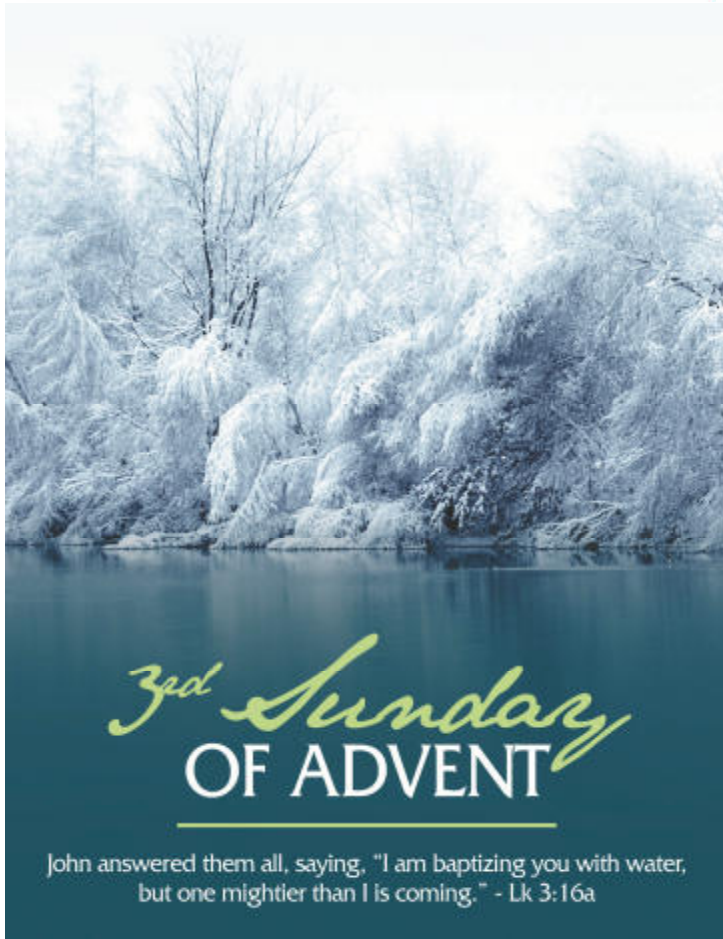


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BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month after or during the last Mass at St. Francis or St. Margaret Mary Church. Odd months are at St. Francis of Assisi and even months are at St. Margaret Mary. The second Sundays are after Mass and the fourth Sundays are during Mass. There are no baptisms during Lent. Please call the parish office to register.

PRAYER LINE: For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna, 860-985-3495, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

WEDDINGS: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call the office.

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.

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WELCOME TO THE SOUTH WINDSOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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 our Pastors **Father Dave and Fr. Carlos** after one of the Masses.



SATURDAY VIGIL, December 15 Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of The Grillo Family
by Family
5:00 p.m. Bo Kolinsky - 15th Anniversary
by Wife

SUNDAY, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. John Mele
by Lydia Mele
9:00 a.m. Hannah Patrie
by Porcello Family
10:30 a.m. Patricia A. Sandersen, Beatrice & Stanley Chaia
by Family
12:00 p.m. Tom Mazza
by Family

MONDAY, December 17 Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Muriel Parille
by Donald Parille

TUESDAY, December 18 Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. JoAnn Mecca
by Her Sister

WEDNESDAY, December 19 Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Maria & Malvina Casalini
by Their Nieces & Grandchildren

THURSDAY, December 20 Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Linda DeWan
by Family

FRIDAY, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

- 8:00 a.m. Silvio Iannuzzi, Jr.
by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 22 Anticipated Mass for Sunday

- 4:00 p.m. Rachela & Felice Lecce
by Ida Loening
5:00 p.m. Ralph Giansanti
by Lee Giansanti & Family

SUNDAY, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Henry Grecki
by Family
9:00 a.m. John & Mary Taylor
by Rosaleen and Ed Meyer & Family
10:30 a.m. Jincenzo & Michael Manzione
by Ricciardone
12:00 p.m. Julia Yadock
by Guzofski Family

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for HANNAH PETRIE

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for ROGER PELLETIER

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.

