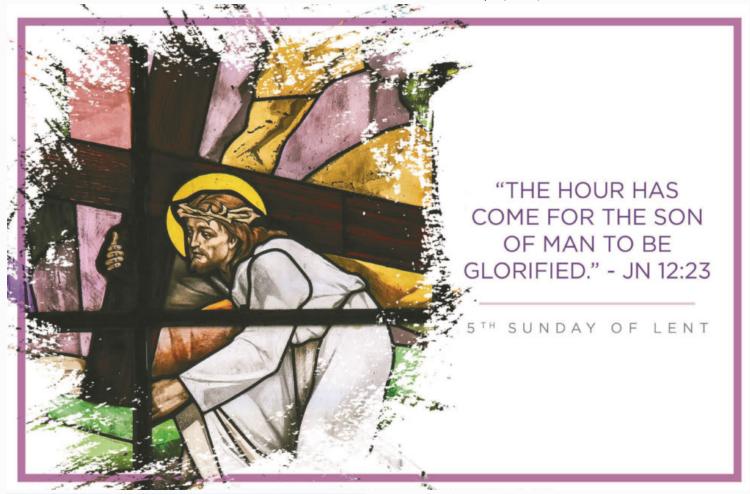


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MARCH 17, 2024

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

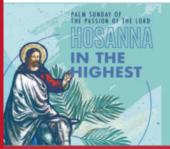
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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS. AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.

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2024 HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES

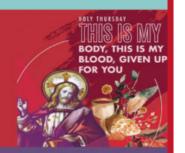
Join us this week as we journey towards Christ's passion, death & resurrection



Palm Sunday Vigil, March 23 4:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church Palm Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. |St. Francis of Assisi Church at 11:00 a.m. | St. Margaret Mary Churcn

Holy Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church St. Margaret Mary Church will be open until 10:00 p.m. for personal prayer & adoration



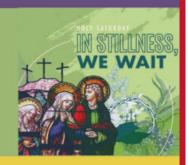


Good Friday, March 29 9:00 a.m.| Morning Prayer | St. Francis of Assisi Church

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

Holy Saturday, March 30 12:00 p.m. | Food Blessing | St. Francis of Assisi Church

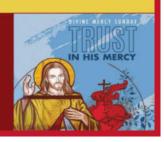
> Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church





Easter Sunday, March 31
o a.m. | St. Francis of Assisi Church

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction 3:00 p.m. | St. Francis of Assisi Church



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

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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 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

MONDAY, March 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Laura & Frank Phillipe TUESDAY, March 19
8:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family

WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor

by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

THURSDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. Roger Trudeau by His Wife

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 23

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

SUNDAY, March 24

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Kronenwetter &

Anderson Families

11:00 a.m. Jane Helbig/

Frank & Lorraine Pappalardo by Their Families

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.

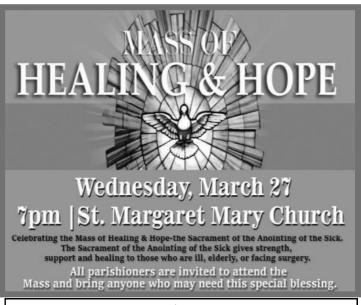
Join us to pray the Rosary Monday - Thursday after the 8:00 am morning Mass



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.



EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/10/2024 Weekly Collection \$10,839.00 Catholic Relief Service Collection \$2,659.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

• Wednesday, March 20th for Sunday, March 31st

- Easter Sunday

Email your submissions to: **bulletin@sjs-sw.org**

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songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! So mark these dates on your calendar: July 15- 19. The fun starts at 9am. and will end at 12 noon and will take place at St. Francis Church.

Forms can be found on our website – www.saintjuniperoserra.org to register your children for camp – SPACE IS LIMITED!

E-mail Maria at faithformation@sjs-sw.org if you would like volunteer as one of our VBS Scuba Team members!

Sincerely,

Your Scuba VBS Team at St. Junipero Serra Parish



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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

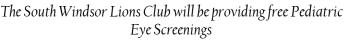
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Sunday, March 24, 2024

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The Pastors Memorial Garden

Let's hop to it. Get your brick order form in and become a part of the Pastors Memorial Garden walkway. Pick up a brochure at the entrances of either Saint Margaret Mary or Saint Francis church, go or go online to <u>WWW.BricksRus.com/donorsite/SJS</u>. all orders will be placed shortly. For more information please call Mary Leslie at 860-614-5011.

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-marchfor-life for the most updated information as more bus locations are added and to book your ride.

Diaper and Wipe Drive

Birthright in East Hartford was happy to receive a portion of the diapers and wipes the St. Junipero Serra parishioners generously donated. Hope Pregnancy Center in Cheshire will also receive diapers and wipes. Thank you for your continued support!



Thursdavs. April 11. 18. May 2 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm St. Francis Church Hall Register by calling SMM Parish Rectory

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 <u>Thursday</u>, <u>March 21 at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall</u>. All are welcome, and teens will get an hour service. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to email Marybeth Murdoch at <u>9sjsteacher@gmail.com</u>

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8
St. James School: March 21st, 6:00pm
St. Bridget School: April 4th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm.



Informational tours are also available by appointment. St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. To learn more or RSVP for an Open House

event, please contact Kathy at St. Bridget School, <u>of-fice@saintbridget-school.com</u>, 860-649-7731, or Amy at St. James School, <u>aguenther@saintjamesschool.net</u>, 860-643-5088 (#5).

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!!

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for you ongoing support for the monthly food collection. This month we will give groceries and gift cards to local families, Head Start fami-



lies 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 <u>food</u> <u>collection will take place 3/23 and 3/24.</u>

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.

DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that es-

sential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward. Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$21 million in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. In 2023, we were able to provide nearly \$900,000 to over 150 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese. 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 serving our neighbors. 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.

Shroud of Turin Saturday, April 13, 2024 12:00-3:30pm 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 at Albertus Magnus College, Behan Community Room. Please scan the QR code to register or visit https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical school/events or call 860-242-5573.



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