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Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &
Wednesday

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

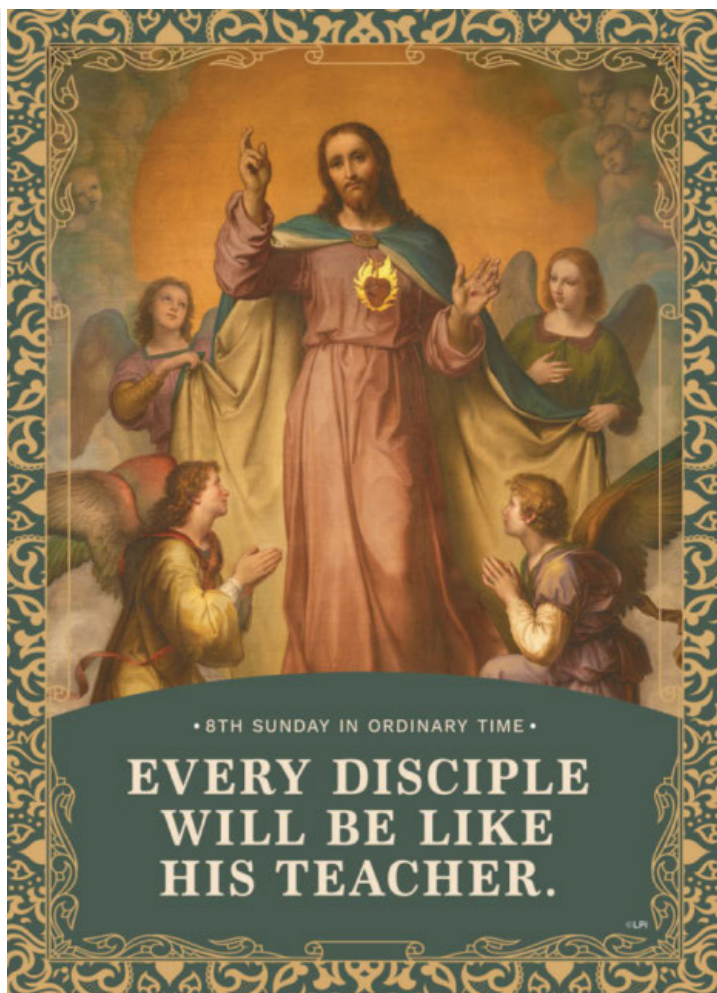
Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday & Thursday

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm
(except Holy Days & Holidays)

Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live Streamed at
www.saintjuniperoserra.org

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



• 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**EVERY DISCIPLE
WILL BE LIKE
HIS TEACHER.**

Ash Wednesday Mass Times March 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church

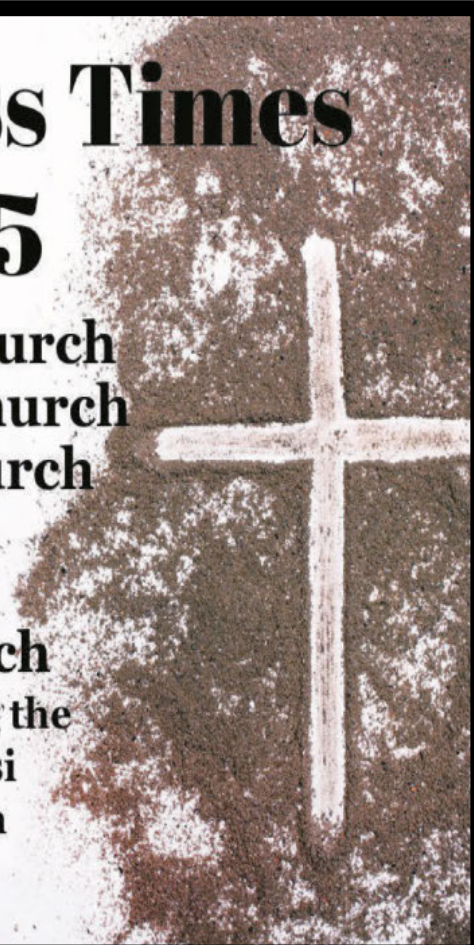
12:10 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church

