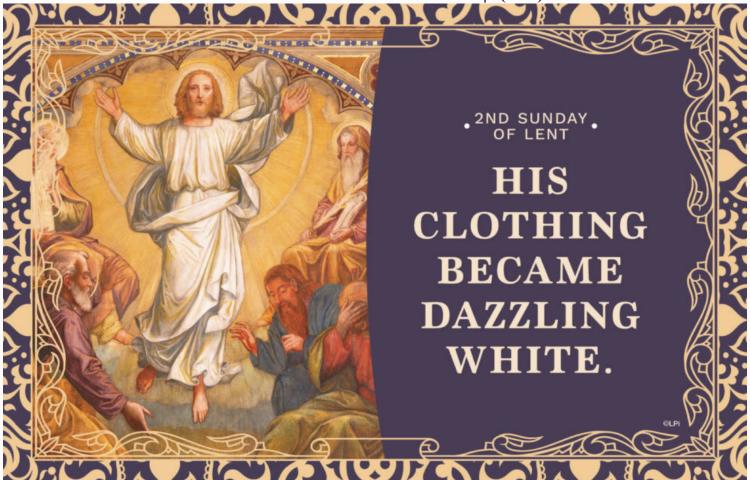


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MARCH 16, 2025

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

# GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE March 16, 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's



all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

# 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 <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

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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.

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**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.

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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

MONDAY, March 17 8:00 a.m. Rini Family by Shirley Stewart TUESDAY, March 18 8:00 a.m. Lawrence Mangan by Annamae Davis WEDNESDAY, March 19 8:00 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family THURSDAY, March 20 8:00 a.m. Peggy Messer by Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 22 4:00 p.m. Sharon Estey by Lorrie Coelho/ Shirley Lamarsh by Jeanne & Tom SUNDAY, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Muriel Parille by Don Parille 11:00 a.m. Frank & Lorraine Pappalardo by Family/ Tom Mazza by Teresa & Family

#### 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 My will played 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, 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 Please join us all Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm

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experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence their hometown, Amina and her family

were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/9/2025 Weekly Collection \$10,340.00 Ash Wednesday Collection \$2,878.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

#### 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! Fr. Frank DeSiano, Paulist missionary priest is our guest lecturer! Cost \$35.

Sign up (seats are limited): https:// www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/events

INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesdav. March 18th





3:00pm at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

#### Collection for Parish Maintenance and Special Projects

The second collection on this weekend 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.

#### Feast of the Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25. The feast commemorates when the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary and told her that she would conceive Jesus. The Annunciation Novena starts on Sunday, March 16. Go to Annunciation Novena to participate in the Novena.



How else can we celebrate the solemnity? We can attend Mass, pray the Angelus and pray the Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary.

#### 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 officially register. There are also sign-up sheets in each of the church vestibules. Please email sjs40daysforlife@comcast.net with any questions.

If you are interested in using the buses provided by the Knights of Columbus, go to https://marchforlife.org/ connecticut/ 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.

# Congratulations

Recipients of The St. Joseph Medal of Honor. Each year, the Archbishop awards the St. Joseph's Medal of Appreciation to those in the Archdiocese who have exhibited outstanding service to their community. Archbishop Coyne will present this year's medal to Tony and Josie Cardinale on March 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Congratulations, and thank you for your service and dedication to our parish community.



On March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR Little Sisters of the Poor ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE will be visiting St. Margaret Mary & St. Francis of

Assisi. 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.

Simple Suppers will be served Friday evenings during Lent before Stations at St. Francis of Assisi. 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.





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. The March food collection will help local, DCF and Head Start Families as

well at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Pantry, New Britain Avenue, Hartford CT.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the conference room at St. Margaret Mary. Please consider joining us at our next meeting 4/8/2025 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

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Discouragement can set in during lent, when we are depriving ourselves of things that we like. It can make us feel less patient, and less grateful, and more on edge. It can take a few extra seconds, but often those irritations can be the exact moment we look for Him. We find out that we always did have enough - in Him, and that what we thought we were missing was just enough darkness to perceive His light!

#### **Enough is Enough**

I had no time – But at this time, I called to You-

I had no faith -

But I begged and borrowed a morsel of faith In Your name I do – find a few morsels -

I had no help -

I rushed about helpless,

As I found things placed - like helpful things often are -

I had no will -

For all I willed did not come to be,

So, I willed your will come true – for me soon, and not too far off-

I had no words – I mumbled disturbed

And scratched a word or two – on the paper -

I had had enough -

Of all of it

I threw up my hands in blue skies—wishing for any

And this sky it was blue – already -

And a morsel of faith in His will - found words for the

heavy day –

and of my own I had had enough -

but somehow enough was enough - of what I needed -

and sufficient for the day was - His grace!



O my God, suffer me still—bear with me in spite of my waywardness, perverseness, and ingratitude! I improve very slowly, but really I am moving on to heaven, or at least I wish to move. I am putting Thee before me, vile sinner as I am, and I am really thinking in earnest of saving my soul. Give me time to collect my thoughts, and make one good effort. I protest I will put off this languor and lukewarmness—I will shake myself from this sullenness and despondency and gloom—I will rouse myself, and be cheerful, and walk in Thy light. I will have no hope or joy but Thee. Only give me Thy grace—meet me with Thy grace, I will through Thy grace do what I can—and Thou shalt perfect it for me. Then I shall have happy days in Thy presence, and in the sight and adoration of Thy five Sacred Wounds. St. John Henry Newman

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows." St. Francis of Assisi

"The Lord is greater than all: I have said enough." St. Patrick

"In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear."

St. Therese of Lisieux

#### THE IMPLICATIONS OF FAITH IN ONE GOD

CCC222 Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life. CCC223 It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty: "Behold, God is great, and we know him not." 46 Therefore, we must "serve God first". 47

CCC224 It means living in thanksgiving: if God is the only One, everything we are and have comes from him: "What have you that you did not receive?" 48 "What shall I render to the LORD for all his bounty to me?" 49

CCC225 It means knowing the unity and true dignity of all men: everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.50

CCC226 It means making good use of created things: faith in God, the only One, leads us to use everything that is not God only insofar as it brings us closer to him, and to detach ourselves from it insofar as it turns us away from him:

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you.

My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you. My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you.51

CCC227 It means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust:

Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you
Everything passes / God never changes
Patience / Obtains all
Whoever has God / Wants for nothing
God alone is enough.

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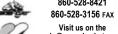




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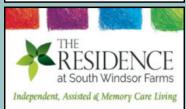
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