Church Hours



St. Francis of Assisi - Open

Monday through Friday- 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:00 am – 10:30 am



St. Margaret Mary - Open

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am – 1:30 pm

WINTER SNOW POLICY

On Weekdays when **SCHOOL IS CANCELED** or **DELAYED** there will be **NO MORNING MASS**

This Week

MONDAY, December 17

7:40 a.m. Rosary, SFA Church
8:00-10:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Sorting, SMM Church Hall

TUESDAY, December 18

7:40 a.m. Rosary, SFA Church
12:00noon-6:00 p.m. IMMACare Shelter Food Prep, SFA Church Hall
5:00-10:00 p.m. St. Margaret Mary Bingo, SMM Church Hall
7:00-9:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle, SMM Chapel

WEDNESDAY, December 19

7:40 a.m. Rosary, SFA Church
10:00 a.m. Sunday's Coming! - SMM Church Hall
6:00-7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, SFA Church
6:00-7:00 p.m. Confession, SMM Chapel

THURSDAY, December 20

7:40 a.m. Rosary, SFA Church
7:00– 8:00 p.m. Sunday's Coming! SFA Church Hall
7:30– 9:00 p.m. Festival Choir Rehearsal, SMM Church

FRIDAY, December 21

7:40 a.m. Rosary, SFA Church
5:00-10:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Bingo, SMM Church Hall

SATURDAY, December 22

SUNDAY, December 23

8:30- 9:00 a.m. Family Rosary, SFA Church
1:00- 1:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee Decorating the Churches- SMM, SFA
1:30- 2:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal, SMM Church
2:30- 4:00 p.m. Festival Choir Dress Rehearsal for Christmas, SMM Church
4:30- 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Christmas Rehearsal, SMM Church
6:00- 7:30 p.m. Youth Group, SFA Church Hall

New Phone Extensions for Our Parish Staff

For easier access and voicemail capabilities, you may reach the staff at the following extensions:

101 Front Office, Ginger Bilas

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106 Faith Formation & Director of Religious Education,
Mark Cerrato

182 Music Director, Michael Zappala

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1st Collection - \$11,840.08

2nd Collection (Monthly) - \$4,427.31

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, ST. MARGARET MARY



Dear Fellow Parishioners,
I'll begin with some tidbits:

1. Flower envelopes may be placed in the Collection basket at any time. There is no set time to collect them. A list of donors will be published after Christmas.
2. We will have Oplatek (traditional Christmas Wafers) available at the rectory this week. If you wish to make a donation, you may, but it is not necessary.
3. Matthew Kelly's book, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity", will be available on the weekend of December 29th-30th, one per family. They are my Christmas gift to you. (Yes, they are free for you.)
4. The Parish of St. Junipero Serra has contributed \$214,000 to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are the largest contributing parish!
5. Good Deeds for Straw. Don't forget to exchange your good deeds for straw, to be placed in your Christmas Crib.
6. Weekday Mass: If the town either closes schools or delays the start time for class, because of snow, Mass will be canceled. Finally, we are in the process of selling 7.4 acres of land at 673 Ellington Rd. I will have more details as soon as they are available.

Fr. Dave

P.S. Hope that your Advent is going well!

P.P.S. Did you know that the First Document of Vatican II, the Constitution on the Liturgy was promulgated, December 4, 1963, 55 years ago!

December 16th - Third Sunday of Advent

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinary well is a step toward welcoming Jesus. "Do what you are committed to do". If you have a commitment to become a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.



Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill

Thomas Russo, Dan & Family, John Flynn, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Vinni Abate, Barbara Mansini, Allen Tedford, Frances Cole, Claudette Chagnon, Tammy Cross, Sarah Marquis, Katherine Roxo. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

3rd Sunday of Advent



In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ.

Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

Pro-Life Thought of the Week

As we begin preparations for Christmas may we remember how John the Baptist leapt in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth, when Mary entered their house with Jesus in her womb.

Pro-Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford

Christmas Giving Tree

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the **Christmas Giving Tree** at **St. Margaret Mary Church** in support of the children of Sacred Heart Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Church and local children. Parishioners are asked to take a tag from the Giving Trees at the SMM church entrances and contribute an unwrapped gift during the Advent season. The gifts

should be left in the boxes under the Giving Trees and be dropped off **unwrapped** with the gift tag attached. Gifts can be dropped off at the church through Christmas Day.

The Vincent de Paul truck will be available for the monthly food collection the weekend of December 22 & 23. Anyone interested in helping collect, sort and repack grocery bags for people in need can join in to help at the truck.



Saint Junipero Serra Parish Christmas Schedule

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24, 2018

Vigils: 4:00 p.m. in church Proper and in Church Hall

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary Church

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24, 2018

Vigils: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2018 Digital Advent Community Scrapbook

We need your help to build our *Digital Advent Scrapbook* this year! Below are themes for each week leading up to Christmas. We'd love for you to share your pictures related to each theme starting now. Simply tag pictures you post on facebook and/or instagram to the hashtags (#...) listed for each theme. You can also upload your pictures at www.saintjuniperoserra.org by clicking on the Calendar tab and scrolling to the Advent 2018 page.

GOD'S MERCY, OUR MERCY and SERVICE TO OTHERS

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3RD Sunday & Week of Advent 12/16 thru 12/22

How ready are we to welcome Jesus? How can we prepare for Jesus?

SALVATION THROUGH JESUS' BIRTH; WE, LIKE MARY, ARE CALLED TO SERVE #sjsadventsalvation

4TH Sunday of Advent 12/23

God redeems us through his Son, Jesus. We focus on the Virgin Mary's openness to the Holy Spirit's action in her life. Are we open to the Holy Spirit's action in ours?

