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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:28-29

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

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APRIL 24, 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

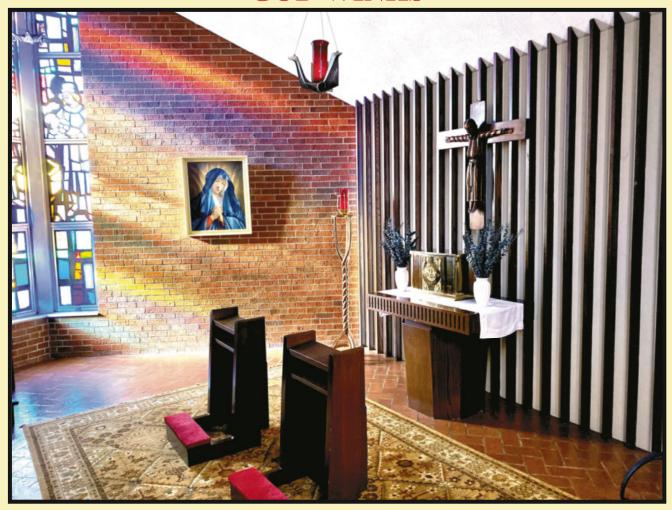
Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

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.

GOD WINKS



God speaks to us in a myriad of different ways, but most clearly when we are before Him in the Blessed Sacrament. One such time was sent to me by a parishioner and took place in the Chapel right here at Saint Margaret Mary. May it be an invitation to each one of you, to visit Jesus at our Parish Chapel.

One encounter I had was in our very own little chapel. I often stop there to pray for a few moments. This one time I went up specifically to thank God for a particular situation in which I felt he must have intervened to help me. I had not been aware of a serious problem and there was no way I would have ever known about it until it was too late, except for a freak communication that put me onto it. So I was amazed and grateful. The amazement, which I was expressing to God went something like, "With the billions of people in the world, how can you possibly know about everything that is happening with each and everyone of us?" At that moment, the entire chapel became bathed in bands of light. There were thick emerald green bands alternating with thinner gold bands. I can't say how long it remained that way, probably just a moment or two. But it seemed to me that God was saying "It is because I am in everything and I am everywhere, always." It astonished me and I felt Heaven certainly mustn't be boring - that just being in His presence must be continually overwhelming and beautiful!

I've been in the chapel many, many times since, in various times of the day and in various seasons. I've studied the placement of those colors in the stained glass. I've never seen anything remotely close to that kind of display, although even if it might have been a natural occurrence, I feel it certainly could still have been orchestrated by God.

I feel so very, very, very humbled that He would communicate to me in that way.

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, 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

MONDAY, April 25

8:00 a.m. Clare Murphy by Annamae Davis

TUESDAY, April 26

8:00 a.m. Edward Szoka-34th Anniversary

by Roy Szoka Family

WEDNESDAY, April 27 8:00 a.m. Raymond Zagorski by Family

THURSDAY, April 28

8:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 30

4:00 p.m. Paul Valacer by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, May 1 | Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Joseph & Mary Mecca

by Children & Grandchildren

9:00 a.m. Daniel Jones by Family

11:00 a.m. Mary Janicke by Linda & Phil Smith

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 LAURETTE & RAYMOND BILLIG

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 in your prayers parishioners who 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, Ginette Collin, Laurie Gilligan, Joan Paterna. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.



Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." ©LPi

The Knights of Columbus and St. Junipero Serra Parish are sponsoring a Blood Drive on



Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 from 11:00a.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.



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families

who have made a gift or pledge to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH



Dear Parishioners,

This was truly a great Holy Week that all of us have celebrated as a parish community and family in Christ. Everything was possible thanks to the love, dedication and service of many of you. I thank God for your devotion and your faith. I am very grateful for all our ministries that participated in all the liturgical celebrations such as our choir, extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist, readers, altar servers, the ministry of the liturgy, ushers, Deacons and all those who in one way or another dedicated time and love during our holy celebrations.

May the risen Lord bless you abundantly, reward you for your effort and dedication, and may he always keep you under his protection.

In Christ, Fr. Jorge Castro



Thank you to the parishioners of St. Junipero Serra Parish for your generous donations to the

April food collection! With your help St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to assist Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, local families we support, and Bristol Men's Shelter.

Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please email president@societyhelpline.org. Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 4/10/2022 Weekly Collection \$12,415.00 Monthly Collection \$3,548.00 4/17/2022 Weekly Collection \$14,722.50 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



THANK YOU Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU!

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.





Join us to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Includes:

*Chaplet, Adoration & Benediction.
All are welcome!

The response to the request for supplies for Easter baskets was exceedingly generous which allowed for many baskets to be distributed. A huge thank you to our parishioners, the Men's club, the Women's club and the members of



the Confirmation class who provided toys, candy and gift cards for the Easter baskets for all the residents of the East Hartford Family shelter, other families in need as well the St. Rose food pantry.



We have received an invitation to the St Junipero Serra Parish community to come join the Wapping Community Church as they Host PEACE THROUGH PIE (P.I.E) on Sunday, May 1st from 2-4 PM, at the Wapping Community Church. This is a new event which they

hope will become an annual community P.I.E. event. Taking a lead from the Peace Through Pie Organization (https://www.peacethroughpie.org) started in 1995 the goal is to promote a sense of community and encourage all of South Windsor to come together in a positive way as demonstrated by the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King.

They hope to encourage listening to understand each other; to reinforce that we all want the best for all who live here. To build each other up; and that the best way to do that is to be open to the richness of the diversity of our community for that is when we are at our best.

It is simply a community "get together"... there is no big agenda, no heavy topics of discussion...just an opportunity to be together and get to know each other better.

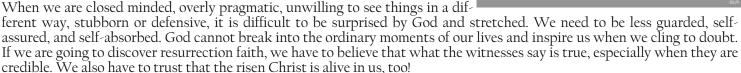
Please plan to join us on May 1, 2022 in the church parking lot/community room from 2-4PM. Pies will be provided, but if you would like to help in any capacity, contact Donna Williams: mfwill@cox.net.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word.



While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©LPi



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

Schedule for DAY OF EDUCATION

For Parish Pro-Life Representatives and Advocates for Life

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

at The Franciscan Life Center, Note change of Location San Damiano Room, 275 Finch Avenue Meriden, Connecticut 06451

to <u>RSVP</u> & for more information, please contact Respect Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford 203-639-0833/203-213-5079 sistersuzanne@prolifeministry.org

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