



# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent



Congratulations and God's blessing be upon the 2023 Confirmation candidates from SS. Isidore and Maria Parish:

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| Corey SEBASTIAN Anderson      | Kathryn CHRISTINA McKiernan  |
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| Gavin PAUL Lloyd              | Derek SEBASTIAN Thomas       |
| Anthony ANTHONY Loschiavo     | Zoe GEMMA White              |
| Matthew DAVID Lynch           | Delaney MARCELLA Zeruk       |

As you celebrate this milestone, may the Holy Spirit be with you to renew and strengthen you in your commitment to follow Christ.

## TODAY (March 26): Remembrance to Light - Duruflé Requiem and more...

The Parish Gallery Choir joins two other Glastonbury church choirs for a mid-Lenten choral program featuring a performance of the Duruflé Requiem TODAY (Sun., Mar. 26) at 4 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC, 2183 Main St., Glastonbury.

## Mar. 27: Experience Peace The Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

has been described as peaceful. Couldn't we all use a bit more of that in our lives? Join us for this service at St. Paul Church this Mon. (Mar. 27), at 6:30 p.m. to experience it yourself. It will feature the Parish Gallery Choir, with refreshments provided by the Walking with Purpose ministry.

## Upcoming Local Retreats

Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation, and spiritual renewal at one of the following:

**Men's Retreat:** The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish men's retreat takes place next weekend - **Mar. 31 - Apr. 2** - at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. For information and to register, contact George Jachimowski at 860-568-7274.

**Women's Retreat:** The women of our parish are invited to a retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT on the weekend of **April 14-16**. For more information, visit <http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net>.

## Early Bulletin Deadlines

Notices for April 2 bulletin were due by **March 22**.

Notices for April 9 bulletin are due by **March 27**.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 3/19/2023:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,313.45  
Online Giving: \$ 2,888.50  
Total: \$ 11,201.95

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2023: \$ 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 Year End Tax Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement with your total donations to SS. Isidore and Maria, 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.



### Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway

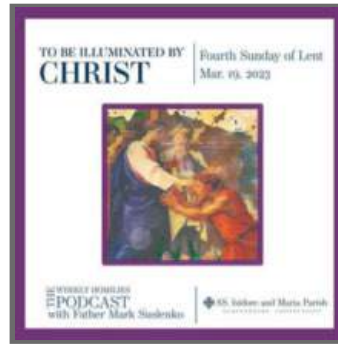
It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the

Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature! Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) to learn more and make your gift today. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



### Mar. 28: A Catholic Response to Human Trafficking

The Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force invites you to learn more about what you can do at their upcoming presentation: A Catholic Response to Human Trafficking. This event occurs on Tues., Mar. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. John Fisher Church, 30 Jones Hollow Road, Marlborough.



### PODCAST: To Be Illuminated by Christ

"In the early days of the church, the word used to describe baptism was 'illumination,' going back to what St. Paul tells us when he instructs us to put on Christ; that the waters of baptism

illuminate us. This begs the question of all of us who are baptized in and illuminated by Christ: When you look out at the world, what do you see, what do you hear, and what do you feel?" – *Father Mark*

The illumination that comes from Christ at our baptism is essential to who we are as Christians, providing the corrective to the secular thinking that comes from our day-to-day living. Learn more about it in Father Mark's latest podcast. Listen now at [isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts](http://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts)



### Faith Formation Sessions for Mar. 26 - Mar. 28

#### Sunday, March 26

Year2/Grade 10 Confirmation Mass - 2 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. Joseph

#### Monday, March 27

Grades 4 and 5 - South Wing 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
Grade 6 - Library 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 28

Grades 4 and 5 - South Wing 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Grade 6 - Library 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

*Children in grades 4-6 have the option of attending either the Monday session or the Tuesday session.*

### First Grade Faith Formation provides altar crosses



The work of our first grade Faith Formation children was on display on the altar last weekend (Mar. 18 & 19). Check out the beautiful crosses they made!

# Lenten Activities

Fifth Week of Lent

## Lenten Liturgy Schedule

### Lenten Confessions

Each Monday in Lent from 12 noon - 1 p.m. (in addition to Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.)

