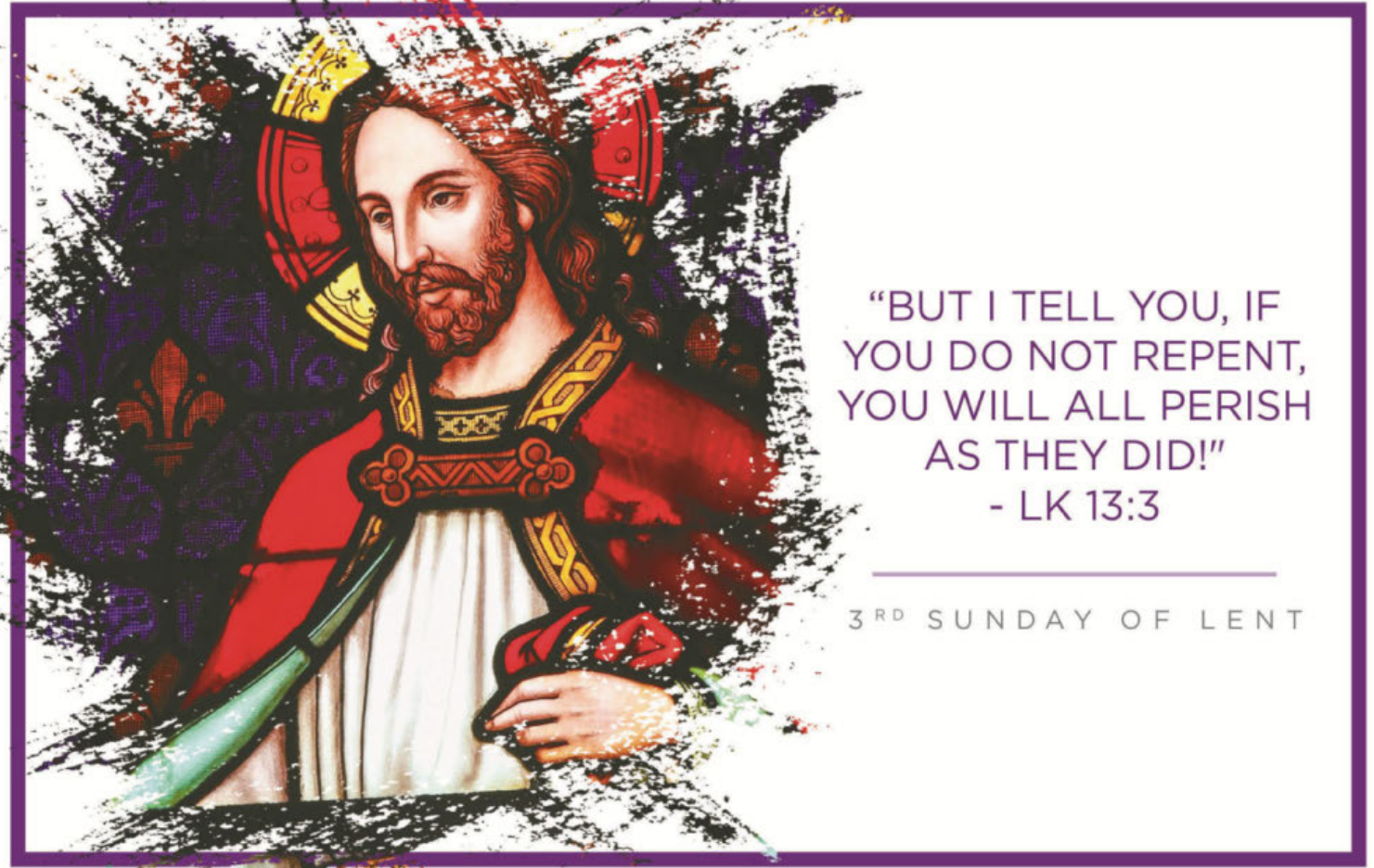




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AS THEY DID!”
- LK 13:3

3RD 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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MARCH 23, 2025

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.**



**Congratulations to the winners of “Keep Christ in Christmas”
Poster Contest by the Knights of Columbus.**

Order of individuals: Grand Knight - Stan Ruszczyk, Donna, Carolyn, Adelle, Kendall & Fr. Castro.