TUESDAY BINGO Grab your friends and family and join us for Bingo every Tuesday in St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Kitchen opens at 5:00pm for dinner. Games begin at 7:00pm. Packages start at \$10. Over \$2000 in cash prizes given away every week. Be ready to yell **BINGO**, win cash and support church programs. You'll be sure to have a good time! *Volunteering Opportunities Available*



K OF C FRIDAY KNIGHTS

BINGO Help support local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS"

Bingo. Catholic men from our two South Windsor parishes comprise Council 5779 of the Knights of Columbus. We host this event every Friday at St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall and invite you to join us. Enjoy some great food at a great price from 5:00-7:00pm and then test your luck by playing bingo. MEAL DEAL: Beef Stew with a dinner roll SIDES: Potato Salad, Garden Salad or Carrot slaw DESSERT: Bread Pudding with Whipped Cream

"Hope for the Holidays"

Information Packet for the Bereaved

The Bereavement Care Ministry will provide "Hope for the Holidays" information packets for the bereaved of our parish to help them cope with the loss of their loved ones and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Please feel free to take one of these special packets from a basket in the vestibules of either church. A heartfelt season of peace, love and healing is wished for you all from our compassionate ministry.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Trust that God wants great things for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Thank You for your Support!!

Dear Fr. Dave and The Parishioners,

On behalf of the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I extend my sincere gratitude to you and your parishioners for the contribution of \$3,349.25 to the 41st Annual HOPES Collection. As a parish community, you have generously supported our schools' efforts to create a culture of faith and academic excellence, contributing to the evangelization of young students as they prepare for leadership and service as future faith-filled parishioners.

The HOPES Collection has significantly benefited Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. HOPES Grants support the funding of safe Catholic school environments, the expansion of educational resources to enhance technology, and the creative branding of Catholic schools as centers of excellence, as well as broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools.

My sincere thanks for encouraging participation on the part of your parishioners in the 2018 HOPES Collection and for your continued prayers on behalf of our Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Gratefully,

Michael S. Griffin, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Schedule for the next week for Musical Ensemble in the Parish

Date: Saturday, December 22nd

Mass Time: 4:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Ministering Music Ensemble: Adult Choir.

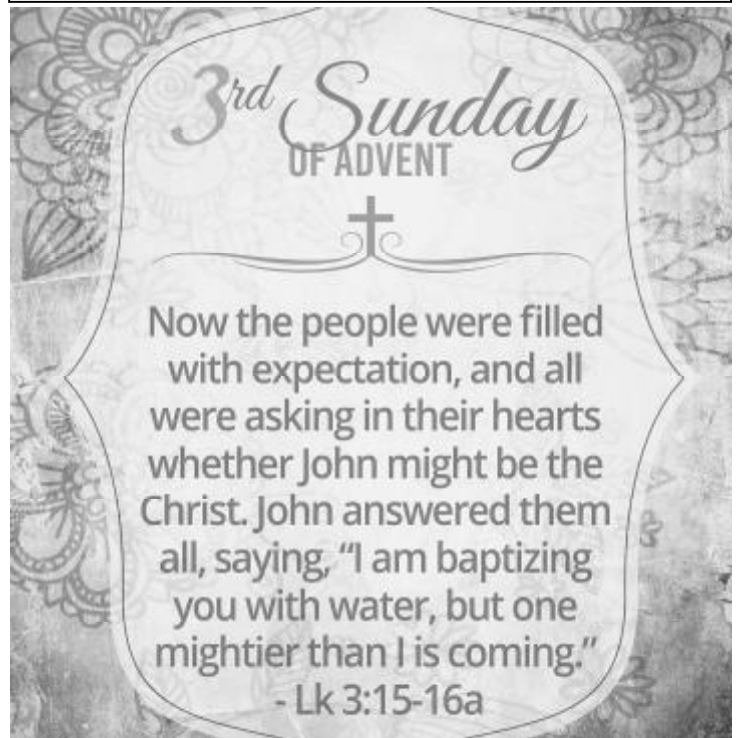
Christmas Schedule

Monday, December 24th

4:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Contemporary Choir

4:00pm at St. Margaret Mary Church, Children's Choir

12:00midnight at St. Margaret Mary Church, Festival Choir



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have early transmission deadline due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Therefore Bulletin articles must be received **no later than noon Thursday**.

Thursday, Dec 20 for Sunday Dec 30.

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Luisa Piccarreta,
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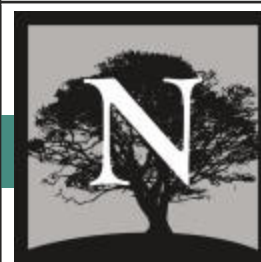
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