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church

### Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon., Mar. 27 at 6:30 p.m. (with live stream)

Unless otherwise noted, all liturgies take place at St. Paul Church. For more information - including our Holy Week schedule - please visit [isidoreandmaria.org/lentschedule2023](http://isidoreandmaria.org/lentschedule2023)



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### April 6: Holy Thursday\*

6 p.m.: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (with live stream)

### April 7: Good Friday\*

3 p.m.: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (with live stream)

### April 8: Holy Saturday

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Reconciliation

12:30 p.m.: Blessing of the Food

8 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass (with live stream)

### April 9: Easter Sunday

8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. (with live stream)

\*No Daily Mass



## April 12: What's New in Diabetes Care?

The parish Healthcare Ministry is sponsoring a program on the evening

of April 12 at 7 p.m. in the library of St. Paul Church "What's New in Diabetes Care?" features Dr. Matt King, who will present on the following:

- Who should get routine diabetes screening?
- Once you have diabetes, what sort of routine monitoring will you need?
- Medications: new and old, pros and cons.
- Principals of routine glucose monitoring.

While diabetes is a chronic disease, it is one of the most modifiable with lifestyle changes such as diet and exercise. Please join us for the all important discussion.



## A CRS Story of Sharing Success

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through



prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices

helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more. SS. Isidore and Maris Parish continues to collect for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances to St. Paul Church, or scan this QR code to make your family's online donation.



We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love, someone we don't even know, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our

mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences speaks volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs where we have been closed up in fear and despair and shouts, "Come out!" Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or God's presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and given new life. Walk with God and listen to him call you. Tomorrow there awaits another surprise.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



## SAVE THE DATE: Mental Health Matters Series begins Apr. 24

The parish Mental Health Ministry is presenting its annual "Mental Health Matters" series each Monday for four weeks

beginning April 24 at 7 p.m. in the South Wing of St. Paul Church. This free series covers the overall importance of mental health, and the impact of mental illness on individuals, families and communities. Registration is requested. To register, visit [isidoreandmaria.org/mental-health-matters](http://isidoreandmaria.org/mental-health-matters).



Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, March 25</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b> 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> Ruth Kaminski	Family
<b>Sunday, March 26</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Anthony Pagliughi Joan Crosby John Kurowski	Kathy McGuire John and MaryAnn Kuschman Marge Clisham
<b>Monday, March 27</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. <b>12-1 p.m.</b>	Brenda Flanagan <b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	Family
<b>Tuesday, March 28</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Jack Schafer <b>Rosary (St. Augustine Church)</b>	His Family
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Victor Grabowicz	Dzialo Family
<b>Thursday, March 30</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, March 31</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i> <b>Abstinence</b>	12:15 p.m. <b>After Mass until 2 p.m.</b> 6:30 p.m.	Thomas Tomkunas <b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Kathie McGuire
<b>Saturday, April 1</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b> 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> Patricia Oechsler	Kathy McGuire
<b>Sunday, April 2</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Donald Crandall John O'Connell	Family Mr. & Mrs. Ehrhardt and Family Ernest Reale

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Lord  
there is  
Mercy and  
Fullness  
of  
Redemption

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Susan Bowhall  
Bob Caisse  
Diane Varni Caisse  
Sandra Cavanna  
Thomas Cavanna  
Ashley Chapman  
Donna Chapman  
Keith Chapman  
Brian Faxon

Patricia Feeny  
Richard Giguere  
Ernesto Guardia  
Dan Hebert  
Keith Henson  
Julia Krawiec  
Gilbert Morin  
Gil Morin  
Jack Murphy

Clara O'Brien  
Jacob Rivera  
Jaxson Rivera  
Lilly Sinnamon  
Frank Schultz  
Doreen Thurz  
John Thurz  
Barbara Vassar  
Glyn Wellum

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.



### Apr. 3: Registration Opens for Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 opens Mon., Apr. 3 at 8 a.m. on the parish website. Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed takes place Mon., Jun. 19 - Fri., Jun. 23 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at St. Paul Church. All children aged 4 – grade 5 are invited to participate! 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. In addition, applications are now being accepted for VBS volunteers. Anyone from anyone Grade 8 (entering high school) and older is eligible to apply.

**Registration information and volunteer applications may be found at [isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2023](http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2023)**

## Come Out!

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

Even though we say that we believe in eternal life, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we go through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to improve it and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those essential to my sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. Grieving from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, some of life's meaning and essence are lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair; that is precisely who God desires to be in our life.

God calls us out of our tombs where we have been closed up in fear and despair. He shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible

after loss and death. But, our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of his resurrected presence is only a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to those details, we find that they all lead us back to him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Will we listen or remain in the musty darkness pretending we didn't hear?

