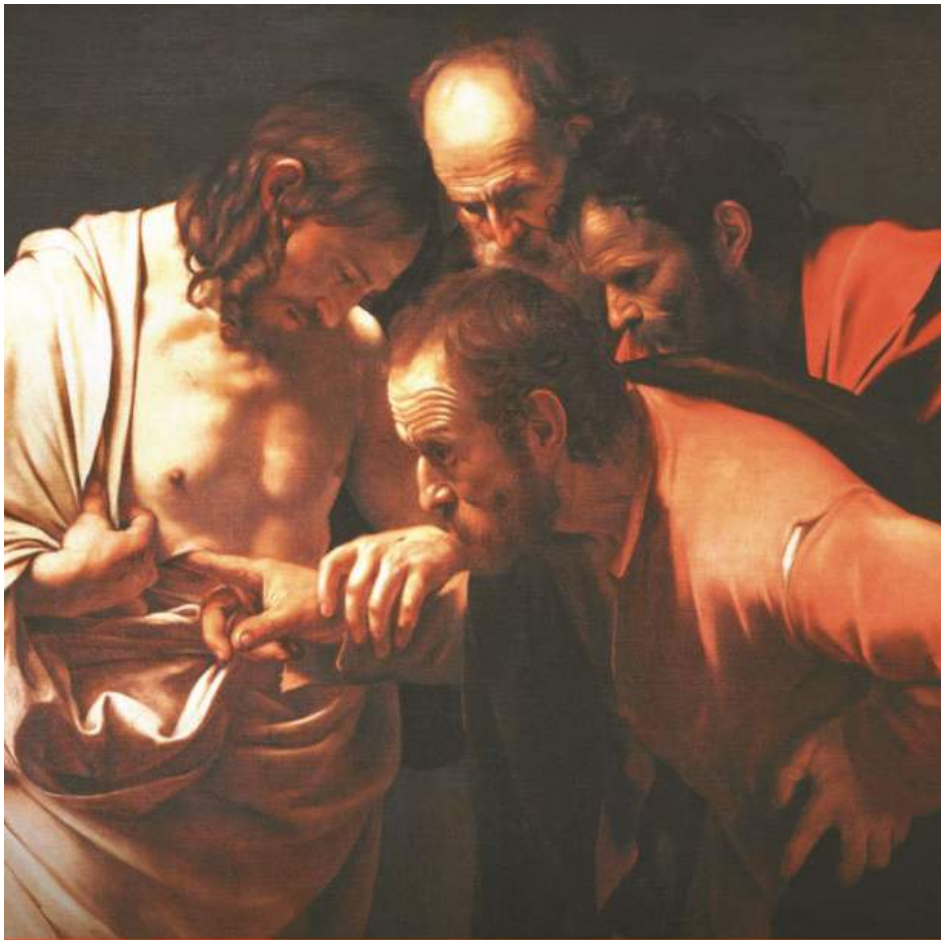


# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

April 16, 2023



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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**Have you ever experienced awe?** Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe can lift us out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something beyond life's ordinary happenings. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" Pondering the vastness of God's presence also brings us to a profound sense of God's mercy, which is the showering of his unconditional love on each of his daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves in awe again and feeling an intense sense of peace. ~ Rev. Mark Suslenko

### TODAY (Apr. 16): Join us for 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.*

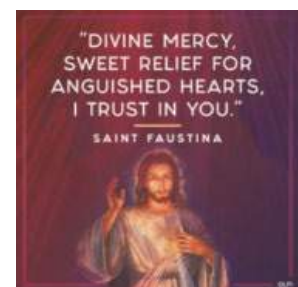
### Mental Health Matters Series begins Apr. 24

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](https://www.isidoreandmaria.org/mental-health-matters).

