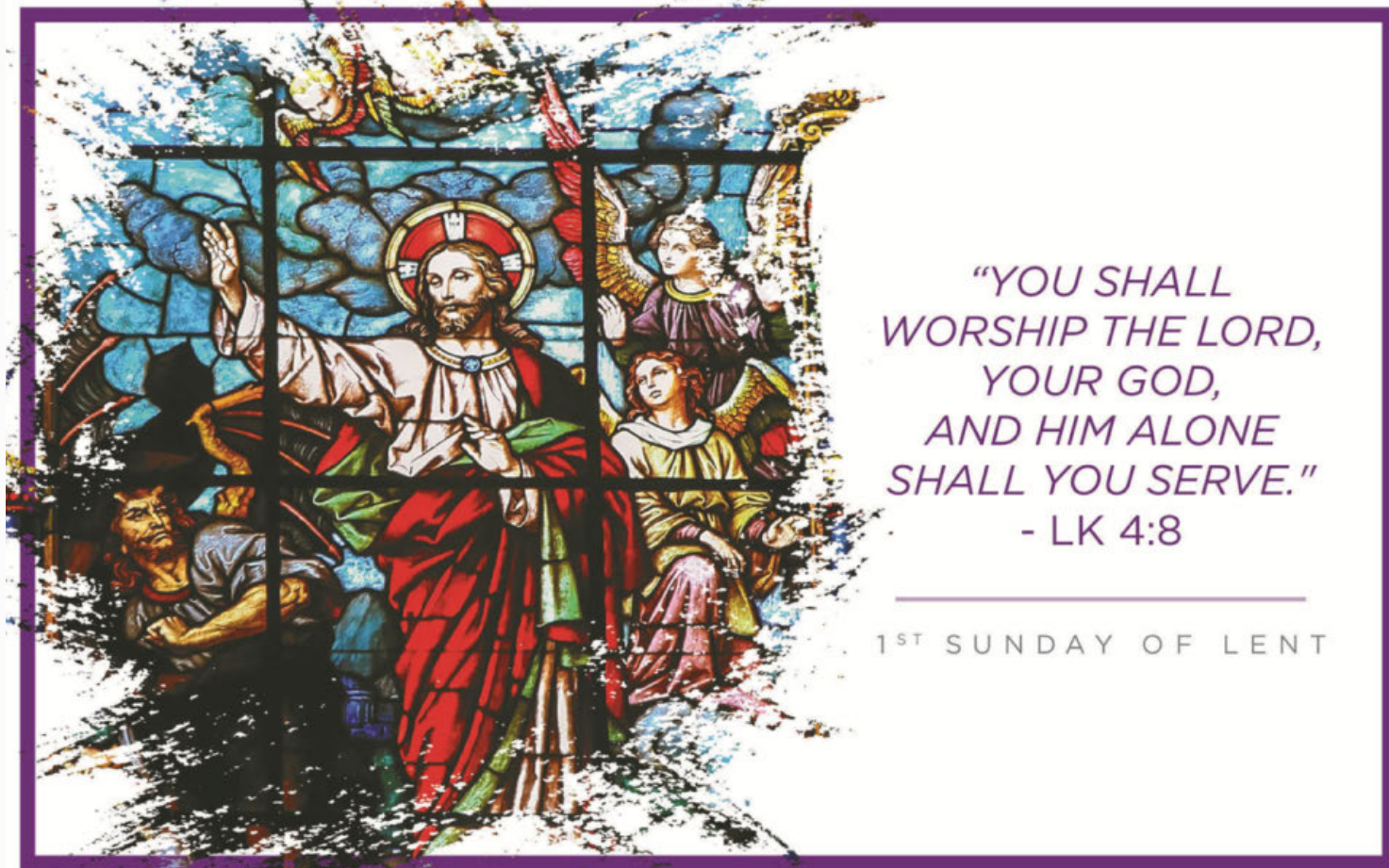




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SHALL YOU SERVE."
- LK 4:8*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road
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Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Monday &
Wednesday**

**Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live
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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)**

MARCH 9, 2025

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

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. Patrick's Dinner

Saturday, March 29, 2025

St. Margaret Mary 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!!



