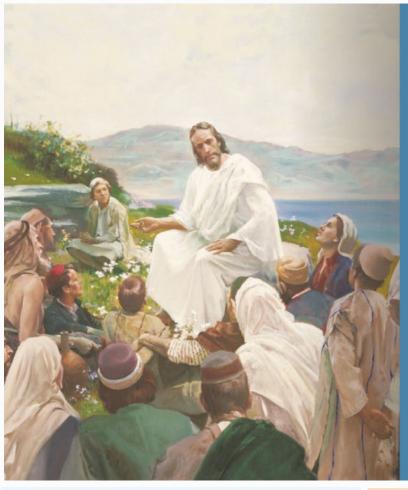


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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road South Windsor, CT 06074 **Sunday Mass: 9:00 am** 

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &

Wednesday

Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live Streamed at www.saintjuniperoserra.org

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024** 

#### 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 &

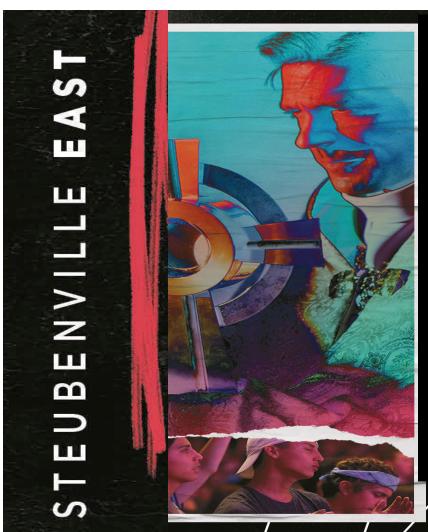
**Thursday** 

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

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

(except Holy Days & Holidays)

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## 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 <a href="https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org">www.saintjuniperoserra.org</a> 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

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Phone: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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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 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

**Weddings:** At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

**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

**Winter Snow Policy:** Please check our website, channel 3 or Facebook page for possible cancellation.



SATURDAY VIGIL, February 17

4:00 p.m. John Fidler & John Fidler, Jr. by Family

SUNDAY, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Luc Michaud by Family

11:00 a.m. Verna Grivois by Kathryn Reals Hegi

MONDAY, February 19

8:00 a.m. Samuel Bottaro by Family

TUESDAY, February 20

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

WEDNESDAY, February 21

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

THURSDÂY, February 22

8:00 a.m. Bill Davis, 7th anniversary by wife

SATURDAY VIGIL, February 24

4:00 p.m. The Smith & Medeiros Family by Family/

James O'Keefe by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Special Anniversary & 90th Birthday

Intention for Kozon family

11:00 a.m. Irene Gill by The Brownes

#### **SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for JOHN & LORETTA PADEGIMAS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for CRAIG PEPIN

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, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, 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, Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West, Sophie Myzuzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Ronald Wojcik, Kate Laurie. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

# stations of THE GROSS at St. Francis of Assisi Church Please join us all Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm

Simple Suppers will be served Friday evenings during Lent before Stations at St. Francis of Assisi. The supper will be served starting at 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the vestibules of St. Margaret Mary or St. Francis of Assisi by Wednesday. The first supper is scheduled for February 16, 2024.



SIMPLE SUPPER



A SEASON FOR REFLECTION During this holy



time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the

Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

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

#### **INCREASE YOUR FAITH**

Divine Mercy Cenacle



Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00pm at SMM

*Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

#### 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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 2/11/2024 Weekly Collection \$11,098.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.



#### **Blood Drive** St. Margaret Mary Church

Church Hall

80 Hayes Road, South Windsor

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#### Wednesday, February 21st – 12pm to 5pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SWKofC to schedule an appointment.



This month's St. Vincent de Paul Society food collection will take place the weekend 2/24 of and 2/25. Grocery bags will be distributed 2/17 and 2/18. With your help

we will provide food for local client, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester and the pantry at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- Next month, hand out empty grocery bags after masses 3/16 and 3/17/2024
- 2. Roll a bin full of donated items from the main entrance at St. Margaret Mary to the garage for storage after 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays or 11:00 am Mass on Sundays – check in with Joe or Catherine or an usher if you are able to assist.
- 3. Join a group of volunteers to sort donations on occasional Monday mornings at 9 am in the St. Margaret Mary church hall.

Attend our monthly board meeting, 7 pm, the second Tuesday of the month in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, let us know in advance by emailing the president, in case we are meeting in a different location, we will welcome you!

Email president@societyhelpline.org if you would like to know more about these or other ways to volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at www.societyhelpline.org

Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.

#### ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!



The application for scholarship is online for all high school seniors in South Windsor. The portal is as follows:

southwindsordollarsforscholars@gmail.com The deadline is March 15, 2024

The SIS Women's Club next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at Francis of Assisi. Social begins at 6:30. We will have a 🦱 craft planned by a



member and a short meeting to discuss the upcoming Lenten activities and our fundraisers in April and May. If you would like to come and help with planning, and meet new women of the Parish please join us. The Women's Club will host the Simple Supper on Friday, February 23rd at 6 pm before the Stations of the Cross at St Francis of Assisi Church at 7 pm. For more information contact Paulann at 860 291-9960.

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter First Sunday of Lent



marriage

1 Peter 3:18: "Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous. that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit." Let your marriage be filled with life in the Holy Spirit. Learn the five tools for a more fulfilling marriage by signing encounter up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut

June 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or https:// wwmectw.org/

#### EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL **ENTRANCE EXAM**

Saturday, March 2nd at 8:30AM Scan this QR code to register!



#### EAST CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Prospective students and their families are invited to join us on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM for our admissions open house!

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#### Lenten Bible Study Women in the New Testament

Women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and the flourishing of the early church. This six lesson study surveys New Testament texts about Mary the Mother of Jesus, women healed by Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Mary Magdalene, and various women of the early church, such as Priscilla and Phoebe.

Come join our Bible Study starting Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm to 8:30pm in the St. Margaret Mary Church Hall. Study guide booklets with commentary and weekly study questions will be available for purchase at the first meeting. There will be a summary



video for each lesson, and we will break up into small discussion groups to go over the previous week's questions. All are welcome. Please call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register.

#### Gloria Patri!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I can remember my father walking out of Mass one Sunday, his heart and soul fed from the homily, he leaned in at the door as he passed the priest and told him, *That was a great homily!* The priest simply said, *Glory be to God!* 

The saints too, when they talk of their work, many times they recognize their role as an instrument to be used to save souls. Their gifts as gifts of grace to spread the message of God's love.

"Whatever skills I have acquired, whatever gifts I have been given, I place them at Your service." **Saint Augustine** "The Virgin used me as a broom to remove the dust. When the work is done, the broom is put behind the door again."

#### Saint Bernadette

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

Saint Francis of Assisi



"I am a little pencil in God's hands. He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything and sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and He has to sharpen it a little more." Mother Teresa

The Church - revealed by the Holy Spirit

CCC767 "When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church. Then "the Church was openly displayed to the crowds and the spread of the Gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun." As the "convocation" of all men for salvation, the Church in her very nature is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them.

CCC768 So that she can fulfill her mission, the Holy Spirit "bestows upon [the Church] varied hierarchic and charismatic gifts, and in this way directs her." "Henceforward the Church, endowed with the gifts of her founder and faithfully observing his precepts of charity, humility and self-denial, receives the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God, and she is on earth the seed and the beginning of that kingdom."

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

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