### Weekend collections benefit My Sisters' Place, Glastonbury Food Bank



The generosity of our parishioners was on full display last weekend (Mar. 11 & 12) as collections were taken up for both the Glastonbury Self-Select Food Bank (top photos) and My Sisters' Place in Hartford (bottom photos). Thank you, as always, for showing your love for those around you with your donations!

## Weekly Prayer

### Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 3/26/23** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- MON 3/27/23** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- TUE 3/28/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/ Jn 8:21-30
- WED 3/29/23** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- THR 3/30/23** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- FRI 3/31/23** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/ Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 4/1/23** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/ Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 4/2/23** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

### 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  
 Charles Edward  
 Celia Fajardo  
 Brandon Farrell  
 Chris Gibb  
 Michael Hitzer  
 Peter Kamianowski

Samuel MacDonald  
 Alexis Maher  
 Michael Scott Mullin  
 John W. Murphy  
 Drew Scarfone  
 Timothy Sullivan  
 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.



## Hospitality Weekend Volunteers Needed

The parish Hospitality Week-ends have been a huge success! Both the Wine and Cheese Social following the 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and the Coffee Social following the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass are very popular. Now we are

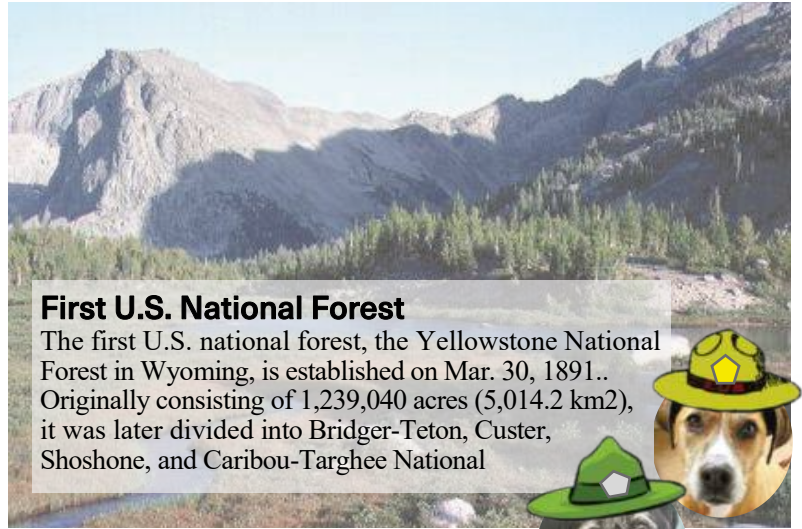
looking for individuals or families to host these events in the future. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4dabaa29a4f49-hospitality#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4dabaa29a4f49-hospitality#/)

## Upcoming Catholic School Open

**House Tues., Apr. 4 at 6 p.m.: *Corpus Christi School***, 581 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield is hosting a Spring Open House. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit [corpuschristischoolct.org](http://corpuschristischoolct.org) or call 860-529-5487.

## This Day in History — March 30, 1891



### First U.S. National Forest

The first U.S. national forest, the Yellowstone National Forest in Wyoming, is established on Mar. 30, 1891.. Originally consisting of 1,239,040 acres (5,014.2 km2), it was later divided into Bridger-Teton, Custer, Shoshone, and Caribou-Targhee National

As Park Rangers we could meet all kinds of new friends! Small, furry critters and birds are nice but let's be careful Harry, asking Mr. Grizzly Bear to share our treats!



## Harry & Oliver's Corner

## SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

### Clergy

Rev. Mark S. Suslenko, Pastor  
William G. Dziatko, Deacon  
Stephen L. Weaver, Deacon

### Parish Staff

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Ann Poker, Program Coordinator  
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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.

### Live streaming of weekend Masses

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish regularly live streams weekend Masses from St. Paul Church as follows:  
Saturdays at 4 p.m. / Sundays at 11:15 a.m.  
Rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. vigil take place on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Please join us on Facebook, YouTube or the parish website to view the stream.  
Announcements about additional live streamed liturgies may be found on the parish website, e-newsletter, bulletin and/or St. Paul Church bulletin boards.

### 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.

### 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:

**Faith Vos Winkel, MSW**  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
860-541-6475  
[faith.voswinkel@aohct.org](mailto:faith.voswinkel@aohct.org)



**Looking to update your parish registration?**

Or register with SS. Isidore and Maria Parish? Scan this handy QR code to begin the process.

**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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