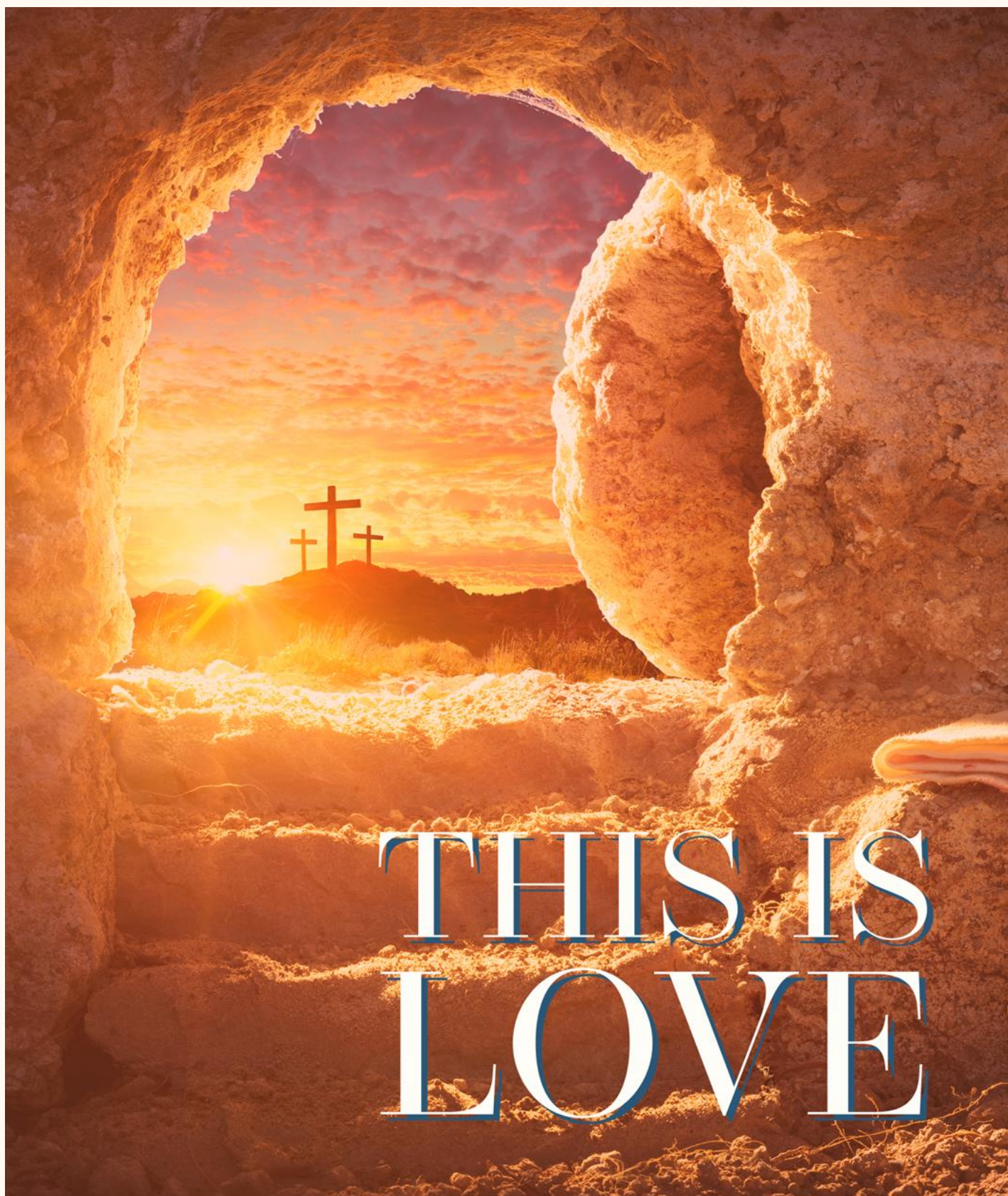


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EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 9, 2023



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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 4/2/2023:

Weekly collection: \$ 10,436.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,345.50
Total: \$ 14,781.98

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

In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's

Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese. 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.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:
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Inspiration for the Week

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday and today and may do tomorrow determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way by limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments. But we know through today's triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did now stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!

2023 Lenten Giving Program Proves Successful!

The Lenten Giving Program has helped many people over the years. This year was no exception, and we wish to thank all the parishioners who contributed to the program.

The Lenten Giving Program 2023 supported the following agencies: St Joseph's Residence, The House of Bread, ImmaCare, and My Sister's Place. Each group received much-needed household items to supplement their outreach efforts in social work.

Thank you again for your outstanding generosity in supporting this program.



An Easter message from Archbishop Leonard Blair

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" These are the words that give our life meaning! These are the words that give our world hope! With these simple words, we proclaim what God has done in the life-giving death and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ."

~ Archbishop Leonard Blair

Read Archbishop Blair's Easter message in its entirety here: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/blair-easter-2023>



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>.



The Parish Health Care Ministry will resume free monthly blood pressure screenings in May.



No Faith Formation classes or activities this week.
Happy Easter!



So What?

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying, “so what” or “alleluia?” For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and its significance, but it also makes a massive difference in how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and pursue your passions are good examples of the messages our secular culture wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But, when examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Making the best of life and finding your road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe.

The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection often results from believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't all that important as I seek to secure my next pay raise. Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after I take my last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking, “so what” or “alleluia?”

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it should make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!



