



# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

May 15, 2022



Congratulations to the 47 children of our parish who recently received their First Holy Communion over the past two weekends (April 30 and May 7). May they come often throughout their lives to nourish their bodies and souls with this most blessed sacrament. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

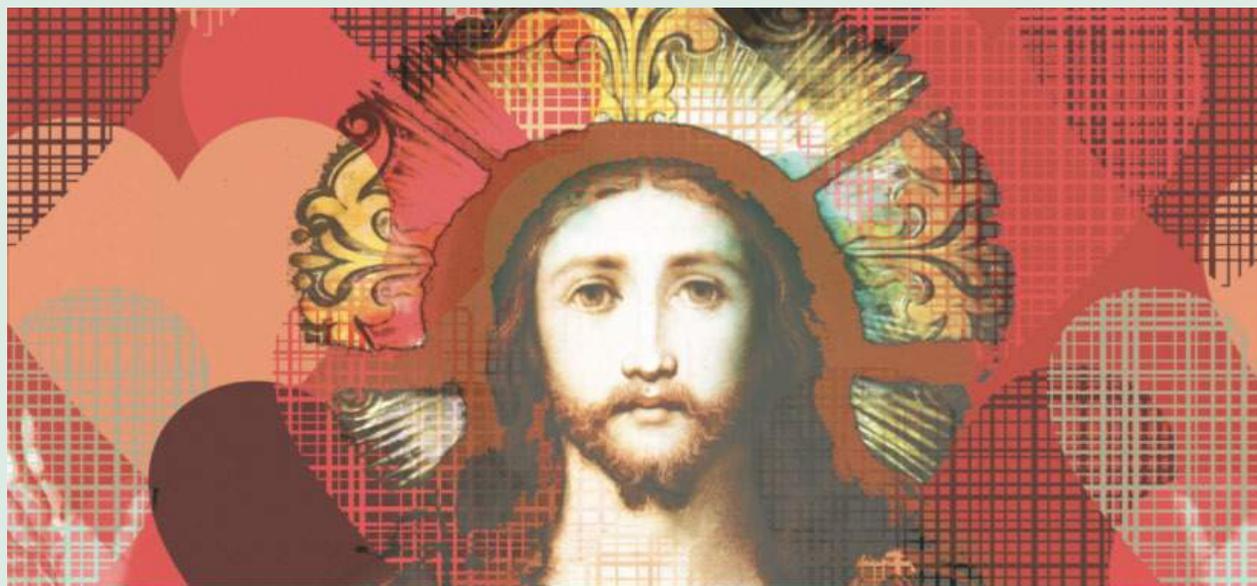


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*"I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:34a*

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## Collections and Parish Finance

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



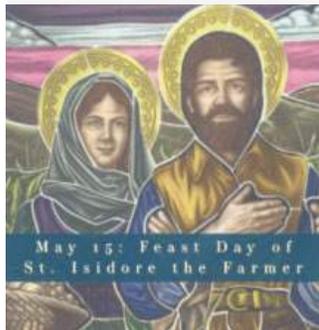
**Report for the week of 5/8/2022:**

**Weekly collection:** \$ 7,844.85  
**Online Giving:** \$ 3,159.50  
**Total:** \$ 11,004.35

**Annual Chancery Assessment for 2022: \$94,171.00**

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.*



### May 15: Feast Day of St. Isidore the Farmer

May 15 is the feast day of St. Isidore the Farmer, who, with his wife, St. Maria de la Cabeza, are the patron saints of our parish.

St. Isidore (1070-1130) is also the patron saint of farmers and rural communities. Born in

Madrid, Spain, he started farming as a young boy when he went to work on the estate of a wealthy landowner from the nearby town of Torrelaguarda.

Pious, modest, generous and devout, St. Isidore serves as a model for laborers everywhere. Along with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri, St. Isidore is known in Spain as one of the "Five Saints."

Learn more about St. Isidore at [isidoreandmaria.org/stisidore](http://isidoreandmaria.org/stisidore)



### Ukraine: How you can help!

You can support the **Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund**. 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people. To make your secure online donation,

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## Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.



### This Sunday: NECC Spring Concert - Masks requested

The New England Chamber Choir (NECC) and Instrumental Ensemble return to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

on Sun., May 15 at 4 p.m. to perform their "Music for Spring" program, featuring Cantata 137 by J. S. Bach, and Dettingen Te Deum, by Georg Frideric Handel, under the direction of Richard Wm. Donohue. It is the group's final concert performance for the Spring 2022 season. For more information, please visit [isidoreandmaria.org/NECC\\_Spring\\_2022](http://isidoreandmaria.org/NECC_Spring_2022)

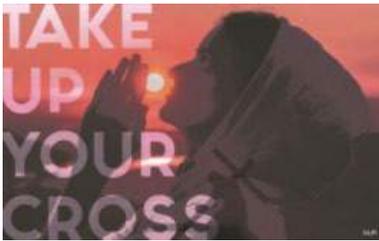
*NECC management requests the wearing of masks by audience members for this event. Masks will be available at the entrances to the church.*

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal is going on now!