7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church

Prayer Service w/Ashes

3:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church

Ashes will also be distributed individually during the
day 8:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Francis of Assisi
Church and 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm
to 5:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary 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 Road. Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am to 3pm

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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, Joan: 860-402-3105

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 1

4:00 p.m. Mary & Henry Faignant by Daughter/
James O'Keefe by Family

SUNDAY, March 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Joseph Kronenwetter

by Donna Kronenwetter & Family/

Kimberly St. Jean by Gerald Doucette

11:00 a.m. Mary Loan Kim Do & Marie Irene

McAndrews by Mimosa Pham/

Manuel Valdez Tolento by Pavadora Family

MONDAY, March 3

8:00 a.m. Ben Ward by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family

TUESDAY, March 4

8:00 a.m. Vincent Prestileo by Annamae Davis

WEDNESDAY, March 5 | Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. SFA | JoAnn Mecca by Her Sister

12:10 p.m. SFA | St. Junipero Serra Parish Families

7:00 p.m. SMM | Lawrence John Mangan

by Joel Martin & Brigitte Artman-Wietusch

THURSDAY, March 6

8:00 a.m. Lucia Miranda by Annamae

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 8

4:00 p.m. Judith Meyer by Her Niece/

Marilyn Margaret Lappen Webster, 50th Anniversary
by The Webster Family

SUNDAY, March 9

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Andre Veilleux by His Wife & His Son

11:00 a.m. Marie Carzo by Pendergast Family/

Eileen Carroll by Joanne & Ed Bendoragel

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for
SPECIAL INTENTION

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.

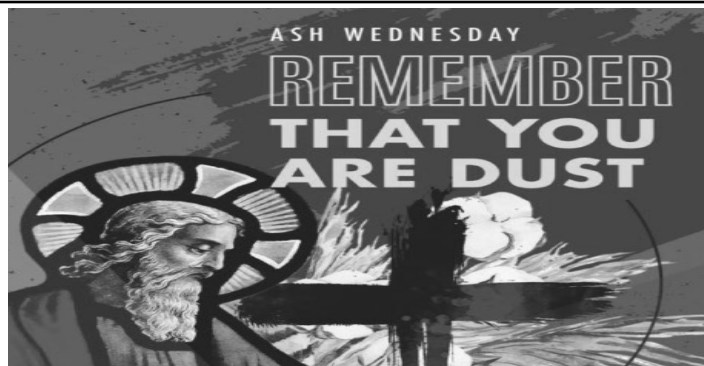
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Please join us

all Fridays

in Lent at 7:00pm



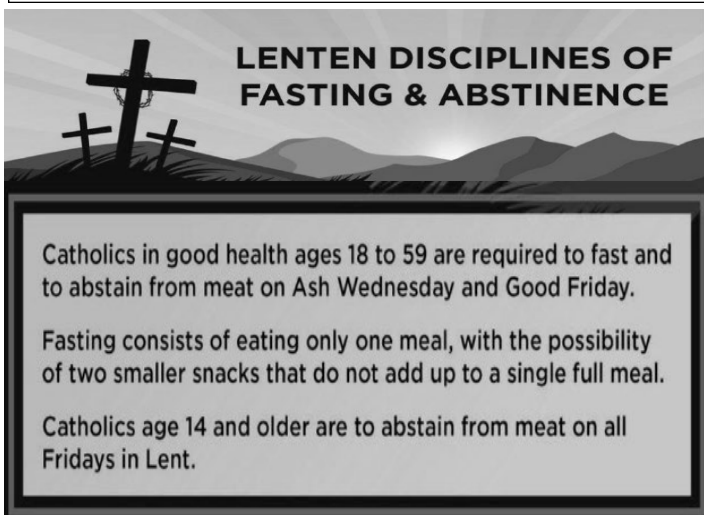
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Total Offertory including Online Giving:

2/23/2025 Weekly Collection \$12,543.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and
quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and
to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility
of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all
Fridays in Lent.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, Andrew Galinaro, Shelia
Brown, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky
Vecchiolla, Atlas, Jane Mahoney, Thomas Rippchen.
Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our
parish prayer list.

