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April 25 2021

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Weekend Masses

All Masses celebrated at St. Paul Church

Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sun: 8 a.m.
Sun: 9:30 a.m.
Sun: 11:15 a.m.

No registration is required:

seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis, up to 100 people. Standard social distancing protocols will be in place.

Daily Mass

Daily Mass at St. Paul Church: Mon., Tues., Wed. - 7:30 a.m. Fri. - 12:15 p.m.

Live streaming of all weekend Masses

from St. Paul Church takes place each Sat. at 4 p.m., and each Sun. at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church: Sat. at 2:30 p.m. *Social distancing protocols are in place. Please wear a mask.*

Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Sat., 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Social distancing protocols are in place. Please wear a mask. (*This event is live streamed*) Year of Saint Joseph
"Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." ~ Pope Francis



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything. ~ *St. Catherine of Siena*

Collections and Parish Finances

We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.

Report for the week of 4/18/2021:

Weekly collection: \$ 6,084.00 Online Giving: \$ 2,497.50 Total: \$ 8,581.50

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2021: \$76,927.00

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*.

Easter Flowers: A Sincere Thank You



The generous donations of many enabled SS. Isidore and Maria Parish to once again enjoy beautiful flowers as part of our Easter celebration. We thank all of the donors who made this possible.

Pick up a printed copy of the donor list at church after Mass, or view the full donor list at https://isidoreandmaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Easter-Flowers-2021.pdf

Thank you to our sponsors

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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:

Highland Park Market

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed, but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone, or reference point, so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves, but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement, and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.



2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

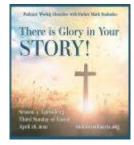
The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need!

Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of

many individuals and families, in a way the exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this

important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as (St. Vincent DePaul Society, Glastonbury) right here in our own town received funding that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, found at https://archdioceseof hartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



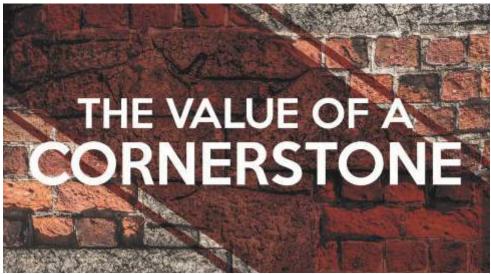
<u>PODCAST</u>: There is Glory in Your Story

While each person's life story is filled with different experiences, there is one common denominator: the power of the glory of the resurrected Christ to bring peace to ourselves and to those around us.

Listen to Father Mark's latest homily, entitled "The Glory in Your Story," at https://www.buzzsprout.com/133396/8363419.

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds, and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings, but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts, and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and selffocused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the



road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges, and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into

existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source, which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of selfdiscovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



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Laudato Si' Reading Group: Tuesdays in April

The *Laudato si'* reading group will hold its final session this Tuesday, April 27 from 7-8 p.m

on Zoom. The series is based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* and its themes of ecology and care for the Earth. This reading group is *free and open to all*. *Registration is not required, just join the online session! For more information, including the reading and direct Zoom link, please visit our parish website.*





To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends,

there are seven sessions weekdays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (English) on:

> Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24 Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Date	Church	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, April 24 Fourth Sunday of Easter	St. Paul	10 a.m. 2-3 p.m.	First Holy Communion Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist Live Stream at 2 p.m.	
	St. Paul	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Confessions Joseph Kaminski Live Stream at 4 p.m.	Family
Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	St. Paul St. Paul St. Paul	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Carl Reiser Marie Novak Frank Manganaro All weekend Masses are	Wolfgang and Christel Vogel Elaine Henry and Family Family Live Streamed
Monday, April 26 Easter Weekday	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Henry C. Ziegler	Rosemary Nemecek
Tuesday, April 27 Easter Weekday	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria	
Wednesday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Monfort, Priest	St. Paul	7:30 a.m.	Joseph Tricka	Dzialo Family
Thursday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	St. Paul		No morning Mass	
Friday, April 30 St. Pius V, Pope	St. Paul	12:15 p.m.	Anthony Valdati	Family
First Saturday, May 1 Fifth Sunday of Easter	St. Paul St. Paul	10 a.m. 2-3 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	First Holy Communion Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist Live Stream at 2 p.m. Confessions Joyce and Ed Willing (35th Wedding Anniversary) Live Stream at 4 p.m.	
Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter	St. Paul St. Paul St. Paul	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Rose Gamboratta Elizabeth Scofield James and Geraldine Cleary	Elaine Henry Mary Ann and John Kuschman and Family Jer and Eileen Cleary
			All weekend Masses are	Live Streamed