### 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 May (May 6 & 7) and June (June 3 & 4). For more information or to sign up to volunteer visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4dabaa29a4f49-hospitality#/>



## Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 4/9/2023:

Weekly collection: \$ 18,738.27  
Online Giving: \$ 4,402.50  
Total: \$ 23,140.77

Good Friday \$ 479.00

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

In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows, and the assistance the Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made

your gift for this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your donation to the Appeal helps continue the vital services, ministries, and programs that help 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.



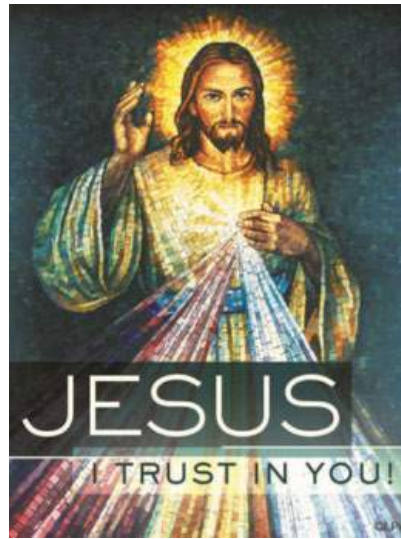
Wednesday, April 19:

Grade 1 - First Communion Retreat  
South Wing 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.



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

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:  
**Cotton Hollow Kitchen**

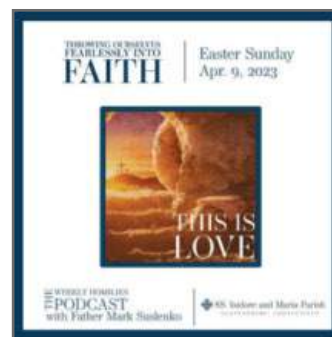


During Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this Feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord.

This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/divine-mercy-20874?utm>

SS. Isidore and Maria wishes to express our profound gratitude to the countless volunteers, staff, musicians, and parishioners for their continued dedication and contributions to making the sacred Triduum and Easter liturgies special and beautiful. Together, we elevate our liturgy to a higher form of praise to our Risen Lord!



## PODCAST: Throwing Ourselves Fearlessly Into Faith

"Easter provides an opportunity to throw ourselves deeply, fearlessly, and courageously into faith, and affirm that, yes, it is true. Jesus Christ did rise from the dead." ~ *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](http://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts)



## Mystery and Mercy

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning life's meaning, not feeling purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, he gazed up at the night sky, found himself in wonder of all the star's constellations, and, feeling this overwhelming experience of awe, exclaimed, "I am here on purpose, and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on. If we are always preoccupied with life's daily challenges, obligations, and "stuff," we can easily miss these wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door! If we open ourselves to this fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening to and embracing all that is around us. Being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur, we will know inwardly in our hearts and souls that God is, and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I-don't-know kind of revelation, it is life-changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this astonishing

truth and internalizing it doesn't require the assent of the mind. It requires the consent of our soul. We find ourselves "knowing" something profound that cannot be explained, cannot often be reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter with Truth, it doesn't matter how all the pieces got together. Truth is simply the truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted out of our preoccupations and silliness and rest in the presence of Mystery and Mercy.

God is Mystery who is at one and the same time beyond our grasp but within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And then, in the presence of Mystery, there comes an intense experience of Mercy! We know deep within the essence of all life; this pulsating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious, yet familiar presence of Love. We have found true peace. "Peace be with you," God says. Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

### I Am Here: Lynda's story

"I wish more people knew what a blessing this is." ~ Lynda North



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](http://iamhere.org) to share your personal story of transformation through the Eucharist.

