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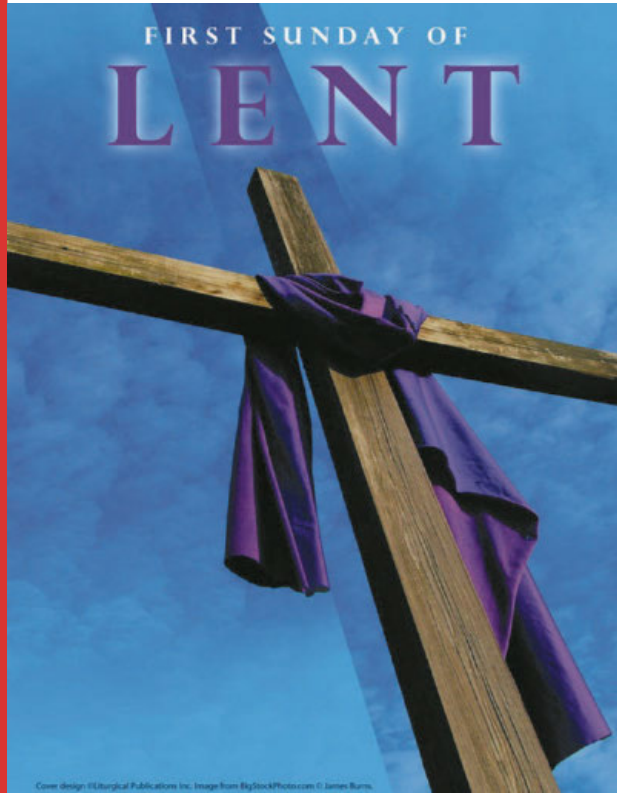
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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS,
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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 18
St. Margaret Mary Hall
5:00 PM

Tickets:
\$20 - Adult
\$12 - Under 16

Dinner, beverages, music and
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Ticket sales start 3/4, 5 & 3/11, 12
after weekend Masses



SIMPLE SUPPER

will take place each Friday during Lent at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Please join us in the SFA church hall at 6:00 p.m. for supper followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

In order to plan the number of meals needed, please indicate you will be attending by signing the sheet located in the vestibule at either church or call the SMM office at 860-644-2411 ext 101.

If you are attending Simple Supper Friday, please sign in or call by Wednesday. Thanks!

*This week is sponsored by
Women's Club*

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

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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.

Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday, one week before publication. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216



SATURDAY VIGIL, February 25

4:00 p.m. James O'Keefe by Family

SUNDAY, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Cecilia Tedone by Jeanette Ertel

9:00 a.m. Edith Evans by Annemarie & Bob Sturrock

11:00 a.m. Salvatore & Maria & Rocco D'Elia
by Ricciardone Family

MONDAY, February 27

8:00 a.m. Rita Saccuzzo by Son

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 a.m. Peter & Katherine Nelson by Lisa Grivers

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Frank & Laura Phillippe

THURSDAY, March 2

8:00 a.m. Josephine Szoka-10th anniversary by Her Son

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 4

4:00 p.m. Mary Rego by Botti Family

SUNDAY, March 5

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Margaret Madden by Hegi Family, Daryl, Kathy,
Daniel & Caroline

9:00 a.m. Roberta Marianella by Paulann Marianella

11:00 a.m. Theresa Theriault by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
VICENTI & LUISA TORRES

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 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, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelly, 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, 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 Hauck, Matthew Hornish. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

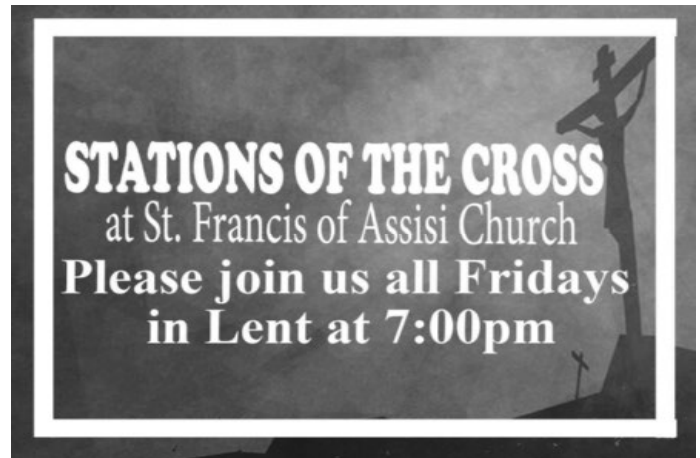
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
2/19/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,934.00
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience.



How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world?

