



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

November 13, 2022

Inspiration for the Week

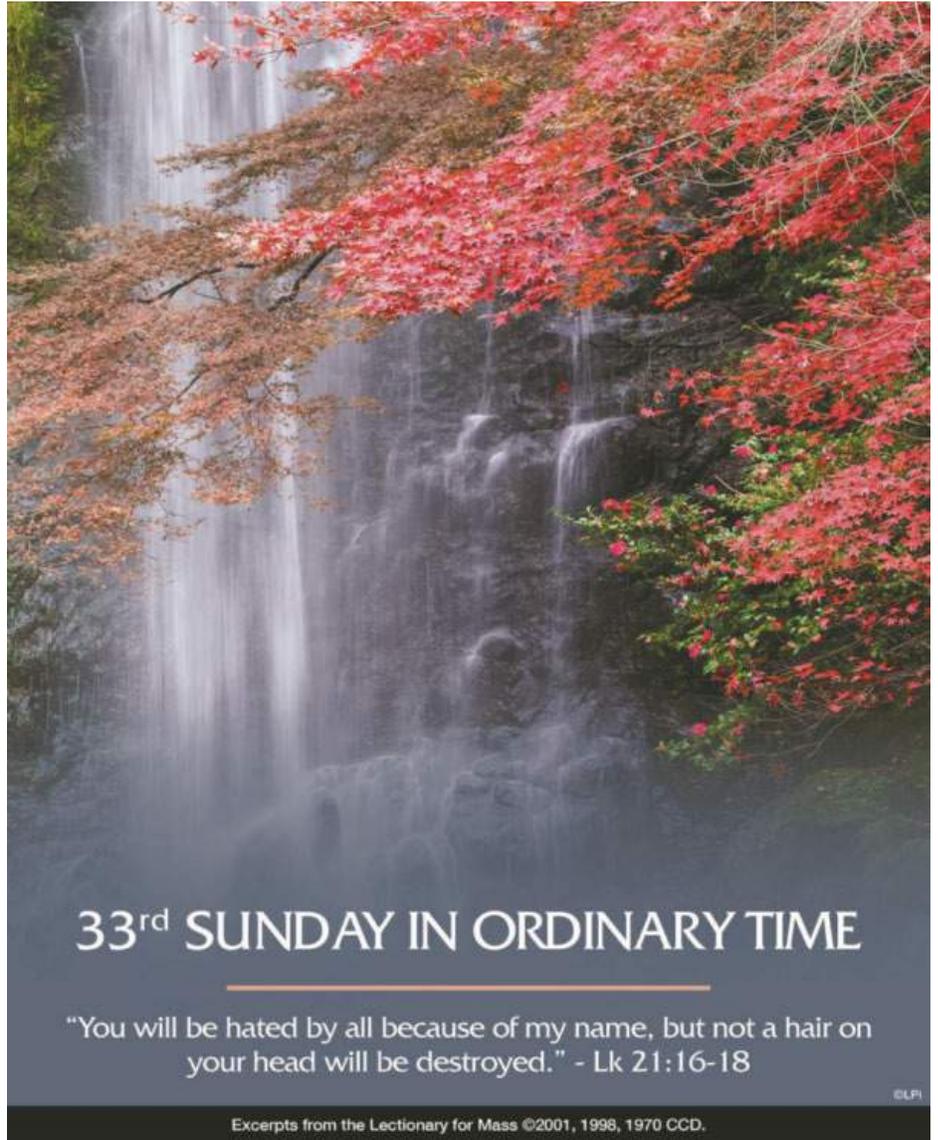
by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Jesus assures us that the world we know will one day end. When will this be? Having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith, and either we have it, or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what is needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway.

Thanksgiving Food: Collection and Distribution

As Thanksgiving approaches, SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is seeking to support those in our community who may be in need help this holiday season. If you would like to help with these efforts, please place your donation (cash or check) in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving" in the offertory kiosks. Perhaps you or someone you know is in need of our help?

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible at 860-633-9419, or by email at contact@isidoreandmaria.org.



Nov. 18: God is Love - An Evening of Music and Reflection with David Kauffman

Join us on Fri., Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Church as we welcome nationally recognized Catholic musician David Kauffman for an evening of music and reflection.

Centered on the theme "God is Love," David invites us to open our hearts, hear God's Word and deepen our faith journey. This event is free of charge and open to all. To RSVP, please visit isidoreandmaria.org/kauffmanrsvp, or scan this QR code.



Blood Pressure Screenings

Sat., Nov. 12 and Sun., Nov. 13:

Free monthly blood pressure screenings will be provided after the 4 p.m. Sat. Mass and after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sun. Masses on Nov. 13 in the South Wing conference room. Masks are required.

