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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

- Jn 3:20

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**

MARCH 10, 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)**

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



LENTEN

Penance Service

Tuesday, March 26
6pm | St. Margaret Mary Church



MASS OF HEALING & HOPE

Wednesday, March 27
7pm | St. Margaret Mary Church

Celebrating the Mass of Healing & Hope—the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick gives strength,
support and healing to those who are ill, elderly, or facing surgery.

All parishioners are invited to attend the
Mass and bring anyone who may need this special blessing.

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

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am to 3 pm

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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 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

MONDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. Lawrence & Antoinette Drank
by Lisa & Stan Grivers

TUESDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. Edward H. Sullivan by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. Malani Wijelatha, by Daughter Harshila

THURSDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. Rini Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 16

4:00 p.m. John Griffin & Grace Sullivan by Mary Bey

SUNDAY, March 17 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Marjorie Anthony by Family
11:00 a.m. Tom Mazza by Teresa & Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
DONNA GRIFFIN

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 Donnelly, 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 CROSS

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.



SIMPLE SUPPER

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

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:

3/3/2024 Weekly Collection \$12,936.00

Monthly Collection \$5,753.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin articles must be received **no later than noon**

- ♦ Wednesday, March 13th for Sunday, March 24th-Palm Sunday
- ♦ Wednesday, March 20th for Sunday, March 31st- Easter Sunday

Email your submissions to: bulletin@sj-s-w.org

Adoration Garden

The sacred liturgies of Holy Week are known as the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Easter Vigil. Through scripture, sacraments and devotions we celebrate the history of salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Holy Thursday Mass traditionally ends with the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to a place of repose for evening adoration.



This year the procession leaving the church will end in a larger adoration space set up in the church hall.

The Adoration Garden will be lovely, overflowing with plants and flowers surrounding the tabernacle. Many chairs will be provided for all to sit and quietly adore for short or longer periods until 10PM. Please join in these holy moments.

Pray for a Thousand New Priests!

You can pray for a thousand new holy priests for the Archdiocese by becoming a member of the **St. John Vianney Vocations Prayer Society**. There are no dues or meetings, only a pledge to do two things: pray the Prayer for Priestly Vocations every day. This prayer can be found in the pews of your parish. Select the day of the week to attend Eucharistic Adoration if possible, pray the Rosary and fast with the intention of asking the Lord to send new, holy, zealous priests for the Archdiocese. If you are unable to get to Adoration on your chosen day, you can certainly go on another day or offer some other time of prayer or devotion instead. This is not about technicalities; it's about fervently praying for new priestly vocations. Fasting should be done in keeping with the spirit and instruction of the disciplines of the Church. If you are not able to fast from food, you can substitute some other convenience or comfort instead.

Go to <https://www.hartfordpriest.com/praying-for-a-thousand.html> to join this powerhouse of prayer for priestly vocations. There are presently over one thousand members in the Archdiocese of Hartford and one particular parish has 85 members itself. ***It is time for St. Junípero Serra Parish to join this powerhouse of prayer!***



The Monthly Rosary for March will take place on **Saturday, March 16th**, at 12:00 noon in the chapel at **St. Margaret Mary Church**. Please Join us for this holy devotion. For questions please call Peggy, 860-978-0126.

MONTHLY ROSARY



The parish is collecting items for Easter baskets for children living in the East Hartford Family Shelter. The collection will begin on March 8th and continue until March 17th. There are baskets in the vestibule of each church for your gift of candy or small toys, playing cards, jump ropes etc. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness.

pretzel
Calling all Teens - Grades 6th - 12th.

Youth Ministry - Pyramids, Pretzel - Making and Tacos

In honor of St. Patrick's Day we might even make Green Pretzels.

Sunday, March 17th | 5:00 - 7:00 PM
at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall

Did you know pretzels are twisted in the form of crossed arms to remind us of prayer! Come one, come all and bring a friend to this event!



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

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



DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the unhoused, 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 2024 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.



**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

St. Margaret Mary Church Hall
80 Hayes Rd, South Windsor, CT 06074
Tickets are \$ 8.00 at the Door

No experience needed! Raffles & Refreshments!!



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.

The Knights of Columbus have once again generously offered to subsidize buses and bus rides. The cost



will be \$15 for round trip transportation. Currently, the closest bus locations are St. Bernard's Church, Vernon, and St. Matthew's Church in Tolland. Go to <https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life> for the most updated information as more bus locations are added and to book your ride.



Thursdays, April 11, 18, May 2 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Francis Church Hall

Register by calling SMM Parish Rectory

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your ongoing support for the monthly food collection. This month we will give groceries and gift cards to local families, Head Start families in Vernon and DCF families in Manchester. Additionally, we will provide food for St. Ann's in Hartford CT. We will distribute grocery bags 3/16 and 3/17 and the food collection will take place 3/23 and 3/24.



Looking for a way to help us help others?

1.Next week, 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 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 a request for assistance on our website www.societyhelpline.org or call 860 648-0216.



Cabrini, the powerful biopic movie being released nationally March 8, 2024 about the life and ministry St Frances Cabrini, first American citizen to be named a saint and the Patron Saint of immigrants. Over the course of 34 years she established an astonishing 67 hospitals, orphanages, and schools. Her energy was fueled by an intense focus on serving Jesus in whatever he asked of her.

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