# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

G L A S T O N B U R Y , C O N N E C T I C U T April 2, 2023

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass." - Mt 21:5

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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 3/26/2023:

Weekly collection:	\$ 11,195.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,552.50
Total:	\$ 13,747.50

#### 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.

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

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 to learn more a nd 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.

# 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: D'Esopo Funeral Chapel

#### Inspiration for the Week By Rev. Mark Suslenko

Listen carefully to the Passion of Christ as it unlocks the door

that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus's last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life's seemingly opposing experiences together but the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering's loneliness, and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn.



**Thursday, April 6: Grade 3 -** Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) St. Paul Church 6 p.m.



#### Hospitality Weekend Volunteers Needed

The parish Hospitality Weekends 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/60b0f4dabaa29a4 f49-hospitality#/



#### May 23: Come As You Are (A Broken & Blessed Sequel)

A sequel to the popular March 2022 presentation "Broken & Blessed" is set to take place on Tues., May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church. This time we are calling it "Come As You Are". This will be an hour-long discovery of God's presence through the use of reflections and contemporary music. More information coming soon!









# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, all liturgies take place at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT.

#### April 6: Holv Thursdav\*

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**

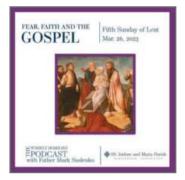
8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. (with live stream)

#### **April 10: Easter Monday**

- Parish office is closed
- No Daily Mass •

#### \*No Daily Mass

The Holy Week schedule can also be found at: isidoreandmaria.org/lentschedule2023



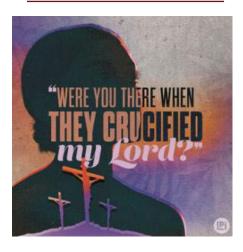
#### PODCAST: Fear. Faith, and the Gospel

"Quite often, our faith is reduced solely to negotiating our fears. As it turns out, our biggest fear has nothing to do with our personal agenda but with living the Gospel."

~ Father Mark

Do you fear living the Gospel? You are not alone. We often let many fears get in the way of living the Gospel. Father Mark explains in his latest podcast.

Listen now: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts





#### The Carrying of Crosses

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week. we remember the countless



women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How --like Simon of Cyrene — can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local

community and around the world? Scan the OR code or visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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.



#### 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.



#### 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.

#### Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, April 1</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	<b>2:30 p.m.</b> 4 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b> Patricia Oechsler	Kathy McGuire
<b>Sunday, April 2</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:30 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Donald Crandall John O'Connell	Family Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhardt and Family Ernest Reale
<b>Monday, April 3</b> Monday of Holy Week		Domenica Lopreiato Reconciliation (Confession)	Maria Scicliano and Family
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Aldea Leniart and Carl Rafala Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Family
Wednesday, April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week	7:30 a.m.	Edward V. Morris	Mary Connor and Family
Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday	6 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
First Friday, April 7 Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord Fast and Abstinence	3 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	
Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday	11-11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Blessing of Food Vigil of Easter	
Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9:30 a.m.	Nancy Healy and Bill Williams Dante Sassi Patrick Hannon	Skip Heley Mary Walsh Mulcahy Family

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.



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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

#### The Sublime and the Ridiculous

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is, "why me?" as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a "why me" attitude only finds us wallowing in self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us of how courage and determination can overcome hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the "normalcy" of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with an option: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who guides humanity through the triumphs of life by learning to be humble, and through life's tragedies and injustices by learning obedience. To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But, to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price and time-tested wisdom.

ray with Scripture

#### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

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
MON	4/3/23	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
TUE	4/4/23	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED	4/5/23	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25
THR	4/6/23	<i>Chrism Mass:</i> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89: 21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
		Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
FRI	4/7/23	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
SAT	4/8/23	<i>Easter Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
SUN	4/9/23	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22- 23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

True humility tempers the temptation to become complacent and prevents excessive basking in life's successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony without succumbing to despair, apathy, or feelings of abandonment. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with his reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it's the most challenging and senseless thing to do.

Only our souls can understand these things as they are timeless. Our minds struggle. We continue to run to secular ideologies, notions, and solutions to pain and hardship. We need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a host of other sins all result in suffering within our control. Then, when we face uncontrollable suffering or find ourselves to be the victim of injustice, what do we do?



### I Am Here: Carly's story

"On my worst days, it helps me feel whole." ~ Carly Fleury

People like you share their personal stories of transformation by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic

Revival. Visit iamhere.org to share your personal story of transformation through the Eucharist.



### 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	Samuel MacDonald
Oliver Cary	Alexis Maher
<b>Charles Edward</b>	<b>Michael Scott Mullin</b>
Celia Fajardo	John W. Murphy
<b>Brandon Farrell</b>	<b>Drew Scarfone</b>
Chris Gibb	<b>Timothy Sullivan</b>
Michael Hitzer	Jack M. Zaremba
Peter Kamianowski	

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.

#### **Reflect and Respond** to Scripture

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah speaks of his call and commitment to the Lord, regardless of the suffering he endures. How do you find strength in your suffering?

#### Second Reading:

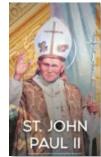
In this hymn describing Jesus, Paul places emphasis on the humility of Jesus. Would you describe yourself as a humble person?

#### Gospel:

Listening to the account of the Passion of the Lord often evokes strong emotions for believers. How do you prepare to hear the Passion narrative?

Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith but they are afflictions, not sins. Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the passion of Christ. - C. S. Lewis

## This Day in History — April 2, 2005



St. John Paul II (Karol Woitvla) Died April 2, 2005 b. 1920

Cardinal Wojtyła was elected pope on the third day of the second papal conclave of 1978. Wojtyła adopted the name of his predecessor, Pope John Paul I, in tribute to him.

Born in Poland, John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since Adrian VI in the 16th century and the second longest-serving pope after Pius IX in modern history serving for almost 27 years. John Paul II

attempted to improve the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism. Islam. and the Eastern Orthodox Church. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated many of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. He has been credited with fighting against dictatorships for democracy and with helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and the rest of Europe.

Pope John Paul II was canonized on April 27, 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII.

Remembering St. John Paul || Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord.



# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

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#### Weekend Masses

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

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

#### **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



#### Looking to update your parish registration?

Or register with SS. Isidore and Maria

Parish? Scan this handy QR code to begin the process.



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