

 **SS. Isidore and Maria Parish**
GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

May 25, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

As we slowly continue to reopen, I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to our in-person Celebration of the Eucharist! The last year has also seen many new people coming to our parish and finding a home here. On behalf of our entire parish family I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our new friends. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves now that we can relax our protocols a bit.

I realize that many are still not yet comfortable joining us for in-person worship. Please accept our prayers and know that you are with us in spirit. Our website at isidoreandmaria.org can assist you with discovering ways that you can still remain connected with us.

There have been many changes in our world, our towns and our churches over the past year. For the church, a change in structure and models of parishes has been occurring throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford for the last few years. This restructuring is ongoing. Closer to home, our brothers and sisters in Manchester are asked to consider a different model of parish life in short order. We hold them in our prayers as they journey through this challenging transition. This summer will bring additional changes throughout the Archdiocese. This period of adjustment and consolidation will continue as our parishes move into the future.

Because we are at the beginning stages of reopening and people are still trying to find a place to settle in, the current schedule of Masses for our parish will remain in place. This will continue to be the case for the near future as we more completely open up and can more clearly see the “new face” of our parish. St. Augustine Church remains open, available for private prayer, and for the celebration of funerals, baptisms and weddings. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Updates will be forthcoming as they become known.

Let us pray for the continued growth and unity of our parish and of the church worldwide. We have been entrusted with the beauty of the Gospel. May we continue to be a beacon of hope and joy for one another and those beyond our doors!

With blessings,



Father Mark S. Suslenko