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"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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

MARCH 30, 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.

EASTER SCHEDULE 2025

Palm Sunday Vigil, April 12 4:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church

Palm Sunday, April 13 9:00 a.m. | St. Francis of Assisi Church 11:00 a.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church

TRIDUUM, April 17–19 Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church St. Margaret Mary Church will be open until 10:00 p.m. for personal prayer & adoration

Good Friday: 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi Church

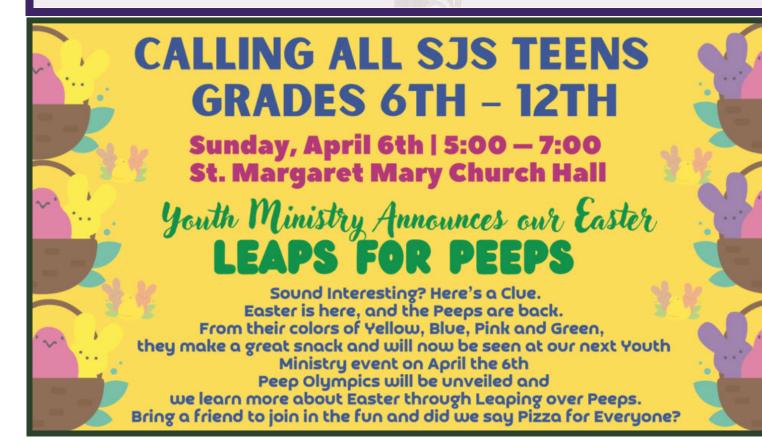
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church

Holy Saturday: 12:00 p.m. | Food Blessing at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church

Easter Sunday, April 20 9:00 a.m. | St. Francis of Assisi Church 11:00 a.m. | St. Margaret Mary Church

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27 3:00 p.m. | St. Francis of Assisi Church Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction





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.

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SATURDAY VIGIL, March 29

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

MONDAY, March 31 8:00 a.m. Lucy Flint by Her Nieces TUESDAY, April 1 8:00 a.m. Patrick & Frances Sullivan & The Sullivan Family by Annamae WEDNESDAY, April 2 8:00 a.m. James & Elizabeth Forney by Friend THURSDAY, April 3 8:00 a.m. Kevin Egan by Gerald & Helen Griffin

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 5 4:00 p.m. Barbara Gillin & Mary Ellen Powers by Mary Bey/ Ronan Ramilo, 1st Anniversary SUNDAY, April 6 | Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Paul St. Jean & Jean Hemingway by Bonnie & Family 11:00 a.m. Rosina & Joseph Aiello & Rosanna Neri by Milluzzo Family/ Christopher Golik by Wife & Children

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

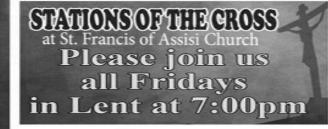
St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for JANE HELBIG If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one,

please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

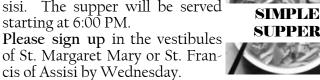


Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill: Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott in your prayers Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson,

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 Muzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro, Shelia Brown, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky Vecchiolla, Atlas, Jane Mahoney, Thomas Rippchen, Michael & Susan Klosowski, Marilyn Pugliese. 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.



PROTECTING CROPS FROM NATURAL DISAS-TERS IN BANGLADESH Shahadat's village, and



much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Sha-

hadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.



INCREASE YOUR FAITH Come to our Cenacle which meets every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April Ist at 3:00pm

at SMM Chapel. For more information call Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE We have early transmission deadlines. Bulletin articles must be received *no later 8:30 am* Tuesday, April 1st for Sunday, April 13th Tuesday, April 8th for Sunday, April 20th Tuesday, April 15th for Sunday, April 27th Email your submissions to: **bulletin@sjs-sw.org**

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CT March for Life



The CT March for Life was a success. The weather was perfect, and over 2000 people were there supporting life. Here are some websites that keep CT residents informed of Catholic and prolife issues. They do not ever send emails; so, do not worry about signing up to receive.

- Family Institute of CT: <u>https://www.ctfamily.org/</u>
- Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference: <u>https://action.etcatholicpac.org/</u>
- Connecticut Catholic Conference: <u>https://ctcatholic.org</u>

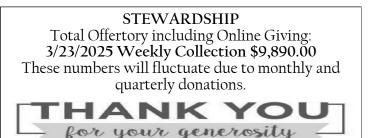
The Pastor's Scholarship Application 2025 for High School Seniors

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 <u>admin.coord@sjs-sw.org</u> 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.



Second Collection | Weekend of 4/12&13



This special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule

and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.

For more information, please visit <u>www.usccb.org/</u> <u>ccee</u>. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online. The Parish will be collecting items for Easter baskets for children from April 5th through April 13th.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in helping children celebrate Easter while living in the East Hartford Shelter.



AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Jan Thivierge from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/ or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!





Come join us at "It Takes Three" Married Couples Retreat! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 4313 of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry, on Sat., May 17th, 2025, at the St.

Thomas Aquinas Chapel Student Center, Storrs from 8am-5:15pm. Presented by a team of layperson married couples-like you! Cost is only \$40/couple. Enjoy great talks & discussions, a special ceremony with memento, plus a lovely midday dinner.

Register 2 ways:

online at SignÚpGenius using the QR code or website address http://bitly/4j3RUmN OR email Elizabeth & Jim Percy at tiggpercy@gmail.com.





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.





The March food collection will help local, DCF and Head Start Families as well at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Pantry, New **Food Collection** 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 confiden-

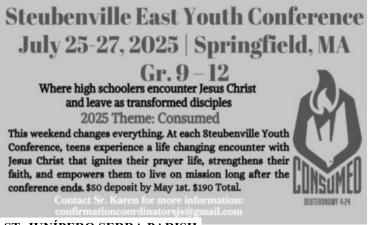


tial. You can also email president@societyhelpline.org or go to our website www.societyhelpline.org



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.

St. Margaret Mary Church at 3:00 pm every Friday for 40 minutes. All are welcome!!



"Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the rosary." St. Padre Pio

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

Lent

Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a



purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape! ©LPi







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