Apr. 11: Parish Health Care Ministry Meeting

Are you a health care professional? Are you interested in promoting health within the parish?

The **Parish Health Care Ministry** will meet on **Tues., Apr. 11, at 7 p.m.** in the Education wing of St. Paul Church.

All interested health care professionals are invited to attend. For more information, please contact **Donna** at mmrugy@snet.net



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

Registration is now underway for “Mental Health Matters,” a 4-week series from the parish Mental Health Ministry 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.



Registration Now Open for Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 is now open 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! The fee is \$40 per child, with \$10 donated to Heifer International. In addition, applications are now being accepted for VBS volunteers. Anyone from Grade 8 (entering high school) and older is eligible to apply.

Registration information and volunteer applications may be found at isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2023



I Am Here: Serenity's story

“On my worst days, it helps me feel whole.” - *Serenity Quesnelle*

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.

Congratulations to the Men Attending the 2023 Annual Retreat Weekend

Congratulations to the men of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish who attended the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford on Mar 31 - April 2, namely, Tony Agostino, Peter Cram, Ron Gattinella, Dave Grimaldi, Jim Hart, George Jachimowski, Ken Przysiecki, Nathan Przysiecki and Walter Twachtman. It was a wonderful spiritual experience and a special gift to their families. Men and women retreat weekends are open through the end of June. If anyone would like to attend a retreat, please contact the Retreat Center at 860-521-0440 or www.HolyFamilyRetreat.org





Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, April 8 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	11-11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Blessing of Food Vigil of Easter	
Sunday, April 9 <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Nancy Healy and Bill Williams Dante Sassi Patrick Hannon	Skip Heley Mary Walsh Mulcahy Family
Monday, April 10 <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>		No Mass Parish Office closed	
Tuesday, April 11 <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Walter Trzeciak Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Berger Family
Wednesday, April 12 <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	7:30 a.m.	Amelia and Lucien Daignault	Renee Daignault
Thursday, April 13 <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>		No Mass	
Friday, April 14 <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m.	Thomas Sullivan Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	His Parents
Saturday, April 15 <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	4 p.m.	Glenn Lagasse	Franklin Family
Sunday, April 16 <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 3 p.m.	Rodolfo Caranfa Helen M. Zukauskas Peter Gravelle Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Augustine Church)	Family Houle 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..



PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Susan Bowhall | Patricia Feeney | Clara O'Brien |
| Bob Caisse | Richard Giguere | Jacob Rivera |
| Diane Varni Caisse | Ernesto Guardia | Jaxson Rivera |
| Sandra Cavanna | Dan Hebert | Lilly Sinnamon |
| Thomas Cavanna | Keith Henson | Frank Schultz |
| Ashley Chapman | Julia Krawiec | Doreen Thurz |
| Donna Chapman | Gilbert Morin | John Thurz |
| Keith Chapman | Gil Morin | Glyn Wellum |
| Brian Faxon | Jack Murphy | 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.



Apr. 16: Divine Mercy Sunday

The second Sunday of Easter is also Divine Mercy Sunday. SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. Augustine Church on Sun., Apr. 16 at 3 p.m. *All are welcome.*



SAVE THE DATE: Procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 11

Join us following the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sun., June 11 - Corpus Christi Sunday - to experience the magnificence and grandeur of the Procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi. We'll go forth from St. Paul Church, bringing Christ to the streets, witnessing to our faith and giving due honor and glory to God in the Eucharist. Additional details coming soon!



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.

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!



The annual Mother's Day parish diaper drive occurs May 6 and 7 at all Masses. Diapers of all sizes (and wipes!) are needed. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish with "diaper drive" written in the memo section. Diapers collected will go to St. Francis Hospital and

Medical Center, and distributed to the Family Medicine Center at Asylum Hill, Burgdorf Health Center, and Parenting Support Services at Saint Francis Hospital. For any questions, please contact Lori Lowry at lillori147@cox.net.

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/60b0f4dabaa29a4f49-hospitality#/>



Pray with Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Week

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
MON 4/10/23	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
TUE 4/11/23	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/12/23	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/13/23	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/14/23	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/15/23	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/16/23	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.

Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, are decorated and used as gifts on the occasion of Easter. The oldest tradition uses dyed and painted chicken eggs. A more modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs wrapped in colored foil, hand-carved wooden eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery, such as chocolate.



However, real eggs continue to be used in Central and Eastern European Christian traditions to celebrate the Eastertide. Christians see the egg as a symbol of resurrection: the egg contains a new life sealed within. In addition, one ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with red "in memory of the blood of Christ, shed at the time of his crucifixion."

In the Orthodox churches, priests bless Easter eggs at the end of the Paschal Vigil, equivalent to Holy Saturday. Eggs are then distributed to the faithful. Similarly, in the Roman Catholic Church in Poland, the so-called *święconka*, is the blessing of decorative baskets with a sampling of Easter eggs (*pisanka*) and other symbolic foods. It is one of Holy Saturday's most enduring and beloved Polish traditions.



Happy Easter to all our friends at SS. Isidore and Maria!

Being of Polish and Russian ancestry, Father Mark knows all about the beautiful egg decorating tradition. He even colors some eggs for Easter too! Bunnies and chicks are secular symbols of Easter, representing the beginning of spring. Thankfully, there are no bunnies at our house, Harry - just the chocolate ones in Father's basket! And we can't eat those, either!



Harry & Oliver's Corner

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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



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