theme basket please bring it. Our May meeting will be our Annual Baby Shower collection. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Paulann at 860-291-9960.



Calling all High School Teens, Incoming Freshmen to Graduated Seniors! Join the ST. JUNIPERO SERRA Group to STEUBENVILLE EAST for a weekend of entertainment and prayer at the MassMutual Center in July 29-31, 2022 ; Springfield, MA.

E-mail Emily Golec; youthministersjs@gmail.com or faithformation@southwindsor.cc or call the office 860.644.2549

PREPARE FOR AND CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APRIL 24, 2022

All are invited to St. Francis Church to pray the Novena and Chaplet this Easter Season. The 9 day Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet begins on <u>Good Friday, April 15, 2022 and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022</u> at 3pm with adoration, chaplet and benediction.

The day/time for reciting the 9 day Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are as follows: Good Friday, April 15 at 7 PM | Holy Saturday, April 16 at 3 PM, Easter Sunday, April 17 at 7 PM |



Monday, April 18 at 6 PM , Tuesday, April 19 at 7PM | Wednesday, April 20 at 7 PM Thursday, April 21 at 7 PM | Friday, April 22 at 6 PM, Saturday, April 23 at 3 PM | Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24 at 3pm

For more information contact: Jozef Chilicki 860-794-0255, Paul Beltramello 860-644-8092, Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745 or Joe Alubicki 860-989-8423.

Faith

I read the other day that Saint Rose of Lima was very timid



and afraid of the dark. She saw one day, her mother who was also afraid of the dark, gain confidence when she walked in the dark with her husband. Saint Rose never feared the dark again, remem-

bering and believing that she walked with Jesus always and so she did not need to fear the dark as if she walked alone. This is the confidence and faith of Easter! To believe that Jesus has risen from the dead and conquered evil and death. The stone was rolled away. He has shown us his hands and his side. **"My Lord and my God!"** we say with St. Thomas. With Saint Rose of Lima, we walk now, in confidence in the dark, believing in His promise.

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-27

We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!" We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the "fundamental duty of love of neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of Joy." We realize that joy is demanding; it demands unselfishness; it demands a readiness to say with Mary: "Be it done unto me according to thy word."

Saint Pope John Paul II

We must pray for the gift of Faith, for the power to go on believing not in the teeth of reason but in the teeth of lust and terror and jealousy and boredom and indifference that which reason, authority, or experience, or all three, have once delivered to us for truth.

C.S. Lewis

It is only through shadows that one comes to know the light. **St. Catherine of Siena**

CCC638 "We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus." 489 **The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith** in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

CCC651 "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."521 The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification if Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other



weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live. ©LPi





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