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# 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

**APRIL 7, 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.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace.
Romans 15: 13

God bless you in a special way today for the love and concern with which you minister to all those entrusted to your care. May your life be filled with God's good gifts, abundant joy and heaven's peace.

Happy Birthday Fr. Castro

# Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction 3:00 p.m. | 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.







# 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:** 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, April 6

4:00 p.m. Rosina & Joseph Aiello & Rosanna Neri by Santo & Alfina Milluzzo & Family

SUNDAY, April 7 | Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 a.m. Paul St. Jean & Lorraine & Roger Richard by Bonnie & Family

11:00 a.m. Margaret Messer by Family/

Christopher Golik, 1st Anniversary by Wife & Children

MONDAY, April 8

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Pappalardo by Beth Holcomb

TUESDAY, April 9

8:00 a.m. Lionel MacDonald by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, April 10

8:00 a.m. Barbara Mule by Mary Sauer

THURSDAY, April 11

8:00 am Special Intention

by Dan & Paula Troiano & Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 13

4:00 p.m. Laurette & Raymond Billig

by daughter, Carol Billig/

Vicente Torres & Luisa Alzamora by Family

SUNDAY, April 14 | Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Rose St. Laurent by Family

11:00 a.m. Barbara Gillin & Mary Ellen Powers

by Mary Bey

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **HUPPE FAMILY SPECIAL INTENTION** 

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **JOHN 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 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.

The Monthly Rosary for April will take place on Saturday, April 20th at 12:00 noon at St. Margaret Mary. Please call Peggy at 860-978-0126 with KU any questions.



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

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/24/2024 Weekly Collection \$12,004.00 3/31/2024 Weekly Collection \$12,856.00 Easter Collection \$8,107.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

THANK YOU! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at vestibule of both



churches or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

# Give blood. Help save lives.

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

Church Hall 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor



# Wednesday April 24th | 10am to 3pm

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

Divine Mercy Cenacle



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday night. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th at

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

> 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. To register visit https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholicbiblical school/events or call 860-242-5573.

#### Action Needed In Connecticut:



The CT March for Life was a success. More pro-lifers of all ages came to march in 2024 than in 2023 and 2022. The pro-life movement is positive and growing in Connecticut which is promising. However, we have a long road ahead of us as we

continue to pray and advocate for the pre-born.

Currently, there are two proposals in the CT state legislature. The proposals include <u>Senate Joint Resolution 4</u>, a bill that seeks to enshrine a right to abortion into the Connecticut State Constitution, and <u>House Bill 5424</u>, a bill that would prohibit religiously affiliated hospitals from taking adverse action against employees that provide medically accurate information, treat a pregnancy-related emergency, or recommend a referral for services that may conflict with the hospital's ethical and religious directives. (Source: Family Institute of Connecticut)

Senate Joint Resolution 4 would make it easier to have a late term abortion in Connecticut, right up to birth. House Bill 5424 targets Catholic hospitals to allow abortion referrals from Catholic healthcare institutions which is against our religious beliefs.

Please call or write a letter to your Connecticut Senator and Representatives stating why you are against these two proposals. Let our pro-life voices be heard.



Nationwide Invitation to Prayer (Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops <u>announced a</u> nationwide invitation to prayer.

On March 26, 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States, 63% in 2023.

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2024 Appeal literature! 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 the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today. 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 your St. Vincent de Paul Society. The April food collection will take place the weekend of 4/27 and 4/28. Grocery bags will be distributed 4/20 and 4/21. With your help we will give groceries and gift cards to local families, Little Free Pantries in South Windsor, Head Start families in Vernon and DCF families in Manchester. Additionally, we will provide food for the Bristol Men's Shelter.

Looking for a way to help us help others?

- 1) This 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) 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) Attend our monthly board meeting, 7 pm, the second Tuesday of the month (4/9/2024) 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 <a href="mailto:president@societyhelpline.org">president@societyhelpline.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.societyhelpline.org">www.societyhelpline.org</a> 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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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

## Young Catholic Professionals | Executive Speaker Event in South Windsor

Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Michael Ciarrocchi, Chief Market Development Officer at Aetna, A CVS Health Company. Let's be uplifted by how Michael has journeyed to working in witness for Christ. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: St. Maragaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor, CT 06074 When: Thurs, April 11th from 7 - 9PM Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-south-windsor-102258/?pk campaign=widget-event-list

E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.





A Small Group Eucharistic Revival Course Presented by Sr. Karen Thursdays, April 11, 18, May 2 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm St. Francis Church Hall Register by calling SMM Parish Rectory

God knows everything! That is something that we can forget sometimes. He knows everything that we do that is good. He already knows all of our sins, our wounds, and our obstacles even when we have not confessed to them yet. It was for that reason that Jesus came and died on the cross so that by rising from the dead he could forgive us of our sins.

Jesus knew that Saint Thomas was lacking in faith. With the wound, from the piercing of His side on the cross he healed the doubts of Thomas.

When we go to confession, Jesus does the same for us. By His wounds and dying on the cross, He heals us of our sins.

Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - John 20:27-29



#### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

The confession of sins

CCCl455 The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible

CCC1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, "for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."55

1457 According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."56 Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession.57 Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

"In my deepest wound I saw your glory, and it dazzled me."-St. Augustine

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you! (Saint Faustina's Diary - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Diary, 84)

I am love and mercy itself. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ... My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. ... I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. ... The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Jesus to Saint Faustina

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