Sun., Nov. 13:

After the 8 a.m. Mass, primary care physician **Dr. Edward Detweiler** will be on hand to consult with patients after their blood pressure screenings.

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 11/6/2022:

Weekly collection: \$ 7,372.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,867.50
Total: \$ 12,239.50

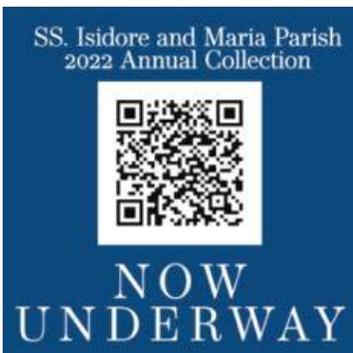
All Saints \$ 1,576.00
Military \$ 1,125.00

Annual Parish Collection: \$87,583.00

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.*



2022 Parish Collection Continues

The 2022 Parish Annual Collection remains open for your donation.

A letter from Father Mark about this collection has been sent to homes of all parishioners. Make your donation by scanning this

QR code or by sending your check to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033. Please make checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Thank you for your kind consideration.



Faith Formation Sessions for the week of Nov. 13

Sunday, November 13:

Grade 2 - Large Group Session in the Library
(10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)

Grade 3 - Small Group Sessions in the Classrooms
(10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)

Monday, November 14:

Grades 7 & 8 - South Wing (5 p.m.-6 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 15:

Grades 7 & 8 - South Wing (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)

Children in grades 7 & 8 have the option of attending either the Monday session or the Tuesday session.

2023 Mission Trip canceled

The 2023 Youth Mission Trip has been canceled due to low enrollment. Refunds have been issued to those who have registered. Please email Donna Berger if you have any questions or concerns.



Introducing the Pastoral Council Snapshot!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the SS. Isidore and Maria Pastoral Council Monthly Snapshot. This brief provides you with general information on items discussed

by the Pastoral Council at their monthly meetings. You'll find the Pastoral Council Snapshot in the bulletin, the e-newsletter and the parish website. Here's a snapshot of what was discussed at the October 2022 Pastoral Council meeting:

- Opportunities to improve communication about the Pastoral Council's purpose and role in the parish. As a first step, the Council will regularly publish updates from its meetings in the bulletin, in the e-newsletter, and on the parish website.
- The development of a parish needs assessment survey to discern our community's needs, and find ways our parish ministries can meet those needs.

The Pastoral Council meets regularly to consider and discuss matters pertaining to the Pastoral and Spiritual needs of our parish. If you have something you'd like to share with the Pastoral Council, send an email to them at: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/contact/ask-the-pastoral-council>



SAVE THE DATE - Nov. 26: Tree Lighting and Carol Sing

Join your parish community for the return of the Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on Sat. Nov. 26 following the 4 p.m. Mass (approx. 5 p.m.). A cider and donut reception will be held immediately following in the South Wing of St. Paul Church.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:
Power Cleaning Service

Holiday Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

Notices for Dec. 11, and Dec. 18 must be received by **Nov. 23, 2022.**

Notices for Dec. 25 must be received by **Dec. 9, 2022.**
Thank you for your cooperation.

We are hearing the word “Armageddon” tossed around the media and even out of the mouth of leaders on several occasions these days. While Armageddon has specific Biblical significance, it is a term that is loosely used to describe a cataclysmic battle signifying the end of the world. Between the Russian/Ukraine war and rising concerns with North Korea and China, one can easily wonder if world tensions are escalating to an alarming fever pitch and coming to a head. Political, religious and ideological disparities as well as many people giving voice to a general feeling of discontent with increased acts of violence also cause many to wonder. Does everything that is happening indicate that the present world, as we know it, is coming to an end?

Jesus told us that the world would one day come to an end. On this point he is very clear. He even goes on to describe some of what we will see. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.” Even the prophet Malachi, chastising people centuries before, warns of a purifying fire. These themes are very evident in salvation history and must be acknowledged. It is certain that the world will one day come to an end and Christ will reign supreme. This is our faith.

Some people make it their personal ambition to attempt to determine precisely WHEN this event will take place. They read the signs of the times, cite scripture references, and consult popular prophetic predictions, some of which are centuries old. They even purport to have a certain credibility in this discipline, gaining a hearing in some circles even if just an entertaining curiosity. Is it really all that necessary to know? It seems to me that if Jesus really thought it was important for us to have that answer he would have been more specific when the disciples asked the question. All Jesus acknowledged is what scripture already confirms: the end will inevitably come.

