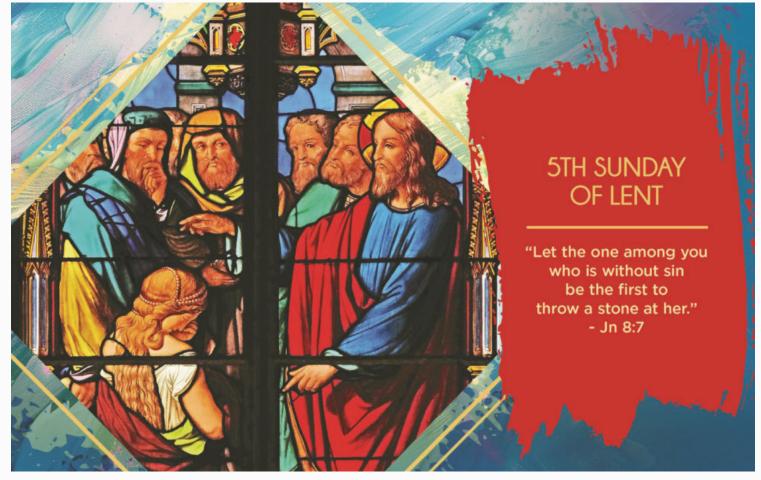
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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

APRIL 6, 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.

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EASTER

EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 10:15am St. Francis of Assisi Church

Crafts and activities as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny!

All children ages 10 and under are invited. Bring Your Own Basket and we will provide the fun!

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.

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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

MONDAY, April 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Frank & Laura Phillipe TUESDAY, April 8 8:00 a.m. Edna Robitaille by Annamae Davis WEDNESDAY, April 9 8:00 a.m. Danny Jacques by The Smith Family THURSDAY, April 10 8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Father Castro & His Father, Fernando by Cheryl & Roy Hauck

SATURDAY VIGIL, April 12

4:00 p.m. Laurette & Raymond Billig by daughter, Carol Billig/

Special Intention of Fr. Castro & His Father, Fernando by Cheryl & Roy Hauck SUNDAY, April 13 Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Rose St. Laurent by Family 11:00 a.m. Francisco Estrosos, Sr. by Maria

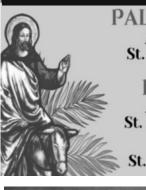
SANCTUARY LIGHTS St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for 90TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR ANNAMAE DAVIS If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office 860-644-2411.



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.

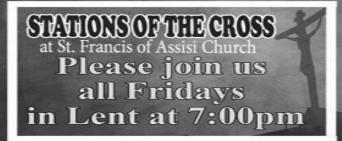
PALM SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE



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



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.



UNITED IN GENEROSITY AS ONE GLOBAL FAMILY Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on

how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.

STEWARDSHIP Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/23/2025 Weekly Collection \$12,214.00 CRS Collection \$2,335.00 Little Sisters of the Poor \$6,488.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY Next weekend's special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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

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In celebration of your Birthday, and for your devoted and faithful service, may God bless you, with happiness and peace. Happy Birthday Fr. Castro!

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 scholar-



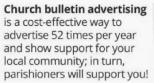
ship. Visit our website under "Confirmation" to obtain the application or email the office at admin.coord@sjssw.org to request a copy.

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

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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!



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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

Banns of Marriage

Sarah Mahoney & Patryk Zygadlo



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.

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UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE HAD TO SUSPEND COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR HAITI DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE AT ST. BRIDGET IN MANCHES-TER. 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 your contributions to the March food collection we helped local, DCF and Head Start Families as well as 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



JESUS LOVES YOU!

He sat on the other end of the pew from me and we would wave at the part we share peace and he smiled on the way out and said he'd pray for me, even though I didn't even know his name. About six months of this on a daily basis, he approached me and handed me a bulletin and he seemed to ask me to read it. I was confused that he seemed to struggle to say the words, until I read the bulletin blurb, that said he was dying of ALS.

He was beginning his own ALS challenge. Instead of the ice bucket challenge, his challenge would be, during the decline of his bodily state, he would attempt to show the world the love of God, through him carrying his cross, so that we would know Jesus loved us so much.

As his health declined it seemed his eyes shined more. I'll never forget the day he greeted me at the door

wearing a bright red t-shirt that said Jesus loves you - with a laptop in his hand. As he held the door for me, I heard the computer speak - Jesus loves you!

Soon after this time, my family and I moved away, and I found out some months later that he had passed. But whenever I think that it is only the big and successful things that I do that matter. Or whenever my cross seems too much to bear, I think of that man with ALS at the door. His eyes shining bright, unable to speak, wearing a bright red shirt - that said - *Jesus loves you* - with a computer in his hand - pressing the button, to help me understand that no matter how heavy the cross, or if it looks like the end, *Jesus loves me*!

Stay I'd go anywhere for you, I would fly to the moon. I would build a city on a hill, I would plant you a garden, I would till, I would till, I would write, I would sing, I would do a million things. But what if you asked me to stay? Could I stand in one place? See all of my work go to waste? Feel the boredom in my bones? Feel worthless and not know? Why you want this thing from me, To stay put and never leave. Have no gifts of mine to share, Just a soul standing here, Loving you!

"When it is all over you will not regret having suffered; rather you will regret having suffered so little, and suffered that little so badly." -St. Sebastian Valfre

Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Saviour; in suffering love becomes crystallised; the greater the suffering, the purer the love.-St. Faustina

"How good and pleasant it is to dwell in the Heart of Jesus! Who is there who does not love a heart so wounded? Who can refuse a return of love to a Heart so loving? Amen."- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

CCC1505 Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CELEBRATION FOR SUNDAY | APRIL 27, 2025

All are invited to St. Margaret Mary Church, to pray the Novena and Chaplet this Easter Season. The 9 day Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet from <u>Good Friday, April 18th, concludes with adoration, chaplet and benediction</u> @3pm on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27.

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- Good Friday, April 18th after the 3 pm celebration @ SMM
- Holy Saturday, April 19th @ 3 pm @ SMM
- Easter Sunday, April 20th @ 7pm @ SMM
- Monday, Apríl 21st @7pm @ SMM
- Tuesday, April 22nd, 7pm @ SMM
- Wednesday, April 23nd 7 pm @ SMM
- Thursday, April 24th 7 pm @ SMM
- Friday, Ápril 25th 7 pm @ SMM
- Saturday, April 26th, 3 pm @ SFA
- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27th
- @ 3 pm: with Adoration, Chaplet, and Benediction @ SFA

Please Join us; invite your family and friends come pray the Divine Mercy Novena to our Lord, and to obtain the complete forgiveness of our sins and punishment. CONFESSION: If one found it difficult during this Lenten season, come by Friday <u>April 25th @ 7pm</u> at St. Margaret Mary followed by The Divine Mercy Novena

Information Mike Cianciolo 860-604-1745, Joe Alubicki 860-989-8423 or Jozef Chilicki 860-794-0255

*SFA-St. Francis of Assisi Church *SMM-St. Margaret Mary Church More details to come.....

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