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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road

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ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road

South Windsor, CT 06074 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &

Thursday

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

(except Holy Days & Holidays)

AUGUST 31, 2025

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

Please join us welcoming

Rev. Edward Przygocki, our new administrator

and Rev. Martin Rooney to our parish, beginning September 3rd, 2025.

May God bless their leadership and strengthen them as they begin this

and Kev. Martin Kooney to our parish, beginning September 314, 2025.

May God bless their leadership and strengthen them as they begin this new journey in our community. Let us keep them in our prayers.



FATHER EDWARD JOSEPH PRZYGOCKI, M.S.A

"A Priest to announce God's Glory"

Rev. Edward J. Przygocki, is a member of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles, (a member of the Franciscan Family) since 1977. He is a 1972 graduate of St. Paul Catholic High, Bristol and continued his studies in Rome, Italy; Cromwell, CT; in Washington, DC., and Bogota, Colombia.

Father Ed was ordained to the Priesthood on October 1, 1981, the feast of St. Therese, by Bishop Peter Rosazza in his home parish of St. Stanislaus Church, Bristol, CT, and celebrated his first Mass on the feast of St. Francis, October 4, 1981.

Father has a missionary history of serving in Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Japan and Canada, and has traveled many times to Vietnam and Indonesia where he assisted in the foundation of his religious community. He assists with many centers to help Blind persons in South America.

Father Ed has been in service to the Archdiocese of Hartford as chaplain of St. Raphael Hospital in New Haven, teacher at St. Paul High School; assistant at St. Casimir Church in Terryville and as administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville and served in many churches in the area. He also enjoyed assignments in Cape Coral and Ft. Myers, Florida.

Father is very enthusiastic to be our shepherd for us here at St. Junipero and asks for our prayers for his new adventure ahead.

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. Our website at www.saintjuniperoserra.org or by contacting the office.

The churches are open for private devotions:

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday & Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm

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, Joan: 860-402-3105 **Weddings:** At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call the office.

Ministry to Homebound: Your parish priest, 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.

Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday, one week before publication.

Email your submissions to: bulletin@sjs-sw.org

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216



SATURDAY VIGIL, August 30

4:00 p.m. Muriel & Neil Soucy by Their Son, Warren SUNDAY, August 31

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Constance Sue Thompson

by Forest & Suzanne Berwick

11:00 a.m. Carlo & Tullia Casalini by Their Children & Grandchildren/

Rocco Conaci by Family

MONDAY, September 1

8:00 a.m. Grace Skora & Dorothy Skora

by Phillip & Leslie Skora

TUESDAY, September 2

8:00 a.m. Catherine Montville by Mary & Steve Leslie

WEDNESDAY, September 3

8:00 a.m. Michael & Stella Barone by Family

THURSDAY, September 4

8:00 a.m. Patricia Sullivan Keegan by Her Sister

SATURDAY VIGIL, September 6

4:00 p.m. Ed Argo by Edith Argo

SUNDAY, September 7

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Ronald Kronenwetter by Donna

Kronenwetter & Family/

Don Tuleja, 1st Anniversary by His Mother, Elizabeth

11:00 a.m. Mary Waxenberg by Teresa Mazza/ Margaret (Peggy) Fisher by Annamae Davis

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for LIONEL & MARGARET SOUCY

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.

Join us to pray the Rosary Monday - Thursday after the 8:00 am morning Mass



Our office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

There will be <u>NO</u> Confessions Adoration & Holy Hour on Monday, September 1st.

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, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, 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, Ron Krug, Roy & Cheryl Hauck, Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West, Sophie Muzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro, Shelia Brown, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky Vecchiolla, Atlas, Jane Mahoney, Thomas Rippchen, Tim Appleton, Janice Favreau, Alex Coriaty, Robert Donofrio, Sylvia Jezouit. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE August 31, 2025 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those



seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

FALL 2025 BIBLE STUDY Women in the Old Testament



Join us as we study Women in the Old Testament, Part One. This study will take us on a journey through Israel's beginnings, Israel's captivity and freedom, and Israel's tribal period from the perspective of the earliest women of salvation history, such as Sarah, Deborah, Ruth, Rebekah, Miriam, Leah and

more. In the Spring we will study Women in the Old Testament, Part Two, where we will explore additional stories of women such as Eve, Bathsheba, Judith, Esther and more. This study will take us on a journey through many of the Old Testament books.

Bible study will take place in the St Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:15 until 8:30 pm on 6 consecutive Monday nights starting September 22 through October 27. This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback textbook with the Bible readings, commentary and study questions. There will be a professional online video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register, or if you have any questions about the study.