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

Pastoral Staff

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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 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

MONDAY, March 24

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Moskites by Mindy Cieck

TUESDAY, March 25

8:00 a.m. Thoi Hoang by The Hoang Family

WEDNESDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m. Fred Sauer by Family

THURSDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m. Don Bania by wife, Joyce

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 29

4:00 p.m. Joseph Whitbread, 10th Anniversary by
Margaret Whitbread/ Nicholas Vincenzo by Family

SUNDAY, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Ed Argo by Edie Argo
11:00 a.m. Jane Helbig by Family/
Joseph Frank Gennaro, Sr. by Maury & Louise Bridge

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **ARTHUR JACQUES & ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AS WELL AS ALL OF THE LIVING FAMILY MEMBERS & A SPECIAL INTENTION**
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **MANUEL & ROSAURA SOTOMAYOR, & MARTA SOTOMAYOR, 1ST ANNIVERSARY**
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 Muzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro, Shelia Brown, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky Vecchiolla, Atlas, Jane Mahoney, Thomas Rippchen, Michael & Susan Klosowski. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Please join us
all Fridays
in Lent at 7:00pm

NUTRITIOUS MEALS HELP CHILDREN GROW HEALTHY IN GUATEMALA. In Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food



prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through

their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read this week's Story of Hope.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
3/16/2025 Weekly Collection \$11,279.00
Capital Improvements Collection \$6,620.00
These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps CRS address the needs of people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper—and you also support five other Catholic organizations' outreach to other vulnerable people.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday. *Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1st at 3:00pm at SMM Chapel.* For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

The Pastor's Scholarship Application 2025 for High School Seniors



We invite all seniors graduating from high school and who have been dedicated in serving our parish community by participating in service, to apply for this scholarship. Visit our website under "Confirmation" to obtain the application or email the office at admin.coord@sjs-sw.org to request a copy.

Applications must be returned to the office by May 12, 2025 and may be left in the black mailbox after hours.

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.



Attention! St. Vincent de Paul Society will no longer be collecting for Haiti. St. Bridget's took over the collection site so there is no where to store the items. Thank you for all the support you've given for the Haitian Health Foundation over the years.

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.



Food Collection

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 2nd 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



THIS WEEKEND, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting St. Margaret Mary & St. Francis of Assisi.



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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.

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>

Please come to "Millions of Monicas" prayer group in our parish. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer and through the intercession of St. Monica. We will pray that our young family members, children and grandchildren will be drawn back to the Catholic Faith and will enjoy the richness of the Church.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS



St. Margaret Mary Church at 3:00 pm every Friday for 40 minutes.

Knights Helping Neighbors Program

Knights Helping Neighbors (KHN) is a program offered by Knights of Columbus Chapter 5779 in order to assist St. Junipero Serra parishioners in time of

need with general household services. In the event that your needs are beyond our resources, our dedicated Knights will assist with providing information regarding South Windsor, and/or, local community services so that your needs can be directed to the proper agencies and resources.

In closing, we are committed to providing assistance to those who are truly in need. If you or anyone you know in the parish need assistance, please call Steve Solimene at 860-967-2968. Our Knights Helping Neighbors Team will be most willing to accommodate you in setting up an appointment in order to further discuss your needs. Thank you.



Knights of Columbus

Gloria - The Gift of Life!



His mother was informed that her baby was developing with complications. There was nothing that they could do before the baby was born and so it was suggested that she abort her baby. This mother did not abort her baby though. And the baby was born with certain complications that would later lead him to lose his eyesight and become permanently and completely blind. This baby was Andrea Bocelli and more than likely you all recognize his name because he would become one of the most beautifully talented singers of our time.

As a voice for all the babies - He sings his song - *Gloria - The Gift of Life*. His words reach deeply into the depths with an appreciation that not all of us have had to enter. The fight for life as a helpless baby in the womb. In thunderous resound for all of the babies whose doctors suggested that their life be ended because of developmental complications. Them unable to recognize the dignity and beauty of all babies, of all life from conception to natural death. And a brave mother who despite medical advice bore her beautiful son. Listen to his song. Feel the chills rush through you as he sings - *I am forever grateful - For the gift of Life!*

Lyrics Gloria - The Gift of Life! By Andrea Bocelli

For the gift of life
For the air we breathe
For the tears we cry
For every melody
For the times we break
Even when we bleed
For the morning sun
I raise my voice to sing
Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, Gloria
Un amore eterno
I'm forever grateful
Gloria, Gloria
You were just a child
Only yesterday
And now here we are
Here on your wedding day

Like a million stars
You light up the sky
You are a miracle
I can't believe my eyes
Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, Gloria
Un amore eterno
I'm forever grateful
Gloria, Gloria
(Alleluia, Alleluia
Un amore eterno)
Gloria (Alleluia)
Gloria (Alleluia, un amore
eterno)
Gloria
Gloria (Alleluia)

"The quality of life in a community is measured largely by its commitment to assist the weaker and needier members with respect for their dignity as men and women. The world of rights cannot only be the prerogative of the healthy. People with disabilities must also be enabled to participate in social life as far as they can, and helped to fulfil all their physical, psychological and spiritual potential. Only by recognizing the rights of its weakest members can a society claim to be founded on law and justice: the disabled are not different from other people which is why, in recognizing and promoting their dignity and rights, we recognize and promote our own dignity and rights and those of each one of us."

St. Pope John Paul II

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish" St. Mother Teresa

"Take care, take care, never to close your heart to anyone!" St. Peter Faber

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

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