SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

May 14, 2023





SS. Isidore and Maria Parish congratulates the following children who received their First Holy Communion.

Elise Adams Annette Agil Nicholas Alexander Leah Bidwell Madeleine Bruno Samuel Bruno Milena Burke Renee Cadieux Avery Colantonio Grant Colantonio Madison Costantini Caroline DiSanto

Adalyn Gallagher Keegan Gallagher Allison Ganley Camden Gorman Grace Houlihan William Ivey, Jr. Emmanuel Kenta-Bibi Benjamin Kestenband Savannah LaCroix Annie LoVerme Adam Minkos Harper Morgan Aiden Nowobilski Nathan Paige Harrison Perham Zachary Sail Benjamin Salonia Jackson Scandura Elizabeth Shannon Maxwell Solony Matthew Sorace Edward Space Korey Sutton

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. We find it when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our strength but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope is forever linked to faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused on things that matter only to us. Christ's resurrection reminds us that our earthly agendas are not what matter most. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season allows us to reassess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else. $\sim Rev. Mark Suslenko$

MAY 13/14 THIS WEEKEND

Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign begins

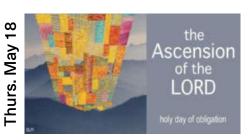
BIRTHRIGHT will distribute baby bottles after Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 13 & 14). We ask that you take the bottles home, fill them with coins, cash, or check and return them to the Birthright volunteer stationed after Masses on June 3 and 4. This is an opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in mothers' lives. Thank you for any help you can give.

Annual May Crowning at the 4 p.m. vigil Mass Sat., May 13



May 13 &14: Blood pressure screenings

The **Parish Health Care Ministry** is conducting its monthly blood pressure screening, provided free of charge, after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., May 13 and after 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sun., May 14. Screenings are held in the conference room of the South Wing of St. Paul Church.



Wed., May 17 at 6 p.m. (vigil) Thurs., May 18 at 7:30 a.m. Thurs., May 18 at 12:15 p.m.

All Masses take place at St. Paul Church.

Collections and Parish Finance

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



Report for the week of 5/7/2023:Weekly collection:\$ 7,622.50Online Giving:\$ 5,107.50

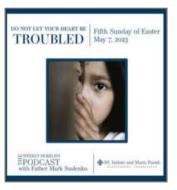
Giving:	<u>\$ 5,107.50</u>
U	\$ 12,730.00

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2023: \$ 94,171.00

Total:

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.*



PODCAST: Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled

"Fear is one of our greatest enemies. It keeps us from encountering one another and keeps us from encountering ourselves and encountering God." ~ Father Mark

What can humans do with the fears and anxieties resulting from

daily living in a volatile and ever-changing world? Father Mark doesn't have all the answers but does have guidance on where to start! Listen now: isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program

"His Sacrifice, and ours!"

In the spirit of stewardship the Archbishop's Annual Appeal initiated the Vicariate Outreach Program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and her teachings.

The Archdiocese and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, has received broad acclaim for sharing more than \$20M over the previous 25 years of this effort. With the support of all parish households, we remain enthusiastic about continuing this vital outreach Program this year as well.

If you desire to suggest a worthy local charity for funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please contact the parish office. An outreach program of this scope requires following a time-tested process. If you make a suggestion it will be reviewed and considered for nomination – not all suggestions will become nominations as funds are limited. Please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible. Parish nominations are reviewed and confirmed by the Archdiocesan Vicariate Outreach Committee.

Thank you for your concern and generosity.



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

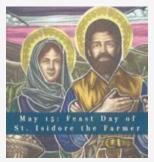
Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is: FACETS Counseling



PHOTO GALLERY: May 2023 Hospitality Weekend

Were you spotted at our most recent Hospitality Weekend events on May 6/7? Check out our online photo gallery to see all the great pics: http://isidoreandmaria.org/ hospitalitymay23

The next parish Hospitality Weekend is June 3 & 4.



May 15: Feast Day of St. Isidore the Farmer

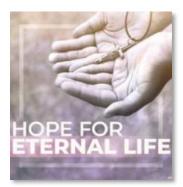
May 15 is the feast day of St. Isidore the Farmer, who, with his wife, St. Maria de la Cabeza, are the patron saints of our parish.

St. Isidore (1070-1130) is also the patron saint of farmers

and rural communities. Born in Madrid, Spain, he started farming as a young boy when he went to work on the estate of a wealthy landowner from the nearby town of Torrelaguanna.

Pious, modest, generous and devout, St. Isidore serves as a model for laborers everywhere. Along with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri, St. Isidore is known in Spain as one of the "Five Saints."

Learn more about St. Isidore at isidoreandmaria.org/ saintisidore



Hope Springs Eternal

By Rev. Mark Suslenko

We "hope" for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to

convince him that our agenda is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved for us to be happy, they are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

A powerful message was sent when God became a human being: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we must focus on our eternal truth, destiny, and who we truly are. We must be careful when we allow our

earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we trust Christ's promises and do not rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward fulfilling God's promises and not simply achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends, faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts and lead us to the fullness of his presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue to use solely for our own agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs of something far more significant going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, church, and world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see his eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.



Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 11

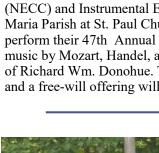
Join us following the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sun., June 11 -Corpus Christi Sunday - to experience the magnificence and grandeur of the

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.

SAVE THE DATE: June 4 Concert - Paris in the Spring

The Music Ministry at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to enjoy "Paris in the Spring," a concert of music by Mozart, Debussy, Silvestrov and de Sarasate, performed by (L-R) Vincent Barile-Kaverud, Sofia DiNatale, and David Garrido-Cid. This one-time performance takes place on Sun., Jun. 4 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Church.







(NECC) and Instrumental Ensemble return to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church on Sun., May 21 at 4 p.m. to perform their 47th Annual Spring Concert. It will feature music by Mozart, Handel, and Monteverdi under the direction of Richard Wm. Donohue. This event is open to the public, and a free-will offering will be collected.



May 29 at 11 a.m.: **Memorial Day Mass** at St. Augustine Cemetery

Please join us in celebrating Mass on Memorial Day (May 29) at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Cemetery. Father Mark will offer this

Mass for the more than 350 Veterans for whom the cemetery is the final resting place, for the souls of nearly 3,000 others buried there, and for all men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

Those attending are asked to bring a lawn or folding chair. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at St. Augustine Church.

"There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives - the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognize it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ~

Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

May 14, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by	
Saturday, May 13 Sixth Sunday of Easter	10 a.m.	First Holy Communion		Let
Sunday, May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	9:30 a.m.	Susanne Dock Manuel Falcon Casimira Guardia	Elaine Henry Family Children	the earth cry out
Monday, May 15 Easter Weekday St. Isidore	7:30 a.m.	John Kump	WHO Ministry	to Goo
Tuesday, May 16	7:30 a.m.	Deacon Maurice J. Walsh	Family	with
Easter Weekday	7 p.m.	Rosary (St. Augustine Chur	ch)	Joy.
Wednesday, May 17 Easter Weekday		Marianne Grabowicz Parishioners of SS Isidore and	Dzialo Family d Maria	- Psalm 66
Thursday, May 18 The Ascension of the Lord		Parishioners of SS Isidore and Parishioners of SS Isidore and		
Friday, May 19	12:15 p.m.	Edward Kuligoski	Family	
Easter Weekday	After Mass until 2 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration o	f the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, May 20 Seventh Sunday of Easter	4 p.m.	Myron and Lucille Klewicki Laurier and Berthe Bartlet	Family	
Sunday, May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter	9:30 a.m.	John Guminiak Anthony Pagliughi Linda Nott	Kathie McGuire Zdrojeski Family Gallery Choir	1 A A A

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.



Susan Bowhall Bob Caisse Diane Varni Caisse Sandra Cavanna Thomas Cavanna Ashley Chapman Donna Chapman Keith Chapman Brian Faxon Patricia Feeney Richard Giguere Ernesto Guardia Dan Hebert Keith Henson Sheila Kimball Julia Krawiec Gilbert Morin Gil Morin Jack Murphy

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





Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Happy Mother's Day Come As You Are: An Evening of Reflection, Exploration, Contemplation, and Music

When was the last time you took a moment to ponder life's more profound questions, such as Who made me? Who am I? What is my purpose? Who can I be?

Join us for Come As You Are, an hour-long

discovery of God's presence through reflections and contemporary music led by Rev. Mark S. Suslenko, Pastor of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, Glastonbury.



Mark Suslenko

Explore these pivotal questions of truth on: Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church 2577 Main St., Glastonbury

Previous attendance is not required. Simply come as you are! It's free and open to all!

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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.



Parish Fall Festival Returns Sept. 17 Volunteers Needed!

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 items are also being sought. To volunteer or donate a raffle item,

please email the parish office at contact@isidoreandmaria.org.



Applications are now open for the 2023 Joseph Melzen, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Attention high school seniors!

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is awarding two (2) scholarships for graduating high school seniors in memory of Joseph J. Melzen, Sr. Each scholarship awarded will be \$500.00 per year for up to four years of college education. Any high

school senior graduating in spring 2023 and having a parent registered as a member of SS. Isidore and Maria Parish is welcome to apply. Scholarship payments will be sent directly to the learning institution student will be attending. Visit http://isidoreandmaria.org/scholarship2023 for more info or to apply. *All applications must be submitted by midnight on May 28, 2023.*



I Am Here: Daryl's Story

"God is all-powerful." ~ Capt. Daryl Gonyon

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 with Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN	5/14/23	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
MON	5/15/23	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
TUE	5/16/23	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11
WED	5/17/23	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
THR	5/18/23	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
FRI	5/19/23	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23
SAT	5/20/23	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16:23b-28
SUN	5/21/23	Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/

1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized.

Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?

Second Reading:

Peter taught his community to be prepared to defend their faith with gentleness and reverence even in a hostile environment.

Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone arguing with you?

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." *When do you experience Jesus' presence in your life?*



This Day in History — May 20, 1950

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, this year May 21, 2022. It falls near the end of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.

First observed on May 20, 1950, the day was created on August 31,1949 to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. The United States' longest continuously running Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, Washington. In 2019, Bremerton celebrated the 71st Armed Forces Day Parade.



Harry and I honor all who serve in our military service. We especially remember and hold in prayer our parishioners currently serving in the United States military.



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.

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



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