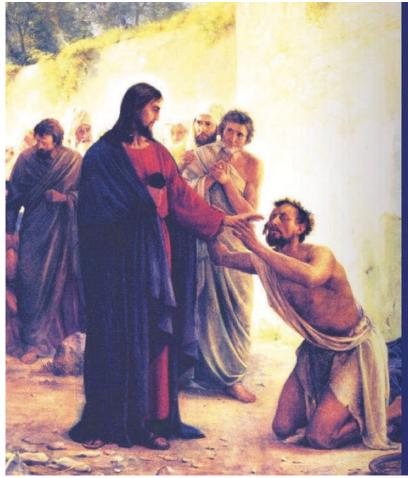


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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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MARCH 19, 2023

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

St. Junipero Serra Parish 2023 Holy Week Masses & Services

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.

TRIDUUM, April 6-9

Holy Thursday

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

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

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, March 18
4:00 p.m. JoAnn Mecca by Her Sister
SUNDAY, March 19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 a.m. John & Loretta Padegimas by Family
9:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family
11:00 a.m. Tom Mazza -10th anniversary
by Teresa & Family

MONDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. Maria Augusta Obregon by Obregon Family

TUESDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

WEDNÉSDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. Dominick Roto

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

THURSDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m. Joseph Calvi by Friend

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 25

4:00 p.m. Sharon Estey by Lorrie Coelho

SUNDAY, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Marjorie Anthony by Anthony Family

9:00 a.m. Marie Induddi

by Robin Saccoccia & Karen Kalafut

11:00 a.m. Jane Helbig by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for CHRISTOPHER & BERNARD ERTEL

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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Francis of Assisi Church Please join us all Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/12/2023 Weekly Collection \$11,419.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
This week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

SHARING SUCCESS

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers, but the hot and dry climate makes this work difficultand climate change is



making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2023 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin articles must be received no later than noon Wednesday, March 22nd for Sunday, April 2nd, Wednesday, March 29th for Sunday, April 9th. Please Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc

The STVP March food collection will take place 3/25 & 3/26/2023. Grocery bags for the March 2023 food collection will be distributed this week-



end. Local clients, families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and St. Ann's Church in Hartford will benefit from your generosity.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned before, there is something I really do not like to do in my ministry and it is to talk about money and finances since a lot of people are struggling with their own or family issues. This weekend everyone is receiving the finance report of the parish. It has been only through the generosity of many of you that we are still able to maintain both churches, but the reality in the finances area of the parish changed drastically this last year and we need to do something different about it. There are approximately 600 families who donate regularly to the parish. Á \$1 increase in giving per week would increase revenue by \$31,200. A \$3 increase per week would increase revenue by \$93,600 and a \$5 increase would increase revenue by \$156,000. Any increase in weekly giving would be greatly appreciated and help offset our operating loss!

One of the reasons for the financial loss is that there are fewer parishioners attending Mass now as compared to 2019, the year before the pandemic. Based on October counts, there were 1,069 attendees at weekend Mass in 2019 compared with 646 in 2021 and 759 in 2022. Revenue (weekly, monthly and holy days) for the same years were \$824k in 2019, \$652k in 2021 and \$683k in 2022.

Once again, I am very grateful for your kindness and generosity for YOUR PARISH. I ask God to bless all of you with and to multiply his blessings in your lives. Thank you for your support and your prayers.

May God bless you! *Rev. Jorge E. Castro*

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 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 Knights of Columbus

The parish will be providing Easter Baskets for the children living in the East Hartford Family Shelter. In addition to candy, snacks and baskets, small toys, puzzles, books will be a welcome addition to the baskets. The collection will take place from March 18 through April 1st. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



DIVINE MERCY 101 TUESDAY, MARCH 21st SMM Church Hall at 7:00pm Increase your faith - Join us for a video presentation where Father Chris from the Marian Fathers Monastery in Stockbridge, MA explains it all. You won't regret coming! For more information, please call Mike Cianciolo, 860-604-1745.



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.

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The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council #5779 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #5779 for local information.

From FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

SO WE DO NOT LOSE HEART

When my son was two years old we discovered that he had a food allergy to eggs. His skin broke out in uncomfortable red eczema and he would scratch frantically until he bled. We learned of a specialty food store that sold cookies without eggs and so my husband and I set out on a trip to get some. We were so excited to give it to him that we gave it to him in the car.

I remember I turned around to smile at him and watch him enjoy eating his cookie only to find that his entire face had swelled up! We rushed to the hospital and found out that not only did he have an allergy to eggs, but he also had life-threatening allergies to nuts, which were one of the ingredients in the new eggless cookie.

After he had recovered, my husband and I conferred on the irony! We had made a special trip to find an eggless cookie so that he would not get sick and instead we came face to face with an even bigger problem. We probably said something like, *Isn't that the way it goes when you try to do something good*, *or why did we even try?*

Our faith journey can look like that sometimes too. How many times have I made a resolution to stop committing one of my faults? Even altered what I am doing, what I am watching, or who I

am with, only to find myself face to face with a bigger problem. We can convince ourselves that once we start trying to be better that it will be smooth sailing. Once I fix this problem there could not and will not be another on the horizon.

It is easy to get discouraged and make strange calculations that say if we give up we can avoid all of our problems altogether, even though we know this isn't true at all. Surely if we had not gone out of our way to buy a special cookie, we would have discovered sooner or later that he had this problem. Maybe it was a mercy to discover it when we did. We were already in the car, with the foot on the gas ready to speed him right to the Emergency Room.

Eventually I learned to make cookies with applesauce instead of eggs and since there was such a need, a few years later, someone began selling egg-free and nut-free cookies in most supermarkets. My son has an epi-pen now just in case he accidentally eats a nut, which has still happened a few times, even with our cautious vigilance.

And so it is with the faith, we practice, we stumble, we fall sometimes, but learn little by little to be better and we can find tools to help us grow. If we do fall into one of our old faults or a new one, we always have the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, where Jesus can wipe our souls clean so that we can start fresh again.

So if you find yourself discouraged by a recent waterfall of unfortunate events do not make the same mistake that I did. Don't say, *isn't that the way it goes when you try to do something good, or why did I even try?* But instead, try and remember a time, when it looked like it was all falling apart, and then remember how it actually turned out for the better in the end-maybe it even made you stronger.

It is not those who commit the least faults who are the most holy, but those who have the greatest courage, the greatest generosity, the greatest love, who make the boldest efforts to overcome themselves, and are not immediately apprehensive about tripping. Saint Francis de Sales

There is no one who is without faults, and who is not in some way a burden to others, whether he is a superior or a subject, an old man or a young one, a scholar or a dunce. St. Robert Bellermine

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@southwindsor.cc

Attention Children of the Parish: Please come to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at St. Francis of Assisi Church at



10am. There will be crafts and activities as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny! The Egg Hunt will take place at 10:45am. All children ages 4-10 are invited. Bring Your Own Basket and we will provide the fun!

Any teens or adults interested in helping are invited to a meeting on Wednesday, 3/22 at 6:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. All are welcome, and teens will get an hour of service.

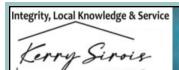
Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to email Marybeth Murdoch at mbmurdoch@att.net

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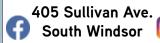
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