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OFLENI "He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

673 Ellington Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Sunday Mass: 7:30 am & 9:00 am Weekday Mass: Wednesday 8:00am

Weekday & Weekend Masses are Live Streamed at www.saintjuniperoserra.org

MARCH 20, 2022

ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH

80 Hayes Road South Windsor, CT 06074 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday Mass: 11:00 am Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday-8:00 am Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm Monday after 8:00am Daily Mass Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm

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

LENTEN MISSION by Rev. Jared J. Brogan Director - Office of Worship, Diocese of Paterson

Director - Office of Worship, Diocese of Paterson March 21, 22 | 6:00pm | St. Francis of Assisi Church

<u>Topics</u> **† BAPTISM** Called by Name Into Discipleship **† CONFIRMATION** Sent by Name Out as Missionary Disciples **† EUCHARIST** Nourished Strength for Discipleship



All are welcome to join us!

Mass of Healing & Hope



We will be celebrating the Mass of Healing & Hope-the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick gives strength, support and healing to those who are ill, elderly, or

facing surgery. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and bring anyone who may need this special blessing.

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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 thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm

Pastoral Staff

Offices located at 80 Hayes Rd, Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 3 pm Friday: 9 am to 12pm | Parish Office: 860-644-2411 Fax: 860-644-5765

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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, Ida, 860-289-2826 or Mary, 860-644-0766.

Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

Ministry to Those in the Hospital or Homebound: Your parish priests, 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.

Winter Snow Policy: Please check our website, channel 3 or Facebook page for possible cancellation. Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday. Email your submissions to: bulletin@southwindsor.cc



SATURDAY VIGIL, March 19

4:00 p.m. Kenny Offiaeli by Family SUNDAY, March 20 Third Sunday of Lent 7:30 a.m. Mary & John Taylor by Rosaleen & Ed Meyer & Family 9:00 a.m. Sharon Estey by Daughter, Lorrie Coelho 11:00 a.m. Tom Mazza by Teresa & Family

MONDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. Zena Steben by Annamae Davis TUESDAY, March 22 8:00 a.m. Mark Klosowski by Morning Mass Friends WEDNESDAY, March 23 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions by Laura & Frank Phillipe THURSDÂY, March 24 8:00 a.m. Elaine Kerrill-Crumb by Julia Dzen

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 26

4:00 p.m. Frank Pappalardo by Family SUNDAY, March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent 7:30 a.m. Martha Paxi by The Paxi Family 9:00 a.m. Thoi Hoang by Hoang Family 11:00 a.m. Jane Helbig - 1st Anniversary by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

St. Francis of Assisi's Sanctuary Light burns this week for **JOHN & LORETTA PADEGIMAS** St. Margaret Mary's Sanctuary Light burns this week for GERARD R. BOLDUC 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 EMEMBER the following parishioners who are in your prayers ill Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher,

Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Helen Palmer, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelli, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Kay Vuono, Pat Hendrickson, 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, Paula Musgrave, Richard Mazur, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes, Ginette Collin. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CRO at St. Francis of Assisi Church Please join us all Fridays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Next Weekend's Second

Collection will be for Ukraine: The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection will be held on March 26, 27. The CRS Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vuInerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding



people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions. When you support the collection, your prayers are put into action and become a sign of solidarity and neighborly love for our brothers and sisters.

A Moment for Grace A Prayer for Refugees God of our Wandering Ancestors, Long have we known That your heart is with the refugee: That you were born into time In a family of refugees Fleeing violence in their homeland, Who then gathered up their hungry child And fled into alien country. Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: "Will you let me in?" Give us hearts that break open When our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry. Then surely all these things will follow: Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices. Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate. And hands will reach out working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven. Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me And so make me worthy Of the refuge I have found in you. AMEN

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE Hartford, CT / March 23, 2022

Sponsored by the Respect Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut will have its first official March for Life. The rally begins at the State Capitol at 12:00 pm, and The March for Life will start approximately 1:00.

Let our Connecticut legislators and governor know there are people in our state who value human life.

If you would like to register to march, go to <u>https://</u> <u>life-ctcatholic.nationbuilder.com/</u> or contact <u>Beth</u> <u>at bah.cats@comcast.net</u>



Are you ready to get back out? Tired of restrictions and being home all the time? The SJS Men's club is here for you! We are planning several events to bring our parish family back together to enjoy each other's company and get back to living.

Below are some events planned over the next several weeks:

- Set-back Tournament Monday, March 28th, 6-8 PM @ SFA Hall – at next Men's club meeting. All invited. Refreshments will be provided.
- Yard Goats Game \$5 tickets June XX
- SJS Golf Tournament at East Hartford Golf Club – September XX

Watch the bulletin for additional events and updates.

The Men's and Women's Clubs will be collecting and organizing donations for the East Hartford Family Shelter children to provide an Easter basket with candies and small toys for the children, ages 2-16.



