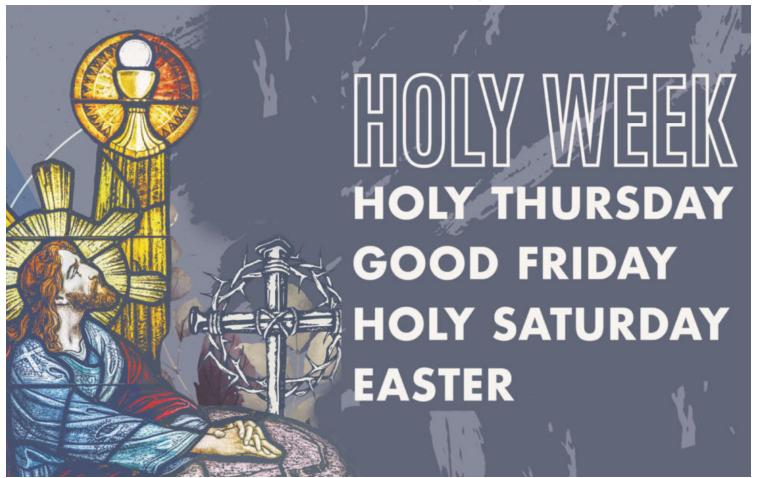


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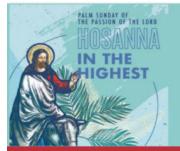
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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

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2023 HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES

Join us this week as we journey towards Christ's passion, death & resurrection

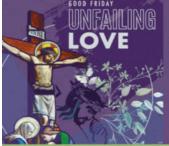


Palm Sunday Vigil, April 1 St. Margaret Mary Church at 4:00 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 2

St. Francis of Assisi Church at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
St. Margaret Mary Church at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 6
St. Margaret Mary Church at 7:00 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary Church will be open until 10:00 p.m.
for personal prayer & adoration



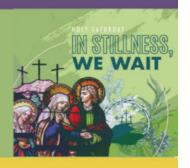


Good Friday, April 7 Morning Prayer | St. Francis of Assisi Church at 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord St. Margaret Mary Church at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8
Food Blessing | St. Francis of Assisi Church at 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil St. Margaret Mary Church at 8:00 p.m.





Easter Sunday, April 9
St. Francis of Assisi Church at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
St. Margaret Mary Church at 11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16 Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction St. Francis of Assisi Church at 3:00 p.m.



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

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SATURDAY VIGIL, April 1

4:00 p.m. Joseph Teixeira by Family

SUNDAY, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Joseph Thoi Hoang by Hoang Family

9:00 a.m. Merlyn Jones by Maria

11:00 a.m. Frank Pappalardo by Family

MONDAY, April 3

8:00 a.m. Rose Marum-10th Anniversary by Her Sister

TUESDAY, April 4

8:00 a.m. Helen Kyc by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, April 5

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

THURSDÂY, April 6 | HOLY THURSDAY

NO Morning Mass at 8:00 am

7:00 p.m. Mass of The Lord's Supper - SMM

FRIDAY, April 7 | GOOD FRIDAY Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service- SFA

3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion- SMM

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 8 HOLY SATURDAY

NO Mass at 4:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Vigil of Easter - SMM

St. Junipero Serra Parish Families

SUNDAY, April 9 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURECCTION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SFA 9:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SFA

11:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SMM

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for PATRICK SULLIVAN

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.

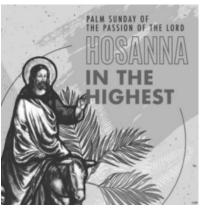
Lenten Disciplines of Fasting and Abstinence: Catholics in good health ages 18-59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent.

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.

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that



Jesus requests is rare — a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great warcharger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!



Palms will be available for pick up in both Churches (inside) Palm Sunday thru Wednesday the 5th, 8:30am to 3:00pm.

The April Rosary will take place Saturday, April 15th, at 12:00 noon in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. Margaret Mary Church. Please join us



as we prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday the following day. All are welcome.

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 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, 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.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH.



Join Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, for the Celebration of our Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday at 9:00am at St. Francis of Assisi Church.



Would you like to join our Youth Altar Servers?

Boys and girls entering 2nd grade and older are encouraged to become altar servers. An hour altar server training will be held at our parish. Confirmation students can get service hours for attending training and serving at Masses. If you're interested,

please email Fr. Castro at fr.castro@aohct.org





Congratulations to Joe & Sally Alubicki who received the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation this year. Thank you for your service and dedica-

tion to our parish community.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/26/2023 Weekly Collection \$10,393.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

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Collection for the Holy Land

There will be a special collection during Holy Week for the support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

You can drop off your donations in the boxes at the vestibules in both churches.

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your

ongoing generosity. The April Food Collection will take place 4/22 & 4/23/2023. Grocery bags will be given out the weekend of 4/15 & 4/16/2023. With your



4/16/2023. With your help we will be able to distribute food to local client, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and Bristol Men's Shelter.

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.

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature! Organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul Society right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it,

and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

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As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the



minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friend-ship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." — Matthew 21:5

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with

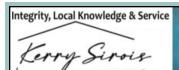
Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger,



of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsrice-bowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

On Wednesday April 12, 7:00 PM via Zoom, The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host an information session with the nonprofit Safe Families for Children. Many families have no one to call on when facing a crisis. Learn how you can make a difference. Safe Families host children and support parents until they can stabilize their home situation.

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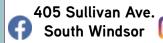
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