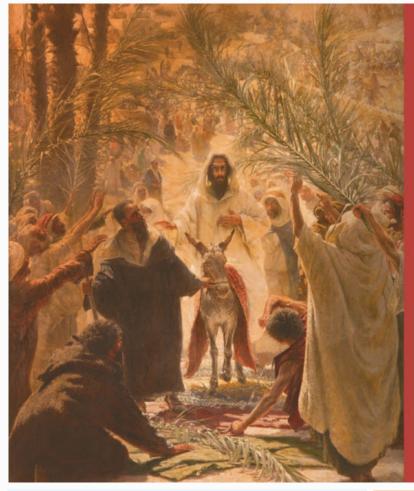
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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

#### **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

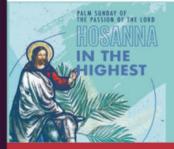
## MARCH 24, 2024

#### **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.

### St. Junipero Serra Parish 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

The Adoration Garden at St. Margaret Mary Church hall will be open until 10:00p.m. for personal prayer & adoration

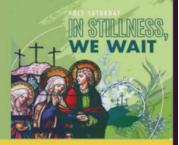
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Good Friday, March 29 9:00 a.m.| Morning Prayer | St. Francis of Assisi Church

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

#### 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: 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 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

MONDAY, March 25 8:00 a.m. Joseph Thoi by Family TUESDAY, March 26 8:00 a.m. Joseph Whitbread by Margaret Whitbread WEDNESDAY, March 27 8:00 a.m. Don Bania by wife, Joyce

THURSDAY, March 28 | HOLY THURSDAY NO Morning Mass at 8:00 am 7:00 p.m. Mass of The Lord's Supper - SMM

FRIDAY, March 29 | GOOD FRIDAY Friday of the Passion of the Lord 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service- SFA 3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion- SMM

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 30 | HOLY SATURDAY NO Mass at 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Vigil of Easter - SMM St. Junipero Serra Parish Families

SUNDAY, March 31 |EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURECCTION OF THE LORD 9:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SFA 11:00 a.m. St. Junipero Serra Parish Families - SMM

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for JANE HELBIG 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.

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Palms will be available for pick up in both Churches (inside) Palm Sunday thru Wednesday the 27th, 8:30am to 3:00pm.



#### Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great warcharger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!



#### Collection for the Holy Land

There will be a special collection during Holy Week for the support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

You can drop off your donations in the boxes at the vestibules in both churches.

Thank you for your generosity! Offertory of the weekend of 3/16, 17 will appear in our next week's bulletin.

Our office will be closed Friday, March 29th & Easter Monday, April 1st. HAPPY EASTER!! ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!! The <u>Penance Service has been</u> <u>canceled</u>. There will be Confession on Monday, March 25 at 6pm.

Dear Parents:

Send your kids on a splash-tastic adventure!



At Scuba VBS, kids dive into friendship with God! Scuba is filled with awesome Biblelearning experiences kids see, h e a r, a n d touch! Hands-

on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible 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<sup>®</sup>. 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

#### MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE Palm Sunday

marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vul-



nerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/ holy-week to learn more.



Thursdays, April 11, 18, May 2 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm St. Francis Church Hall Register by calling SMM Parish Rectory gies of Holy Week are known

Week are known as the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Easter Vigil. Through scripture, sacra-

The sacred litur-



ments and devotions we celebrate the history of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Adoration Garden

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.

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. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to email Marybeth Murdoch at <u>9sjsteacher@gmail.com</u>

#### 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.

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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!!

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#### PREPARE TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024

All are invited to St. Margaret Mary Church to pray the Novena and Chaplet this Easter Season. The 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet begins on <u>Good Friday, March 29 and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024</u> at 3pm with adoration, chaplet and benediction at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

This prayer was revealed by our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun that on Good Friday 1937 when our Lord commanded St. Faustina "to make a 9 day novena, before the Feast of Mercy (now known as Divine Mercy Sunday), for the conversion of the whole world and for the restoration of The Divine Mercy". Our Lord told her that "by reciting this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls".

All you need for the novena is your rosary. The prayer book of the Chaplet will be provided.

Our Lord also stated "I desire the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day (<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u>) the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy". Also <u>The soul that goes to Confession, prior to and receives</u> <u>Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment</u>" (Dairy 699). This promise is beyond that of a plenary indulgence which remits temporal punishment but not the remission of the sin. Reciting The 9 Day Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are as follows:

Good Friday, March 29 after the 3pm celebration at St. Margaret Mary Church Holy Saturday, March 30 at 3pm at St. Margaret Mary Church

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church

Monday, April 1 after 8am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, and 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Tuesday, April 2 after 8am Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church and 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Wednesday, April 3 after 8am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, and 6:15pm at Margaret Mary Church Thursday, April 4 after 8am Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church and 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Friday, April 5 at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church

Saturday, April 6 at 3pm at St. Margaret Mary Church

DIVINE MERCY Sunday, April 7, at 3pm: Adoration, Chaplet, and Benediction at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Join us, bring your family, and friends to pray the Divine Mercy Novena to our Lord and to obtain the complete forgiveness of our sins and punishment.

#### For more Information please contact: Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745 Joe Alubicki 860-989-8423 or Jozef Chilicki 860-794-0255

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$55,953.89 for the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries

provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and Do This in Memory of Me, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate. 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.

**Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners** for you ongoing support for the monthly food collection. This month, the weekend of 3/23 and 3/24/2024 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 Hart-ford CT.



#### Looking for a way to help us help others?

- 1. Next month, hand out empty grocery bags after masses 4/20 and 4/21/2024
- 2. Roll a bin full of the 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. 3. Join a group of volunteers to sort donations on occasional Monday mornings at 9 am in the St. Margaret Mary church hall. *If you would like to help please email* president@societyhelpline.org
- 4. 4. Attend our monthly board meeting, 7 pm, the second Tuesday of the month (3/12/2024) in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, let us know in advance by emailing our 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 <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u>

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

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