

# Saints Isidore and Maria Parish

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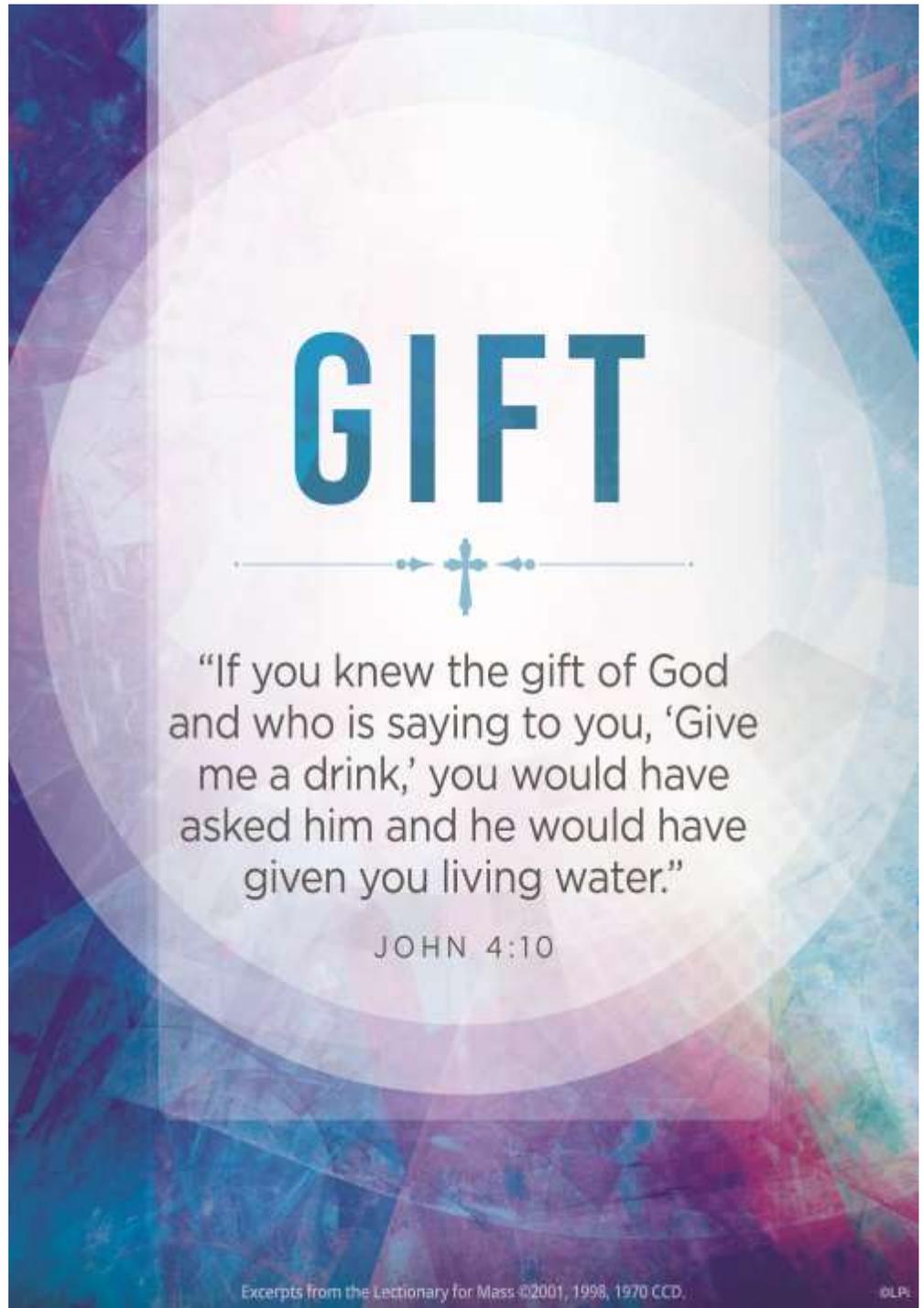
## Homebound Ministry

### Holy Communion

If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact Melissa at the parish office: 860-633-9419, or email: [Melissa@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:Melissa@isidoreandmaria.org)

Bulletin submission deadline is *Friday*.