Active Military Prayer List

The men and women who currently serve in the United States Armed Forces deserve on-going prayers from their faith community. If someone you know or love is currently serving

in the U.S. military, let us know their name and rank for publication on our new "Active Military Prayer List." This list will become a regular part of our weekly bulletin. Please email information on active military members to contact@ isidoreandmaria.org, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



Bob Caisse Donna Chapman Ashley Chapman Keith Chapman Sandra Cavanna Thomas Cavanna Patricia Feeney Richard Giguere Dan Hebert Roger Yost

To add a prayer intention, please contact our parish office and their name will be listed for ONE month. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



Vacation Bible School: Adult Volunteers Needed

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish seeks adult volunteers to help with the 2021 Vacation Bible School,

which is scheduled to take place Mon., Aug 9 through Fri., Aug 13 at St. Paul Church.

This year's theme is: *EarthKeepers: Adventures for Creation Care Kids*, and is focused on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* or *On Care for Our Common Home*. Kids will learn how to better take care of the home God gave us here on Earth. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Arts & Crafts
- Reading Bible stories
- Activities
- Games

Adult volunteers must pass a background check and be trained (or willing to be trained) in VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Mary Harrington at harrmar33@gmail.com, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419

Readings for the Week

SUN	4/25	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
	•	[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



An Evening with a Mental Health Professional

Pandemic-related anxiety and depression are on the rise - and now is the time to learn more about how that affects the community, and maybe even you!

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Mental Health Ministry *Mental Health Matters* series continues this Monday (April 26) from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a presentation on ministry to people with mental illness, featuring Deacon William Dziatko.

This online event is FREE and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information or to register, go to the parish website or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



Did you know that one in three families of infants and toddlers struggles to provide clean diapers for their babies?

You can help!

The SS. Isidore and Maria

Parish Health Ministry is coordinating a **diaper drive** after all Masses on **May 15** and **May 16**. We'll be accepting baby diapers of all sizes, with a particular need for larger sizes. Wipes and monetary donations (cash or check) will also be gratefully accepted.

Diapers, wipes and money donated to this drive will be brought to St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center for distribution through the volunteer-led Joan C. Dauber Food Bank, which provides diapers to approximately 275 families monthly. That's close to 14,000 diapers each month.

Collections will take place outside St. Paul Church after all Masses on Sat., May 15 and Sun., May 16. Please make checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, with "DIAPER DRIVE" in the memo section. For questions please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419, or email Lori Lowry at lillori147@cox.net.



This Day in History — April 26, 1954

Polio Vaccine

Nationwide testing of Jonas Salk's polio vaccine begins. It was the first successful vaccine for the dreaded disease. Before the vaccine, there were about 15,000 cases of paralysis and 1,900 deaths annually from polio in the U.S.

Salk chose to not patent the vaccine in order to maximize its distribution. When asked who owns this patent, Salk replied, "Well, the people I would say. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?" It is estimated the patent would have been worth billions had it been patented.

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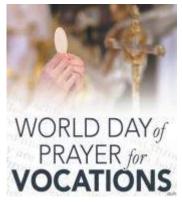
Oliver and I join our friends in prayerfully remembering all who have worked tirelessly to develop, test and bring



us safe vaccines for the corona virus. We thank them and all the doctors, nurses and health care professionals working everyday to help us remain safe and well.

Actually, Fr. Mark gives us a kind of "vaccine" against fleas and tics! They are a part of creation we don't want to meet!





World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sun., April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocation



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If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor vulnerable adult (an adult with an

intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to: Kathleen D. Nowosadko, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 860-541-6475 kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org



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The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish offices at St. Paul Church - including the Faith Formation office - remain closed to the public at this time. Please know that staff continue to meet your needs and answer your questions by phone or email on any parish matter.

Though the process may look different, our long-time staff remain committed to helping you with all your parishrelated related needs. Simply either email at: contact@isidoreand-maria.org, or call 860-633-9419.



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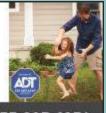
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