Our church choir will be start-JOINTHE ing again soon! Anyone interested in joining either the Sunday choir or Christmas choir is encouraged to talk to Bobby after Mass or send him an email

at robert.dolan@uconn.edu. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 8/24/2025 Weekly Collection \$10,203.00 Parish Maintenance Fund \$5,366.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

Emergency Second Collection for Gaza September 13th & 14th

There will be a special second collection the weekend of September 13 & 14 to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. Please be generous & support this collection.



Immacare Homeless Shelter ImmaCare Inc. Meal Preparation – September 8th, 2025 - needs list can be found on the parish Facebook page the week before meal preparation begins. Donations



to get supplies for the preparation, for the 75-80 men in the shelter would be greatly appreciated also. If you prefer to make a donation, please make sure to make checks out to St. Junipero Serra and clearly note on an envelope that it is for the shelter meal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support, Charlie & Maryellen

Brennan.

SIS Women's Club: Our first meeting of the year

will be held on Thursday 9/11 at St Francis of Assisi Hall at 6:30pm. All 🐠 women of the Parish are welcome to join the women's Club. Annual SJS Women's Club



Dues are \$10 for those women under 80 years and will be collected at the September and October meeting. The women's club helps the Parish with many events and sponsors several programs a year. It is a wonderful way to meet other women of the Parish while helping the community in many ways throughout the year. Come check out our meeting.

For more information contact Paulann 860 - 291 - 9960

St. Junipero Serra Golf Tournament September 6th – EH Golf Club – 8am DONĀTE OR SIGN-UP TODAY - ONLINE







Rev. E. G. Rosenberger Council 5779, South Windsor CT

Please come to "Millions of Monicas" prayer group in our parish. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer and through the intercession of St. Monica. We will pray that our young family members, children and grandchildren will be drawn back to the Catholic Faith and will enjoy the richness of the Church. St. Margaret Mary Church at 3:00 pm every Friday for 40 minutes. All

are welcome!!



MONICA

THE NOONDAY DEVIL - ACEDIA

It is said that holy monks would retreat into the desert to pray and fast and find God. Here in the desert at around noon where the sun would beat down hot, and the day would still seem long, temptations would strike. Subtle temptations would whisper, *Why are you doing this anyways? Why should it matter if you pray and fast and sacrifice? You are not that holy. Look how nothing you ever do, comes to good.* This time of day, with its depressive whispers was then named the noonday devil, also known as Acedia.

But even for us today, who have not retreated to the desert, we can find ourselves in the noontime of life. Where we have been converted and have habits of prayer and fasting, and yet maybe we don't feel what we used to. Maybe it is difficult to find God and we feel a spiritual laziness. Maybe we even feel a little depressed. The saints say, don't stop! Keep praying. Keep on the road. God is very near to you. Perhaps he is nearer than he has ever been!



The mountain seems even larger the second time –
All I can see is the dull gray stone –
My heart does not beat in rhythms of adventure –
My feet do not shake or quiver or feel the urge to roam –

I imagine as I remember from each curve and bend – Footholds of ascent and winged guides and new friends – now just old ones... –

I sense and dwell on the gnat that buzzes about, and the humidity in the air – the languish of my bones – lack of any care.

Doubting in this ascent that there could be anything new –
Dreading the pebbled path wondering of You, without deep sorrow –
Forgiveness under my belt –
wishing almost of that past sinful self –
Just to hear Your still small voice.

There are very few songs about the second climb – Maybe because the rhythm would sound more like, wind chimes on the porch and rocking chairs-adventure now a memory – changed yet still not arriving – but at the base of gray rock again.

Wondering if anyone knows to look for me among the lost sheep.

I wear the tag on my ear –

standing still within the fence, but looking over there... –

remembering the sheep I called home

with eager praise and worship –

How can they be looking for me when I graze in green fields?

But last night when I prayed behind closed doors – He came and placed me at the base of a dull gray mountain -I had already climbed, and He said to me, -AGAIN!-

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-3

It is proved by experience that a fit of acedia should not be evaded by running away from it, but overcome by resisting it. -St. John Cassian

"I would not want any other prayer than that which makes the virtues grow in me. If it should be accompanied by great temptations, dryness, and trials leaving me with greater humility, I would consider it a good prayer. That prayer is the best prayer that pleases God the most."

-St. Teresa of Avila

"Never give up prayer... and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction".

-St. John of the Cross

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@sjs-sw.org

Thank you parishioners for your generosity! Thank you for your donations to the August food collection. We provided food to local families, DCF and Head Start families and the Bristol Men's Shelter.

If you know of anyone or any family that needs help with food, (we have a pantry), utilities, clothing, furniture or rent please let us know by, finding a member of St. Vincent de Paul at mass, emailing us at president@societyhelpline.org or post the need to our website www.societyhelpline.org

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury CT. Tickets are available online as well as this year's agenda and theme. The cost is \$45 with lunch included. For more information go to www.ctcatholicmen.org





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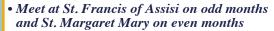
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