All submissions must be received in advance by Friday to be published in the following week's bulletin. Send notices to: [theresa@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:theresa@isidoreandmaria.org)



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3rd Sunday of Lent : March 15, 2020

Weekend Masses  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul  
Sunday 7:30 a.m. at St. Augustine  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at St. Paul

Weekday Masses during Lent  
Mon. & Fri. at St. Augustine 7:30 a.m.  
Mon. through Fri. at St. Paul 12:15 p.m.

# Our Parish Community



## Collections and Parish Finances

We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.  
**Report for the week of 3/8/2020:**

**Weekly collection : \$10,669.60**  
**Online Giving: \$ 1,901.50**  
**Total: \$12,571.10**

**Annual Chancery Assessment for 2019: \$80,155.00**  
**Annual Collection: \$93,444.50**

*For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.*

Check donations should be payable to: **Saints Isidore and Maria**. For online giving, go to our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. *Thank you.*

## 2019 Year End Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement with your total donations to either St. Paul or St. Augustine, please contact Melissa by phone (860) 633-9419 or by email: [Melissa@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:Melissa@isidoreandmaria.org).

Please specify if you would like your statement mailed or emailed to you. ***There will not be an automatic mailing of statements. You must request it.*** Online Giving users may print out their own statements from the dashboard.

## 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and ***Growing in Faith, Giving in Love***, by sharing your blessings. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>  
*No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.*



## Parish Health Care Ministry

**Blood Pressure Testing - THIS Weekend!**

Be aware of your body's needs: Blood pressure screenings are being held after all Masses this weekend.

**South Wing Conference Room at St. Paul or downstairs at St. Augustine**

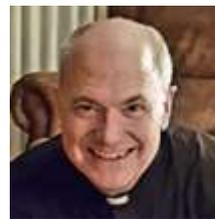
**W**e give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life.

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~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



Join our pastor, Father Mark Suslenko, on **Tuesday, March 24th from 7-8 PM** for an ***Evening of Reflection on the Stations of the Cross with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament***. Father Mark will offer his personal reflection on each station, along with its relevance to our own Lenten journeys today. Music will be provided by cantor Tim Proctor and violinist Vincent Kaverud.

Date	Church	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, March 14</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>St. Paul</b> St. Paul	<b>2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b> Helen Paquette	Mary Ellen Miles
<b>Sunday, March 15</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	St. Augustine St. Paul	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Eugene Nowacki ( <i>7th Anniv.</i> ) Beatrice & William Santos Jean Schena	Daughter, Christine Paul & Amanda Horvath Family
<b>Monday, March 16</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	St. Augustine St. Paul	7:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Ray Yakitis Siobhan Martin Federich ( <i>living</i> )	Friend Dan Martin
	<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b> <i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i>	St. Paul <b>St. Augustine</b>	12:15 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ann McGovern <b>Rosary and Adoration</b>	Sister Gabriel
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b> <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop</i>	St. Paul	12:15 p.m.	Dawna Curley	Albert & Susan Miele
<b>Thursday, March 19</b> <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St. Paul	12:15 p.m.	John Roncaioli, Jr.	Fran Juda
<b>Friday, March 20</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	St. Augustine St. Paul	7:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Edward Kuligoski Jennifer Martin DiCarlo ( <i>living</i> )	Family Dan Martin
	<b>St. Augustine</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 21</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>St. Paul</b> St. Paul	<b>2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b> Ruth Kaminski	Family
<b>Sunday, March 22</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	St. Augustine St. Paul St. Paul	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Fortunata Preli Edward Bona Fico Behrens	Family Family Mother & Sisters

*If you are offering a Mass Intention and you and your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts, please see the ushers prior to the start of the Mass. One of them will be happy to assist and direct you.*

## Inspiration for the Week

“Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Have you ever found yourself asking this question? Finding God’s presence and truly encountering God are not always easy tasks. When we seek God only with our minds, we risk reducing God to simply an idea rather than meeting him as someone who is real and actually present to us. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. We can often get confused and misunderstand not only who we are, but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts. Only Jesus can lead us to truth and provide the water that can quench our thirst. Each of us, not only with our heads but with our hearts, must come to see that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It is only when we can honestly make this confession that we will know God is truly present.