### 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!

### 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](http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2023)

Earth Day on Apr. 22 is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on Apr. 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by [EARTHDAY.ORG](http://EARTHDAY.ORG), including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2023 is *Invest In Our Planet*. *Wikipedia*



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ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, April 15</b> <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	4 p.m.	Glenn Lagasse	Franklin Family
<b>Sunday, April 16</b> <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	8 a.m.	Rodolfo Caranfa	Family
	9:30 a.m.	Helen M. Zukauskas	
	11:15 a.m.	Peter Gravelle	Houle Family
	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy (St. Augustine Church)</b>	
<b>Monday, April 17</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Madeline Nemecek	Rosemary Nemecek
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i> <i>Holocaust Memorial</i>	7:30 a.m.	John Kump	Daughter
	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Rosary (St. Augustine Church)</b>	
<b>Wednesday, April 19</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	For the health of Roger Yost	Family
<b>Thursday, April 20</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, April 21</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i> <i>St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	12:15 p.m.	Barbara DeCecca	Granddaughter
	<b>After Mass until 2 p.m.</b>	<b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Saturday, April 22</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	4 p.m.	Joseph Kaminski	Family
<b>Sunday, April 23</b> <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>	8 a.m.	Gary Hines	Don and Kathy Kray
	9:30 a.m.	Eileen Marie Ahearn	Danny and Shana Ehrhardt
	11:15 a.m.	Frank Manganaro	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..



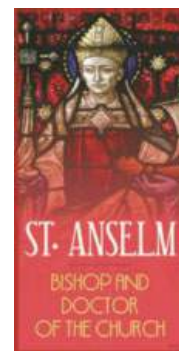
## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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.



## Celebrating the Saints This Week



### Ven. Cornelia Peacock Connelly

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation — the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — which still

operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.





### 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](mailto:lillori147@cox.net).



### SAVE THE DATE: The Parish Fall Festival is Sept. 17

The Parish Fall Festival returns to the grounds of the Elks Club, 98 Woodland Street, South Glastonbury, on Sun., Sept. 17. Volunteers are needed NOW to help make this event a success.

Raffle prizes are also being sought. To volunteer or donate a raffle prize, please contact Cristina and Matt at [cristina.zajac915@gmail.com](mailto:cristina.zajac915@gmail.com).



### ATTENTION: Registered Attendees of the Oct. 14 Enders Island Day of Recollection

If you are registered to attend the Enders Island Day of Recollection on Oct. 14, please check your email for a confidential survey from Father Mark about the event. Please complete the survey as soon as possible. This event is sold out. To get your name on the waiting list, please email: [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org).



## Pray with Scripture

### Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>SUN</b>	<b>4/16/23</b>	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
<b>MON</b>	<b>4/17/23</b>	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
<b>TUE</b>	<b>4/18/23</b>	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
<b>WED</b>	<b>4/19/23</b>	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21
<b>THR</b>	<b>4/20/23</b>	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36
<b>FRI</b>	<b>4/21/23</b>	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
<b>SAT</b>	<b>4/22/23</b>	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
<b>SUN</b>	<b>4/23/23</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



### 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  
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 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.

## Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem.  
*What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?*

### Second Reading:

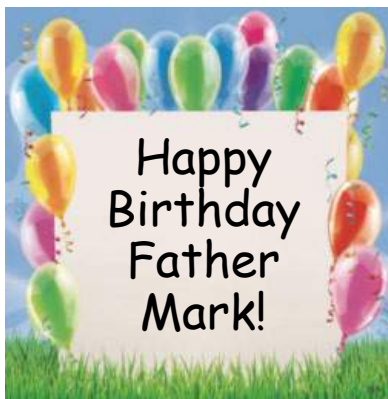
Peter speaks of a “new birth” of “indescribable and glorious joy” that awaits all believers “in the final time” (Jesus’ Second Coming).  
*How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?*

### Gospel:

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”  
*Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?*



## This Day in History — April 15



Fr. Mark shares his birthday with Leonardo da Vinci, Jackie Robinson and Roy Clark.

*The eraser discovered:* On this day in 1770, English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers that a piece of latex can be used to remove pencil marks.

On this day in 1955, Ray Kroc opened his first McDonald's franchise.



Harry and I join our friends at SS. Isidore and Maria in wishing Father Mark a very happy and blessed birthday. I bet we will get treats too! Maybe we can help blow out the candles on his “Birthday Salmon”!



## Harry & Oliver's Corner

## SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

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**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)

### 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:  
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