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, 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 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/
Special Intention for Mary Capkovic
by Cheryl & Roy Hauck

11:00 a.m. Marie Carzo by Pendergast Family/
Eileen Carroll by Joanne & Ed Bendernagel

MONDAY, March 10

8:00 a.m. SFA Special Intentions
by Frank & Laura Phillippe

TUESDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. Verna Del Cegno by Bill Beaudreau

WEDNESDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. Anthony & Antoinette Zagorski by Family

THURSDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. Roger Trudeau by Wife, Lucille

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 15

4:00 p.m. John Griffin by Mary Bey

SUNDAY, March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Marjorie Anthony by Family/
Carmelina Testa by Children & Family

11:00 a.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
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Please join us
all Fridays
in Lent at 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
3/2/2025 Weekly Collection \$12,140.00

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These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and
quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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. Ann's Pantry, Park Street, Hartford CT. 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

First Sunday of Lent

Romans 10:8-13: "Brothers and Sisters, what does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." So, call upon the Lord to help strengthen your marriage. 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://wwmectw.org/>.

Collection for Parish Maintenance and Special Projects

The second collection on the weekend of March 16th will be for Parish Maintenance and Special Projects. This collection was established to help defer the costs associated with capital improvements, maintenance, and repairs related to Parish facilities. The purpose of the Parish Maintenance and Special Projects collection is different from the Annual Parish Collection and the monthly collection. The Annual Parish Collection and monthly collection along with the weekly collection are used to pay operating expenses throughout the year to keep our Parish running.

Over the years, many improvements to the Parish facilities have been made. However, as the Parish facilities age, we expect the continued need for ongoing improvements and are designating a collection to help offset these costs. We will have four of these collections throughout the year. The additional dates for 2025 are May 18, August 24, and October 26. Thank you for responding as generously as possible.

MONTHLY ROSARY



The Monthly Rosary for March will take place on Saturday, March 15th, at 12:00 noon in the chapel at St Margaret Mary Church. All are invited. Please Call Peggy with questions - 860-978-0126.

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. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the church vestibules. If you have any questions, email sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net.

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.

Contact Justin Paulin (justin.paulin@gmail.com) to reserve your seat. There may be more locations available going forward.

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.



A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER
Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS

Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

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.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE



MY REBEL HEART- SPIRITUAL BATTLE



All people in this world because of the fall of Adam - have an inclination to sin. Jesus said that a good man sins seven times a day. In humility we should pray and confess our sins and receive the Eucharist often so that we stay close to Him - who has made a path to grace despite our sins.

We thank you Lord for dark and quiet churches for when I had eaten of the tree of the fruit that was forbidden, I hid myself and I was found by You, and you told me what to do, to be made clean again.

"Then the LORD God said: See! The man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil! Now, what if he also reaches out his hand to take fruit from the tree of life, and eats of it and lives forever? The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken." He expelled the man, stationing the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword east of the garden of Eden, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:22-24

Rebel Heart

Does my rebel heart Really beat for You?

Reject the blue in perfect skies,
Façade and collars, Improvise,
Seem to follow lesser things,
In this, a call from You dear King?

Born in stable – castle-
Hay – your satin sheets -
Rebel heart beats for you,
Lost in barren streets-

I walk the way, toward other christs,
You came to save and desire saving,
Living among the swine,
Drink their wine in sinning,

Sensing You -In longing - narrow roads-
Through my fault, Through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault, -I fall -
Toward You - but also away...

Here I am Lord,
My rebel eyes on fire for You
I stay the narrow road,
I do not fear, But being far from You -
Rapid flutters within, take pity on me Lord -
-and hear - My broken Hymn -

Love,
Your Rebel
Whose Heart beats wildly- seeking You-

"Our own evil inclinations are far more dangerous than any external enemies." - St. Ambrose

"Without sanctifying grace it is not possible to refrain long from mortal sin." -Thomas Aquinas

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you." -St. Thomas Aquinas

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Luke 18:13

"Blessed is the crisis that made you grow, the fall that made you look to heaven and the problem that made you look for GOD."

-Saint Padre Pio

CCC405 Although it is proper to each individual, original sin does not have the character of a personal fault in any of Adam's descendants. It is a deprivation of original holiness and justice, but **human nature** has not been totally corrupted: it is wounded in the natural powers proper to it, subject to ignorance, suffering and the dominion of death, and inclined to sin - an inclination to evil that is called concupiscence". Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ's grace, erases original sin and turns a man back towards God, but the consequences for nature, weakened and inclined to evil, persist in man and **summon him to spiritual battle.**

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant /860.644.2549/ faithformation@sjs-sw.org

Lenten Workshop

Saturday, March 29th 1:30-4:30pm | 467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield

Please join us to discover how to *fast* from all that prevents you from living out the role you have as a disciple of Christ!

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