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## Readings for the Week of March 15, 2020

- Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

# Our Parish's Journey through Lent



## Daily Mass Schedule

7:30 a.m.	Monday and Friday	St. Augustine
12:15 p.m.	Monday through Friday	St. Paul

## Reconciliation

2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Saturday	St. Paul
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Monday	St. Paul

## Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.	Fridays	St. Augustine
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## NEW! Children Stations of the Cross



***Come to Stations of the Cross led by children, for children.*** It will be held at St. Augustine on **Friday, March 20** from **5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.** *Hope to see you there!* Questions? Please leave a message for Tonya at the parish office: 860-633-9419.



## SAVE THE DATE:

April 7, 2020  
Artist Rob Surette to Perform at SS. Isidore and Maria During Holy Week

World-famous artist **Rob Surette** visits the Parish of Saints Isidore and Maria in Glastonbury on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** to inspire and fill our hearts with his "Amazing Hero Art" performance, painting the story of Jesus right before our eyes.

Rob is a fine art painter, Disney and Star Wars Official artist, and DC Comic contributor best known for his motivating speed-painting performances, which have amazed and motivated live audiences across the globe. The North Andover, Massachusetts resident is the creator of *Amazing Hero Art*, which serves inspire children and adults alike with the masterpieces that can be created in just minutes.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public. The event will be held at St. Paul Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## Bible Study is reading Romans Friday Afternoons

The Bible Study is reading St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. This is a fine time to join the group. All are welcome. We meet on Friday afternoons in the Library from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please contact Jon Sozek for more information.

## Lenten Giving Program 2020 March 21-22 Immaculate Conception Shelter & Housing

**Immaculate Conception Shelter and Housing** provides a safe haven for men who are homeless in the Hartford area.

**Please be generous and place your donation at the back of the south wing (St. Paul Church) or downstairs in the church hall (St Augustine).**

*Thank you.*

The following items would be very helpful and greatly appreciated:

- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Disposable razors
- ◆ Sheets
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Pillows
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Men's underwear
- ◆ Tote bags
- ◆ Shoes
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Men's clothing
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Non-perishable food, etc.
- ◆ Shaving cream

## The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) Next Weekend - March 21-22

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## Lenten Crosses and Trees

The purple crosses we have in our sanctuary symbolize our commitment to good works. Would you consider helping the poor this Lent? Every time you put a donation, however large or small, in the box, a purple cross will be hung on one of our trees. You may write an intention on the cross as well. As they blossom with our love and concern for those who struggle every day with the basics of life!

Please place your donation with your cross in the clear box at the Altar Rail. At the end of our Lenten journey, whatever we have collected will be set aside and given to the Immaculate Conception Shelter in Hartford.

# Faith Formation

Rice Bowls distributed to Children in Grades 1-8  
Families that have a rice bowl donation can return it on or before  
Mon. April 6 to the Faith Formation Office.

## Join our Children's Choir or Teen Choir

We are looking for children in Grades 2-12 to join our Children's/Teen Choirs. Each choir rehearses once per month on a Saturday and again on the morning of the Sunday when they are scheduled to sing. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, the Teen Choir at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. For more information, please contact Cathy Hartley at 860-633-3662 or email our Faith Formation Office.

## Timeline for Grade 10 Confirmation

Families should please refer to the Confirmation Timeline for details about the remaining steps before this year's ceremony on Saturday, March 28th.

Please contact Mrs. Poker in the Faith Formation Office with any questions.



Please remember in your prayers our candidates making final preparations for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Thank you to all parishioners who took an individual name home for prayerful remembrance.



## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry  
Instagram Account  
We encourage teens and parents to follow Ss. Isidore and Maria's Youth Ministry on Instagram

(Username: isidoreandmariaym) to stay up to date on current happenings.

We recently started highlighting a daily inspirational Scripture verse on our Instagram story. March's theme is Wisdom! Hope you enjoy it!

## Monthly Youth Ministry Meeting Wed. 3/18

All teens in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend our monthly youth ministry meeting on Wednesday 3/18 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Library at St. Paul Church. Come spend time with your peers and enjoy some fun activities.

## Service events for teens in Grades 7-10

A reminder to children in Grades 7 and 8: we ask that you participate in two service events each year. Please check the parish website (under *Teens > Service Opportunities*) for the monthly listing of service opportunities available to the teens in our parish. We want to help you find a ministry that resonates with you and which you might like to continue after Confirmation. Your support is appreciated.