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 that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference to local non-profit organizations such as Connecticut Foodshare and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purpose outlined in the Appeal literature, which may be found at [archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal).

*No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.*



“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks work hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something rather than risk

inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control, and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace.

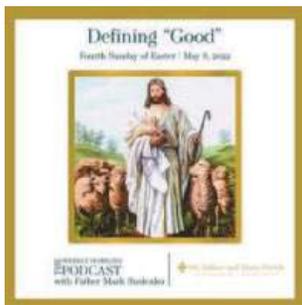
If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal in helping us to understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom takes us in another direction. Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? Many solid, more growth-producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and

suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What a sage insight! Many successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us what’s essential and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we would never have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Perhaps above any other experience, love can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering, especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life, on the one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God, and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand-in-hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



### PODCAST: Defining “Good”

“Pope Francis states that ‘human beings, although capable of the worst are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again that which is good and starting anew.’ If we’re going to “choose again that which is good,” we

have to be clear about what it is we’re choosing in order to turn away from that which is hurtful and negative.” ~ *Father Mark*

Father Mark proposes two very important pieces of information that each one of us have in place to help us define the word "good." These two pieces of information form the centerpiece of this week's homily podcast, "Defining "Good," now available at [isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts](http://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts).

### Scholarship opportunity for high school seniors

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is awarding two (2) scholarships for graduating high school seniors in memory of **Joseph J. Melzen, Sr.** Each scholarship is \$500.00 per year for up to four years of college education. Visit [isidoreandmaria.org/scholarship2022](http://isidoreandmaria.org/scholarship2022) for details or to apply. **Deadline is May 29 at midnight!**



“No time is ever lost by prayer, for those who pray are workers together with God.” ~*St. Isidore*



### VBS registration begins this week!

Registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins May 16 at 10 a.m. on the parish website ([isidoreandmaria.org/vbsreg](http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbsreg)).

Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed takes place Mon., Jun. 20 - Fri., Jun. 24. Children aged 4 through grade 5

are invited to participate and learn more about the Parables Jesus told. This year’s program includes bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and other activities will help us dig deeper to reveal the treasures in Jesus’ parables. The fee is \$40 per child, with \$10 donated to Heifer International.

Visit [isidoreandmaria.org/vbsreg](http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbsreg) for more information or to register.



### Would you like to sing for Pentecost?

Parish Music Minister David Garrido is putting together a choir to sing for Pentecost on June 5. If you have a song in your heart and wish to sing for the Church’s birthday, please contact: [david@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:david@isidoreandmaria.org).

# Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

May 15, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, May 14</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> Amelia and Lucien Daignault <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
<b>Sunday, May 15</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Daniel Riccio Ann Goldsmith Margaret Lai and Aurora Guerio <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Monica Gardner John and Maryanne Kuschman Pers Family
<b>Monday, May 16</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. 6-7 p.m.	Timothy J. Martin <b>Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist</b> <i>(St. Augustine Church)</i>	His Son
<b>Tuesday, May 17</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Josephine Skierkowski <b>Rosary (St. Augustine Church)</b>	Kathy and Gerry Brooks
<b>Wednesday, May 18</b> <i>St. John I, Pope and Martyr</i>	7:30 a.m.	Marianne Grabowicz	Dzialo Family
<b>Thursday, May 19</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, May 20</b> <i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>	12:15 p.m.	Jane O'Grady	Don and Kathy Kray
<b>Saturday, May 21</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> John Flanagan III <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
<b>Sunday, May 22</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	John McGovern James Blake James and Geraldine Cleary <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Thomas and Patricia Yadow Family Ger and Eileen Cleary

I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER, MY KING.

PSALM 146

\*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass



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|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Susan Bowhall      | Ashley Chapman  | Keith Henson   |
| Bob Caisse         | Keith Chapman   | Julia Krawiec  |
| Diane Varni Caisse | Gerald Delany   | Roger Morin    |
| Sandra Cavanna     | Patricia Feeney | Clara O'Brien  |
| Thomas Cavanna     | Richard Giguere | Lilly Sinnamon |
| Donna Chapman      | 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.



