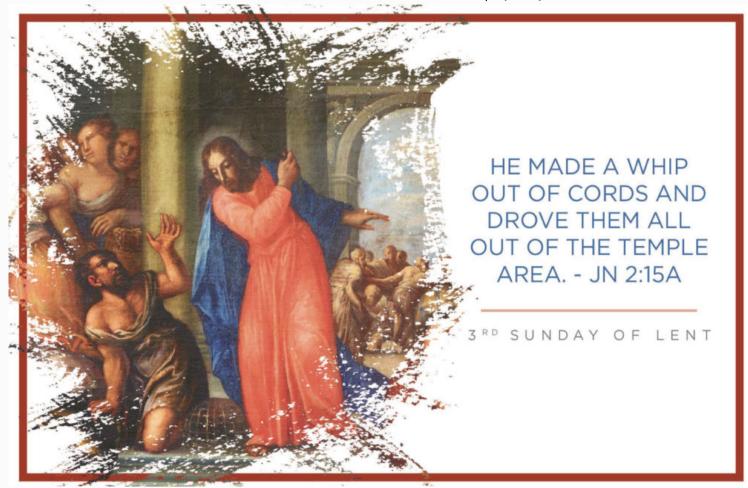


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MARCH 3, 2024

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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)

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



St. Junipero Serra Parish Women's Club Military Whist Card Game Thursday, April 4th

5:30 to 6:00pm - Doors open / Refreshments and Social 6:00 to 9:00pm - Whist Game Time

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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 www.saintjuniperoserra.org 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

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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: Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass. Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page or Channel 3 for possible cancellation.



SATURDAY VIGIL, March 2

4:00 p.m. JoAnn Mecca by Her Sister/ Josephine Szoka, 11th Anniversary by Son, Roy Szoka & Family

SUNDAY, March 3 | Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Roberta Marianella by daughter, Paulann Marianella/ Joseph Kronenwetter by Kronenwetter Family 11:00 a.m. Margaret Messer by Family/ Joseph Whitbread by Family

MONDAY, March 4

8:00 a.m. Peter & Katherine Nelson by Lisa & Stan Grivers TUESDAY, March 5 8:00 a.m. Mary Loan Kim Do & Marie Irene McAndrews by Mimosa Pham WEDNESDAY, March 6 8:00 a.m. Special Intention THURSDAY, March 7 8:00 a.m. Patricia Smith by Lagasse Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 9

4:00 p.m. Judith Meyer by Her Niece/ Marie Carzo by Pendergast Family SUNDAY, March 10 | Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Anthony & Antoinette Zagorski by Family 11:00 a.m. Ann Pellicane by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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 & Cheryl Hauck, Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West, Sophie Myzuzikevik, Tracy Robinson, 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.



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

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 2/25/2024 Weekly Collection \$11,350.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Weekend of 3/9,10
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INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March

Divine Mercy Cenacle

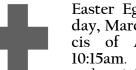


6th at 7:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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Blood Drive St. Margaret Mary Church

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Novena to St. Joseph

The Novena to St. Joseph, the adoptive father to Jesus Christ, is for those on the path to adoption. The Novena runs from March 10 through the 18th. St. Joseph's Feast Day is on March 19th.

To sign up for the Novena, go to https://www.respectlife.org/adoption-novena.

Hartford March for Life

The Hartford March for Life will be held on Wednesday, March 20. The rally will begin at 12:00 noon in front of the State Capitol, and we



will march around Bushnell Park starting at 1:00 PM. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATES!!

2024 Religious Education Upcoming Events St. Junipero Serra Parish

3/13 | 6 pm at SMM: First Reconciliation

3/19 | 6 pm at SMM: Reconciliation for First Communicants

3/30 | 10:15 am at SFA: Easter Egg Hunt

4/21 | 2 pm at the Cathedral : Confirmation

4/27 | 12 noon at SMM : First Communion

5/4 | 12 noon at SFA : First Communion

6/4 | 7 pm at SMM : CCD Registration Parents Night

7/15 -19: at SFA: Vacation Bible School

7/26 - 28 in Springfield, MA: Youth Conference

More info to follow....

Shroud of Turin - Saturday, April 13, 2024

The New England Catholic Biblical School invites you to join Shroud of Turin experts: Dr. Cheryl White and Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D as they discuss the theological, historical, scientific, and forensic issues surrounding a cloth that bears the mysterious image of a man who has been scourged, crucified, capped with thorns, and pierced in the right side. Seating is limited. Please visit https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/events or call 860-242-5573.

ATTENTION Children of the Parish: Please come to an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 10:15am. There will be crafts



and activities as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny! The Egg Hunt will take place at 10:45. 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 Thursday, March 21 at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. All are welcome, and teens will get an hour service. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to email Marybeth Murdoch at 9sjsteacher@gmail.com

Clothing and household items placed in the canvas bins at St. Margaret Mary Church are sorted by our volunteers and are used to help local families in need and also brought to Cornerstone foundation in Vernon and St. Anne's Church in Hartford. These organizations operate free clothing stores for families in need. Good used clothing donations placed in the blue recycling bin in the rear parking lot at St. Francis of Assisi are picked up by American Recycling and sold with a portion of the proceeds given to the Hartford Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. These proceeds are then distributed among local St. Vincent de Paul Society Conferences, including ours to help us provide energy assistance and other financial needs of our community.

<u>Thank you</u> for your donations to the February food collection. Your help allowed us to provide food for local families, Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, the Little Free Pantries around town, our St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Pantry, and the pantry at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, in Hartford.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- 1. 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.
- 4. 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 <u>president@societyhelpline.org</u> 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 a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.

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DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the suc-

cess of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese. 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 7 th 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 2024. Each episode will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Do This in Memory of Me by going to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Website, https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ you will find a link for each episode. Please tune in Thursday, March 7 th for the season premiere.

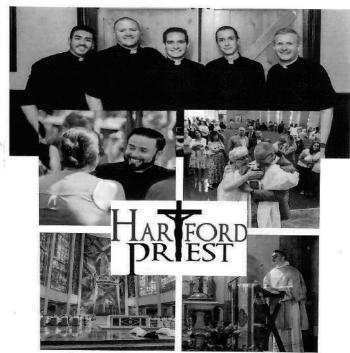
All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

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