In your prayers please remember our sick parishioners:

**Donna Chapman**  
**Keith Chapman**  
**Sandra Cavanna**

**Ashley Chapman**  
**Anne DeNuccio**  
**Thomas Cavanna**

To add a prayer intention, please contact our rectory office and their name will be listed for ONE month.

We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 19, from 10 -11:00 a.m.** Anyone wishing to obtain a shawl, lap blanket, or prayer cloth, or to join this ministry, please contact Rosemary Nemecek (860) 659-4899.

## Men's Club Easter Ham BINGO

Thursday, March 26

The Men's Club will be having their annual Easter Ham BINGO night at the **Parish Center on the St. Paul campus.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m. All members are invited to join the fun and win a gift card for a ham. There will be booster club drawings and the Sweet Sixteen games will be on TV. Snacks and refreshments will be served. New members are welcome to join the Men's Club by calling Membership Chairmen: Joe Melzen - 860-633-8639 or Peter Tyczkowski - 860-633-5611 or by joining the night of the event. See you there!

## Our Deepest Longing

**Men's Retreat Date: March 27-29, 2020**

**Holy Family Retreat House**

We spend our time and energy on the necessities of everyday life, which hold so many things that are beyond our control. But what is it that we are longing for in the deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at Holy Family, we will explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God - a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon.

Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT. For info and to register: [holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats).

## Music Ministry

Saturday: 3-14 4:00 p.m. Choir

Sunday: 3-15 11:15 a.m. Teen Choir

Thursday: 3-19 Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. Choir



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Toiletry Collection for New Horizon's

### Domestic Abuse Shelter

We are collecting **small travel size toiletry items** for New Horizons Domestic Abuse Shelter. Donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, combs/brushes, and deodorant can be placed in the bins at both churches or brought to the Faith Formation Office **through Fri. March 27.**

Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to supplement the donations of toiletry items. Please make sure to label your donation "New Horizons."

Come Soar with the Eagles!

**East Catholic High School** will hold an entrance exam on Saturday, **March 28** from **8:30-12:00 p.m.**; parents are welcome to stay for an information session while their students take the exam. Please plan on staying for a while to meet administrators, take mini-tours with student ambassadors, and have questions answered about the application process.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

the next Weekends are: **March 27-29, 2020** in Albany, NY and **July 10-12, 2020** in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish sincerely thanks the sponsors whose generosity makes our bulletin possible.

*Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:*  
Highland Park Market

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE: Mon. May 11, 2020 Golf Tournament

Our annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Teen Mission Trip will be held on Monday, May 11 at Glastonbury Hills Country Club, 12:00 shotgun start. More details will follow on registration, sponsorship, and the dinner only option. Our Youth Group will be serving the community of Reading, PA this coming summer, from 7/12-7/18. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

## Yankee Stadium bus trip Sunday June 7, vs Tampa Bay

Sponsored by The Church of The Incarnation Men's Club. *Package includes:* Deluxe bus ride, game ticket, beverage on the bus and a food voucher at the stadium for a hot dog, and beverage all for a donation of only **\$99.00**. Great game seats are in sections 209 – 210 & 211 – first base side.

For details and reservations, contact **Jim Pettit** at (860) 402-3074 or email: [spencer3600@yahoo.com](mailto:spencer3600@yahoo.com) Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m. from Incarnation Church (544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield), for the 1:05 scheduled game, parking at the church. Join us - should be fun! Contact Jim today - *We sold out last year !!*

## SS. Isidore and Maria Spring Social Set for April 24th

Join your fellow parishioners for an evening of fun, fellowship, dining and dancing at the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Spring Social. It's happening Friday, April 24th from 6 - 10 PM at the Glastonbury Hills Country Club. For just \$45 per person, you'll enjoy a two-hour open beer and wine bar, hors d'oeuvres, salad, your choice of entree, dessert, coffee and dancing. Music provided by the Fat Cat Skinny Rat Band. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. You may also register on the parish website: [isidoreandmaria.org](http://isidoreandmaria.org).



Wow Harry. . . Look at those guys!  
Let's wish all our friends a Happy St. Patrick's Day this Tuesday!

## Harry & Oliver's Corner

Maybe we'll get hats and some green treats!  
Happy **St. Joseph's Day** to all our friends too!