What Jesus did spend some time detailing is what his disciples need to do before the end comes. He is quite clear that we must remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. However, we tend to become very attached to the things we create. It is only natural one can suppose. What we have established for ourselves tends to take on a greater importance than it ought. Jesus firmly reminds us that everything we have created, no matter how beautiful and durable we may find it to be, will pass away. What is our level of attachment to earthly things? Even our houses of worship, shrines and temples capture our attention and concern more than the One they are meant to honor. If what we seemingly will “lose” when the world comes to an end becomes a worry, obsession or preoccupation, then we need wonder how deep our faith really is. Consumed with all of the things we have built and established for ourselves and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God. Are all of these things what we are ultimately called to preserve and serve?

The Gospel is always our guide. We can never tire or lose sight of our vocation to live just lives and be non-violent pursuers of peace. We are always and everywhere called to act on behalf of the poor, turning our cheek to those who hurt us most. But when powers that are dark, persistent, strong and dominant override the path to peace and love that we hold so dear, we have to stand firm and realize whose kingdom we ultimately serve. We serve the kingdom of God! Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies, power struggles and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. God is the One who can never be taken away!

True, authentic and unconditional love is not subject to time and seasons. It is always and forever. Our love of God must be the same. Our love of God must be solid and forever and not the “love of sometimes or when it’s convenient.” Otherwise, it cannot be said to be real and it is certainly not sincere! What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or a new day in our lives? Preserving what we have established for ourselves or deepening our devotion to and relationship with God? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. Our priorities will be in order and we will be ready to go where God will take us. We will fall into the arms of Love’s Author and become who we wanted to be all along. As St. Ignatius of Antioch reminds us, “only on my arrival there (in heaven with God) can I be fully a human being.” God will give us the strength and inspiration we need. We will discover the necessary courage ahead, in spite of persecution and even death itself.

Sometimes knowing too much is a bad thing. It can take the adventure, wonder and excitement out of living. Do you really want to know the exact day, hour and circumstances of your death? While there is something intriguing about the question, the answer could cripple us. Knowing too much can bring one to apathy, disillusionment, fear, anxiety, dread, and cynicism, robbing the soul of the love and freedom it needs to soar! Not knowing can be a beautiful thing! It allows for daily surprises, wonder and awe, new discoveries, playfulness, joy, contentment and even laughter in the midst of the most dire of circumstances. The unknown of the future allows us to discover the riches and depth of God, who is the delight and joy of our souls.

Learning to hold all of life’s experiences in balance is one of the goals of the spiritual life. Finding our way through death and life, suffering and bliss, war and peace, anger and acceptance, love and hate, violence and peace while still holding firm to the providential and unconditional love of God is paramount. Acts of violence and the brokenness of life can easily harden us and make us bitter. We have to resist this temptation and bring ourselves back to love. We have to keep ourselves focused on what really matters and not get too dependent upon the material, tangible and superficial. It is the only way we

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Nov. 12 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	2:30 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession)	
	4 p.m.	Amelia and Lucien Daignault <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Nov. 13 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	*8 a.m.	Carmela, Fred, Paul and Josephine Orsini	Ianni Family
	*9:30 a.m.	Cecile Senna	Family
	11:15 a.m.	Roland Eckstrom <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family
Monday, Nov. 14 <i>Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Eugene Desmond Martin	His Brother
Tuesday, Nov. 15 <i>St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	7:30 a.m.	John and Carol Dugan (50th Wedding Anniv.)	Mary Lou Tanski
	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	
Wednesday, Nov. 16 <i>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin</i>	7:30 a.m.	Kathleen Knight	Christine Knight
Thursday, Nov. 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>		No Mass	
Friday, Nov. 18 <i>Dedication of the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	12:15 p.m.	Francis Buckley	Ed and Michele D’Orazio
	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, Nov. 19 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	2:30 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession)	
	4 p.m.	Peter and Jennie Tyczkowski <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Nov. 20 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	*8 a.m.	Barry Levy	Mary Lou Tanski
	*9:30 a.m.	Richard Breen	Elaine Henry
	11:15 a.m.	Paul Poulin <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family

“The Lord, comes to rule the earth with justice”
(Ps 98)

*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass



Tim Blomstrom
Susan Bowhall
Bob Caisse
Diane Varni Caisse
Sandra Cavanna
Thomas Cavanna
Kathy Cerne
Ashley Chapman
Donna Chapman
Keith Chapman

Gerald Delany
Patricia Feeney
Richard Giguere
Ernesto Guardia
Dan Hebert
Keith Henson
Julia Krawiec
Lucienne Marinelli
Gilbert Morin
Roger Morin

Gil Morin
Jack Murphy
Clara O’Brien
Jacob Rivera
Jaxson Rivera
Lilly Sinnamon
Frank Schultz
Doreen Thurz
John Thurz
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.

