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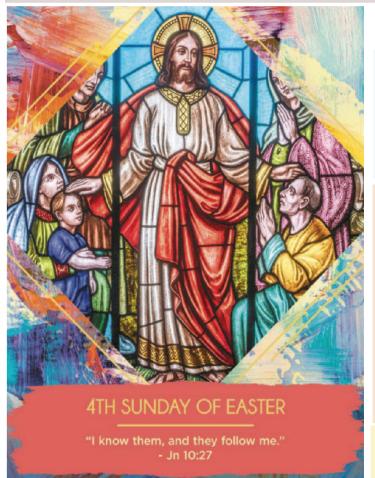
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I would like to wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have done for us. May God's blessings be on you, Today and every day! Fr. Castro

# 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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> or by contacting the office.

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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, May 7

4:00 p.m. Agnes Griffin by Mary Bey

SUNDAY, May 8 | Fourth Sunday of Easter 7:30 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families 9:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families 11:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families

MONDAY, May 9

8:00 a.m. Marisa Vildozola-3rd Anniversary by Mother

TUESDÁY, May 10

8:00 a.m. Roger Trudeau by His Wife

WEDNESDAY, May 11

8:00 a.m. Andre Veilleux by Wife, Nancy & Son, Alex

THURSDAY, May 12

8:00 a.m. Anthony Mozzicato by Family

#### SATURDAY VIGIL, May 14

4:00 p.m. Carole Snyder

by Billy, Janette, Matthew, Josephine & Christina

SUNDAY, May 15 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Peter Blume by Joanne Lukas & Family 9:00 a.m. Matthew Marianella by Family 11:00 a.m. John Fidler & John Fidler, II by Family

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for DAN & CLARE STEFKO

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for MRS. ALPHONSINE JACQUES & ALL DECEASED MOTHERS OF THE JACQUES FAMILY
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 following prayers the who are 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, Linda Nott. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love-mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life-that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us *pray for each of them:* 

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.

#### **INCREASE YOUR FAITH**

Come to our Cenacle which meets every other

Divine Mercy Cenacle 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, May 17th 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** 



#### Father Sherer Annual Award



Father Carl Sherer was the pastor of St Francis of Assisi Church South Windsor from 1977-1989.

While he was pastor, he made the "Catholic"

presence better known in the town of South Windsor. He also brought the parish into a time of involvement in Catholic Social teachings through Interfaith dialogue, and social outreach to the local poor.

Father Sherer strengthened and encouraged the development of spirituality and leadership among the parishioners through Renew and Small Christian Com-

Upon his departure to a new assignment, a group of faithful parishioners approached the new pastor, Fr John Rohan, with a desire and the funds to establish a scholarship, as a way to honor Father Sherer.

Fr. Rohan approved it, and thus the Father Sherer Annual Award came to be available to parishioners seeking to better themselves through higher education.

Although applicants had to submit an application, letters of support, and show financial need, the main focus was: how have you served your parish community?

This question remains a major part of selecting the recipient of the award to this day.

We invite all seniors graduating from high school and who have been dedicated in serving their parish community by participating in service, to apply for this scholarship for their future education.

Contact our office at 860-644-2411 ext 101 to get the application.

Confirmation 2 Class made Blessing Bags for the homeless at their last class of the year! Please keep them in prayer as they prepare to make their Confirmation on May 22nd!



Our Parish is holding a Baby and Older Siblings shower the weekends of May 14 and 15, May 21 and 22.



Gifts for a new baby such as clothing, blankets, diapers, and clothing for older siblings ranging from 6 months size to size 10 such as t shirts, pants, shorts, socks, sweatshirts will be appreciated. Gifts will be used for the East Hartford Family shelter and the Village for Children and Families. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

The food collection for May will take place the weekend of 5/21 and 5/22. Grocery bags will be distributed the weekend of 5/14 and 5/15. With your help St. Vincent de



Paul Society will assist Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, local families we support and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford.

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 assistance on request for our site www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.

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of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul Society right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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.

#### A Mother's Love

She saved our memories,
In her loving heart,
As she wrapped them in small packages,
With smiling bows,
A special love only a Mother knows.
She collected everything,
Our hearts could dream,
Put them away neatly and clean,
She sealed them up tight,
In a special place,
Then gave us a hug,

And we went on our way.
And when we had forgotten
Our young dreams of our hearts,
We found all of our trinkets,
And buttons, and cards,
Tied up in simple ribbons and bows,
To remind us of all
We will ever need to know.
Of family, and love,
and dreams, and prayer,
That the heart of Mother, holds forever.



It is hard to think of just the perfect way to describe a Mother. Her role is bigger than words, and her impact radiates even past her own lifetime. Echoes of her ways and the things that she said, radiate to each of her children in their ways and in their words.

Growing up my mother was known for often saying to us kids, *I know you like a book!* English not being her first language, her sayings were sometimes broken to the outside world. But we knew that to mean that I know your entire story. I know the beginning, the middle, and the end. If we had just said something that was less than true, it meant she knew. If we didn't think we could do something well, and she wanted us to try, it meant she knew we could succeed. But more than anything, it meant that we belonged to her. That the book was both of our lives together - and she knew us like a favorite book, the one you read over and over and memorized the lines. Jesus knew the dearest gift he had to give us while dying on the cross was the gift of His mother, to be our mother.

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:25-27)

She is not just a figurative mother. She is our very real and loving mother in heaven. When she looks down at her children here on earth, I cannot help but think of her saying that she knows each one of us *like a book*. She knows each of our entire stories. She knows the beginning, the middle, and the end. But more than anything, it means that we belong to her.

Holy Mary, *Mother of God and our Mother*, Pray for us, now and at the hour of our death Amen. *Happy Mother's Day, Blessed Mother!*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"Look at the mothers who truly love their children: how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy, and strong."

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

"A woman by her very nature is maternal – for every woman, whether married or unmarried, is called upon to be a biological, psychological, or spiritual mother — she knows intuitively that to give, to nurture, to care for others, to suffer with and for them — for maternity implies suffering — is infinitely more valuable in God's sight than to conquer nations and fly to the moon."

Alice von Hildebrand:

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

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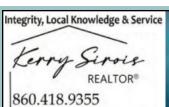
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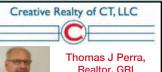
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