If you would like to donate a bas-

ket, basket filler, candy, or snacks such as cookies, popcorn or crackers, fruit cups, Juice boxes, or things like bubbles, crayons, chalk, playing cards, small crafts, anything the children might like, we will assemble and deliver in time for Easter. The collection will begin the week of 3/14- 4/3 at each Church. *Contact Paulann 860 291-9960 or Elizabeth at 860 289-3770 if you have questions.*

STEWARDSHIP Total Offertory including Online Giving: 3/13/2022 Weekly Collection \$10,043.00 These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and quarterly donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Junipero Teen Masses will be 3/26 at 4:00 p.m. at SMM 3/27 at 9:00 a.m. at SFA Teens will be proclaiming the readings, helping out during collection, and passing out bulletins.

The food collection for March will take place on the weeke n d of 3/26 a n d 3/27/2022. Bags will be given out at the Masses the weekend of 3/19 - 3/20/2020. This



month our donations will go to Head Start families in Vernon, DCF families in Manchester, our regular clients and St. Ann's in Hartford.

Want to know more about volunteering or attending a meeting? Please email <u>president@societyhelpline.org</u>. Have kitchen items or good used furniture to share? Please post your donation at <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> Need help or know someone else who needs help? Post a request for assistance on our website <u>www.societyhelpline.org</u> or call 860 648-0216.



OVERCOMING DISASTER In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult

for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Would you like to learn how to pray the rosary and its' sacred mysteries?

St. Junipero Serra Parish invites you along with one of our parishioners, Allison, to learn to pray the Rosary.

All are invited regardless of your background or experience, the only requirement is to bring your heart to your Mother in heaven so that she can present your prayers to Jesus. If you are interested please call the rectory (860)644-2411 and ask for Ginger at ext: 101.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Junipero Serra Parish are sponsoring a Blood Drive on



Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at <u>ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI</u> Church Hall. Make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at redcrossblood.org. Any questions call Kevin Paradis @ 860-212-9661. 5

Prodigal Son



"At least they are at my house." Is a very popular phrase to hear amongst parents of teens. Sometimes it's in the reasoning for getting a swimming pool or a ping pong set. Other times, you hear it in their leniency towards behavior that they know is not right to allow.

In the story of the prodigal son, the son goes away and squanders everything on sinful pleasures. He goes away from his father, and more than likely his father was worried at home,

since his son was not there with him. But reflecting on this truth, one can wonder what would happen if the father had afforded the son leniency to sin in order to keep his son home.

If the father in the prodigal story had done that, would the son have ever found himself so low, feeding off the food of the pigs? Would the son have ever reflected on his life and the pain he was causing himself and his family? Would the son have ever repented and been forgiven? Would there have ever been this good reason for rejoicing?

I remember a priest started his homily this way one time. *Why does everyone when they read that story think they are the good son?* And I chuckled to myself, because I always got hung up on the good son. *Why doesn't anyone throw him a party?* Not fair!

The priest went on to say, in life we are sometimes the good son who is the father's peace, but maybe not acknowledged. Sometimes we are the prodigal son who has strayed and must be forgiven, other times we are the father, who must embrace and forgive the repentant son.

I think as parents we should all look at ourselves as the father in that story. The father said not in my house. But when you are ready to repent, I will throw you a party and forgive you. And for our sons and daughters who are already living good and holy lives...*Can someone please throw them a party*!

CCC1439 The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful father:37 the fascination of illusory freedom, the abandonment of the father's house; the extreme misery in which the son finds himself after squandering his fortune; his deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed swine, and still worse, at wanting to feed on the husks the pigs ate; his reflection on all he has lost; his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father; the journey back; the father's generous welcome; the father's joy - all these are characteristic of the process of conversion. The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet are symbols of that new life - pure worthy, and joyful - of anyone who returns to God and to the bosom of his family, which is the Church. Only the heart of Christ who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way.

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant |860.644.2549| faithformation@southwindsor.cc Please join us for the Spring Adult Formation Sessions: Diving Deeper into Catholicism - Lent 2022 offered by Joe Coray Wednesday evenings | 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at SFA Session ONE: March 16 The Mass and the Eucharist History, Worship and the Liturgy of the Word Session TWO: March 23 The Mass and the Eucharist

The Mass and the Eucharist The Liturgy of the Eucharist and Contemporary Worship

Session THREE: March 30 Preparing for Holy Week with Scripture Jesus Christ, the Crucified Savior and the Passion in the

Gospel of Luke

Session FOUR: April 6: A Glimpse into Easter:

Jesus Christ the Risen Lord and the Easter Narratives in the Gospel of Luke

Please "pre-register" by calling our Faith Formation Office or email: <u>jcoray@att.net</u>

It is important that when you

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Solution give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature! Organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul Society right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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FRIDAY KNIGHTS BINGO at St. Margaret Mary Church Hall Doors & Kitchen open at 5:00pm Bingo starts at 7:00pm



Higher payouts – play for \$25 – all games. Help support local charities, have loads of fun and eat some delicious food when you come to Friday "KNIGHTS" Bingo.





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