Dec. 5: Grief and the Holiday workshop

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you wondering how you’ll navigate the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s without that special someone, especially for the first time?

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to join us for a virtual workshop on “Grief and the Holidays.” It is being held as a Zoom presentation on Mon., Dec. 5 at 7 p.m, featuring certified grief counselor Laura Zeppieri from Facets Counseling. In this workshop, you’ll have an opportunity to consider:

- How to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for navigating social events
- And more

Participation is free. All are welcome. RSVPs are required, To RSVP, call the parish office at 860-633-9419, or contact@isidoreandmaria.org

will find God and become who we are meant to be. Christians have to show others the path to unconditional love. The world desperately needs this message. People need to have their relationships with God, others, themselves and the world restored to proper order so that all can work together in service of the Kingdom of God. This message is not always received with open and welcome arms. But, it is a message that must be heard and one that must be preached.



Jan. 22 - Book Discussion: Now Do You Believe?/ Living the Gospel in Everyday Life

Join us on Sun., Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at St. Augustine Church as we host a book discussion centering on "Now Do You Believe? Living the Gospel in Everyday Life," featuring the book's author and

parishioner, M. Regina Cram.

Regina's stories are about living the gospel in everyday life. No stained-glass saints are found in the pages of this book. There's the story of a man who smuggled 600 children out of Czechoslovakia as the Nazi machine ramped up and the one about a sport that brutally killed so many athletes that President Teddy Roosevelt had to step in. Sometimes hilarious, often poignant, Regina Cram paints true stories of folks trying to live everyday holiness in everyday life.

Fellow parishioner Margaret LaCroix will facilitate the discussion. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book may be purchased on Amazon, or borrowed from the main office of the church. Those attending are asked to RSVP at contact@isidoreandmaria.org or by calling the parish office at 880-633-9419. Snow date is Jan. 29.



Advent Giving Program Begins next weekend (Nov. 19 & Nov. 20)

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Advent Giving Program 2022 begins the weekend of Nov 19-20. We are asking for monetary donations supporting people in need at the following agencies: St. Joseph Residence, The Herbert T. Clark House, Gilmore Manor, St. Vincent DePaul Society, The House of Bread, My Sister's Place, St. Elizabeth House and ImmaCare Homeless Shelter. Donation envelopes are available at the entrance/exit of the church. Please return your donation envelope in the offertory kiosks at the church entrance, or mail your donation to the Parish Office noting the Advent Giving Program, by Sunday, Dec 4, making checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Thank you for your generosity.



I Am Here: Nick's Story

*"Overwhelming explosion
of the smell of roses."*

~ Nick Switzer

People like you share their personal stories of transformation by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the *National Eucharistic Revival*. Learn more about the revival and how to share your story at: isidoreandmaria.org/eucharisticrevival.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 11/13/22** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
- MON 11/14/22** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
- TUE 11/15/22** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
- WED 11/16/22** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
- THR 11/17/22** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
- FRI 11/18/22** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
- SAT 11/19/22** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
- SUN 11/20/22** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-4

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:

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| Tammy Breiner | Samuel David Hovanec |
| Oliver Cary | Peter Kamianowski |
| Charles Edward | Samuel MacDonald |
| Celia Fajardo | Alexis Maher |
| Brandon Farrell | Michael Scott Mullin |
| Chris Gibb | John W. Murphy |
| Michael Hitzer | 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, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

Rocky Hill parish to hold holiday fair on Nov. 19

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish holds its annual Holiday Fair on Sat. Nov. 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Saint James Parish Center, 767 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Learn more at: www.saintjosephinebakhita.org/holiday-fair.

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for 2022

November

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



Pope Francis

This Day in History — Nov. 17, 1933



Terry as Toto
with Judy Garland

Toto (Terry) Born Nov. 17, 1933

Toto was played by a female brindle Cairn Terrier named Terry. She was paid a \$125 salary each week - more than some of the human actors (the Singer Midgets who played the Munchkins reportedly received \$50 to \$100 a week).

Due to the popularity of the movie, and Terry as Toto, because that role was the one she was most remembered for, her owner and trainer changed her official name to Toto. She appeared in 13 films, including playing Rags in the Shirley Temple movie *Bright Eyes* (1934). She died at age 11 in 1945. Willard Carroll wrote her "autobiography," *I, Toto* (2001).

Oliver and I remember our famous friend Terry, who became a star! She even has a book written about her. Maybe Fr. Mark will write a book about us too! He seems to say that a lot!



Harry & Oliver's Corner

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toto_\(Oz\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toto_(Oz))

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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 Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Fri. following the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass (approximately 12:45 p.m.) at St. Paul Church. It concludes at 2 p.m.

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:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko

Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475

kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org



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