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. The first supper is scheduled for March 8, 2025.



SIMPLE SUPPER

JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY! CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of



helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in

Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition.

Pick up your rice bowl from the vestibules on March 1 & 2. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

Diaper and Wipe Drive

Thank you for your diaper and wipes donation. Your generosity is invaluable to the Pregnancy Centers and the mothers and babies using them. Your donation is very much appreciated!!



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 19th. 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.

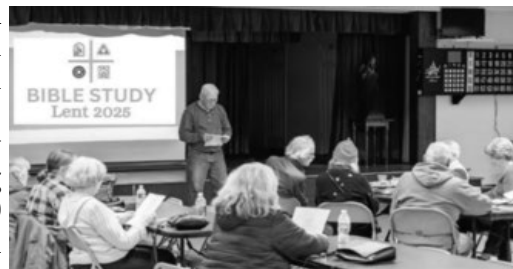
Go to <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/> to register. If you are interested in using the buses provided by the Knights of Columbus, scroll down to the Travel section, select BUS to reserve your seat. The one closest to SW is departing from 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

Lent 2025 Bible Study The Gospel of John Part II

Join us as we study the second half of the Gospel of John this Lent. We studied the first half of John's gospel in the fall, but the second half study is a stand-alone study and newcomers are welcome. The Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels written and has a more well developed theology than the three other gospels. It is sometimes referred to as the gospel of love.

Bible study will take place in St. Margaret Mary Church Hall from 7:15pm until 8:30pm on 6 consecutive Monday nights starting March 10 through April 14. This study



is open to all, regardless of your bible study experience. Newcomers welcome. The study includes a paperback textbook with the Bible readings, commentary and study questions. There will be a professional online video presentation summarizing each lesson, and small group discussion each Monday.

Call Dan Peck at 860-436-5933 to register, or if you have any questions about the study.

St. Junipero Serra Parish St. Patrick's Dinner

March 29, 2025 | SMM Church Hall

Doors open at 5:00

Authentic corned beef dinner prepared by The Brennans. Pasta, salad and rolls will also be served. DJ and Irish step dancers!

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$10 for 12 and under

Tickets will be sold after all Masses

3/8-9, 3/15-16, 3/22-23.

Tickets will be made available at the office also.

Tickets are limited to 200! So get your tickets early!!

On March 22nd & 23rd, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting St. Margaret & St. Francis. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity. Please consider supporting their annual appeal by making checks payable to: Little Sisters of the Poor-St. Joseph's Residence.



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St. Vincent de Paul Society needs volunteers for pick up and deliveries of donated furniture. If you can help one Saturday morning a month please let us know. Training will be provided.

Thank you for donations to the February food collection we helped local, DCF and Head Start Families as well at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Pantry, New Britain Ave. in Hartford. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the conference room at St. Margaret Mary. **Please consider joining us at our next meeting 3/11/2025 at 7 pm.** If you know of anyone or any family that needs help with food, utilities, clothing, furniture or rent please let us know by leaving a message on our help line – 860-648-0216, your message will be kept confidential. You can also email president@societyhelpline.org or go to our website www.societyhelpline.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:39-40: "Jesus told his disciples a parable, Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher, but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Jesus, the potter, molds us and teaches us. We can be taught and trained to be a better spouse. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, VT

April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.



marriage
encounter



Attention!!
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3pm

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4th at 3:00pm at SMM Chapel. For

more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

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Ash Wednesday

Question:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a *concept* rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

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can be found on the parish Facebook page the week before meal preparation begins. Donations to get supplies for the preparation, for the 75-80 men in the shelter would be greatly

appreciated also. If you prefer to make a donation, please make sure to make checks out to St. Junipero Serra and clearly note on an envelope that it is for the shelter meal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support, Charlie & Maryellen Brennan.



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