*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 Mass. One of them will be happy to assist and direct you.*



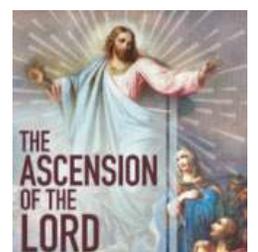
### Altar Flower Offerings

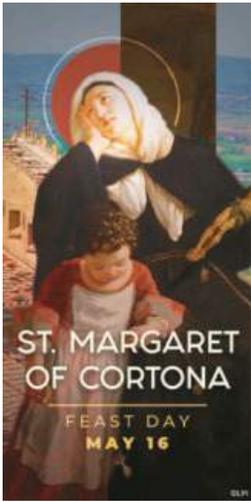
May 14 - May 20, 2022

*In loving memory of*  
**Rosalie and Carmine Esposito**  
*requested by Family*

**Thurs., May 26 is the Ascension of the Lord**, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. SS. Isidore and Maria Parish will hold Masses at St. Paul Church as follows:

- Wed., May 25 (vigil) at 6 p.m.**
- Thurs., May 26 at 7:30 a.m.**
- Thurs., May 26 at 12:15 p.m.**





## St. Margaret of Cortona Feast Day — May 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years

when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.



"This morning my soul is greater than the world since it possesses you, you whom heaven and earth do not contain." ~ St. Margaret of Cortona



## SAVE THE DATES: Let's Talk About Mental Health: May 18 and May 25

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Mental Health Ministry is partnering

with Amplify, Problem Gambling Services (PGS) and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for a two-part community presentation entitled *Let's Talk about Mental Health in Our Community*. This event takes place in the South Wing of St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury on Wed., May 18 and Wed., May 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

For more information, please visit [isidoreandmaria.org/talkmentalhealth](http://isidoreandmaria.org/talkmentalhealth).

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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:  
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"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus."

- St. John Paul II

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/15/22</b>	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
<b>MON</b>	<b>5/16/22</b>	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/17/22</b>	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/18/22</b>	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8
<b>THR</b>	<b>5/19/22</b>	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/20/22</b>	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/ Jn 15:12-17
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/21/22</b>	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/22/22</b>	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## Pray for Those Who Are Serving

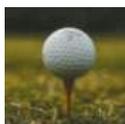
God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

**Tammy Breiner**  
**Oliver Cary**  
**Liam Connelly**  
**Daniel Conrad**  
**Charles Edwards**  
**Celia Fajardo**  
**Brandon Farrell**  
**Chris Gibb**  
**Michael Hitzer**

**Samuel David Hovanec**  
**Peter Kamianowski**  
**Samuel MacDonald**  
**Alexis Maher**  
**Michael McHale**  
**Michael Scott Mullin**  
**John W. Murphy**  
**Jack M. Zaremba**

Do you know someone who is currently on active duty with the U. S. Armed Forces for whom our community prayers would bring comfort, please email the person's name, rank and military branch to: [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org), or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

## Volunteer Opportunities



### 2022 Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner

Mark your calendar - the annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Dinner will take place on Tues., Sept. 20 at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. We are looking for volunteers to help organize various aspects of the event: fundraising and sponsorships, raffles, auction items, and golfers. Please consider joining our golf tournament planning team. For more information, contact Donna Berger at 860-633-9419 or [donna@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:donna@isidoreandmaria.org)



### Parish Fall Festival - Sept. 18 Elks Club, So. Glastonbury

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Pastoral Council is now in the early planning stages of the 2022 Parish Fall Festival and is looking for volunteers to help organize various aspects of the event: food, beverages, activities, entertainment, decorations, parking, raffles, and hospitality. For additional details or information on volunteering, visit <https://isidoreandmaria.org/fallfest22>

## This Day in History — May 20, 1950

**Armed Forces Day** is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, this year May 21, 2022. It falls near the end of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.

First observed on May 20, 1950, the day was created on August 31, 1949 to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. The United States' longest continuously running Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, Washington. In 2019, Bremerton celebrated the 71st Armed Forces Day Parade.



Harry and I honor all who serve in our military service. We especially remember and hold in prayer our parishioners currently serving in the United States military.



## Harry & Oliver's Corner

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed\\_Forces\\_Day#United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed_Forces_Day#United_States)

## SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

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### Weekend Masses

*St. Paul Church*  
Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.  
Sun.: 8 a.m.  
Sun.: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun.: 11:15 a.m.

### Daily Mass

*St. Paul Church*  
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:30 a.m.  
Fri.: 12:15 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church  
Sat. 2:30 p.m.

### Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Mon. from 6 - 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church

### Rosary

Pray the Rosary each Tues. evening at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

### Live streaming of weekend Masses

*St. Paul Church*  
Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m., with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

### How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or 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:

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