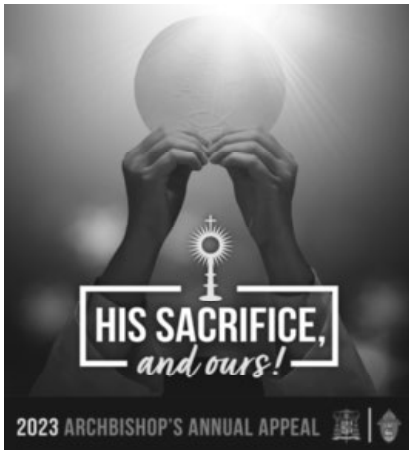
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WINTER SNOW POLICY

Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass.
Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page for possible cancellation.

This weekend marks the start of the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we can have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual



realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. To view some of the wonderful things accomplished through your generosity, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is continuing the web-series called, The Annual Appeal at Work. The season premiere will be airing on Thursday, March 2nd on all Archdiocesan Social Media sites as well as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal webpage. New episodes will air the first week of each month, for the rest of 2023. Each episode will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, His Sacrifice, and ours! If you go to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Website, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> you will find a link for each episode. Please tune in Thursday, March 2nd for the season premiere.

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.



THANK YOU

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for helping us to collect 32 full size and 43 twin size sheet sets, 16 full size and 8 twin size comforters, 12 full size and 30 twin blankets! Your generosity allows us to provide bedding along with mattresses to people in need.

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing generosity. With your assistance, 2/25 and 2/26/2023 distributed food to local clients and families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and Sacred Heart Church in Hartford.

We need volunteers to help with the household goods distribution for 4-5 hours on a Saturday morning – one weekend per month. If you can help please email president@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**.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

Join us as we study Paul's Letter to the Galatians this Lent. Paul wrote follow-up instructions to a people he had visited on a missionary journey, having preached to them, gained converts to Christianity, and founded churches among them. Galatia was a Roman region in what today is Turkey.

BIBLE STUDY

Paul's Letter to the Galatians!!
Begins Feb. 27th



Bible study will take place in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:00 until 8:30 pm on 5 consecutive Monday nights starting February 27 and will finish before Easter. This study is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback textbook and a questions and answer booklet, a professional 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.

DAY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Saturday, March 25th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$55.00 per person, Kids 10 & under Free.

Spend the day in Stockbridge, Massachusetts with Fr. Chris Alar for faith discussion, Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confession & gift shop. Cost covers transportation on private bus & lunch.



Call Mike Cianciolo at 860-604-1745 to register.

To reserve a seat we will need a deposit of \$10.00 or you can pay the whole amount with your reservation. If you are reserving a seat for more than one person only a \$10.00 deposit is required.

February Diaper and Wipe Drive

Thank you for your generous donations of diapers and wipes to benefit ABC Women Center, Carolyn's Place, Caring Families and Hope Pregnancy Center. ABC Women Center has invited us to visit at some point. Stayed tuned for further information.



Connecticut March for Life is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 - 12:00 pm Rally at the Capitol - 1:00 pm March

for Life around Bushnell Park. Go to CTMARCH-FORLIFE.org for up-to-date information and to register. The Knights of Columbus will be subsidizing bus transportation to Hartford. Go to <https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life> to see bus locations and to sign up. If you have any questions, please email js40daysforlife@comcast.net.

Jesus - The Mass

What is Love? Some say that it is a feeling. Others say it is an attraction. But as Catholics, it is prudent that we define this word through the lens of Christ and His Church.

Saint Paul says - Love is - 1Corinthians - 13:4-8

- * Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- * Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

Jesus says - If you love me - John 15:1-17

The Vine and the Branches.

- * "I am the true vine,* and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes* so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.
- * Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
- * No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.



You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends,* because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another.

Catechism of the Catholic Church - God is Love

CCC218 In the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as his special possession: his sheer gratuitous love. And thanks to the prophets Israel understood that it was again out of love that God never stopped saving them and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins.

CCC219 God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; **his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."**

CCC220 God's love is "everlasting": "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you." Through Jeremiah, God declares to his people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

CCC221 But St. John goes even further when he affirms that "God is love": God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

Love has a hem to her garment that reaches to the very dust. It sweeps the stains from the streets and lanes, and because it can, it must. Mother Teresa

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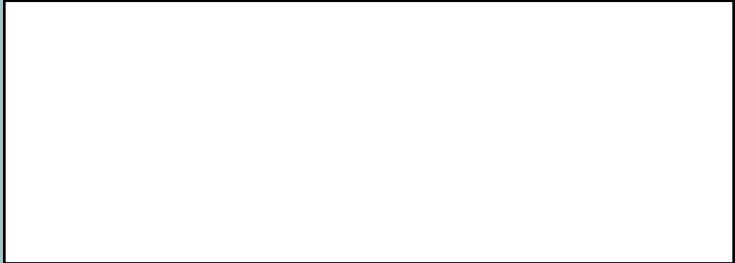
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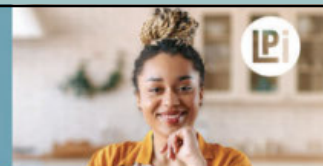
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