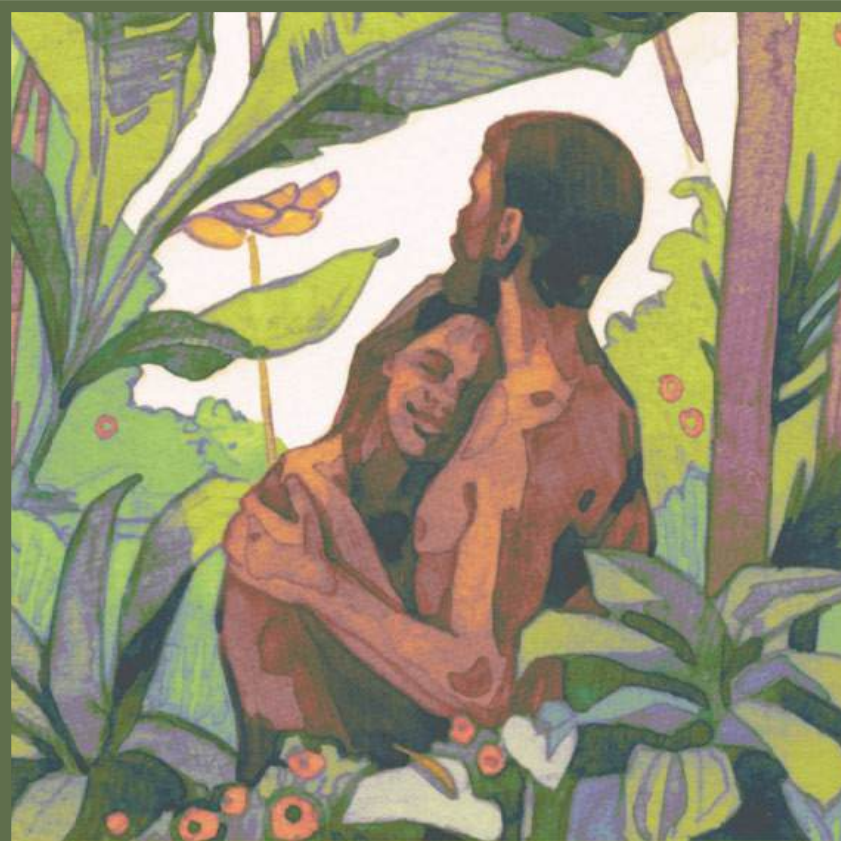




# SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



October 6, 2024

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Lord God said: 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.'" - Genesis 2:18



## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the **first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday**. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those most

vulnerable from the beginning to its end and at every point in between. During October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.

In 1995, Pope St. John Paul II wrote *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This prophetic encyclical reaffirmed the value and inviolability of human life and urged all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. Learn more about the essential teachings of this profound document in "*The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary*." Visit [respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary) for more information.



## Oct. 14: Investiture of the Pallium

On Mon., Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, the

Archdiocese of Hartford celebrates the Investiture of the Pallium, to be bestowed upon Archbishop Christopher Coyne by the Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., Christophe Cardinal Pierre. A reception will follow. **If you would like to attend please email the parish office, or call 860-633-9419.**

## Daily Mass Schedule This Week

Father Mark will be attending the mandatory Archdiocesan Convocation of Priests next week. **There will be no morning Masses this week**, Mon. through Thurs. Oct. 7-10, 2024.

## NEXT WEEKEND

### Oct. 12 & 13: Hospitality Weekend Resumes

Get to know your fellow parishioners by joining us on Sat., Oct. 12, following the 4 p.m. Mass for our Hospitality Weekend wine & cheese get-together, or on Sun., Oct. 13, following the 11:15 a.m. Mass for our parish coffee social. All are welcome!

### Oct. 12 & 13: Blood Pressure Screenings

The Parish Wellness Ministry is conducting its monthly FREE blood pressure screening after the 4 pm Mass on Sat., Oct. 12, and after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sun., Oct. 13. Screenings are held in the conference room of the South Wing at St. Paul Church.

"When a husband and wife are united in marriage they no longer seem like something earthly, but rather like the image of God himself." ~ St. John Chrysostom

## Collections and Parish Finance

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



### Report for the week of 9/29/2024:

**Weekly collection:** \$ 6,464.86  
**Online Giving:** \$ 3,340.50  
**Total** \$ 9,805.36

**Parish Annual Collection** \$ 89,522.00

**Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2024:**  
**\$ 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.

**2024 Parish Annual Collection Now Underway**

The 2024 Parish Annual Collection is now underway. Please read Father Mark's letter on this effort and make your online donation at <http://isidoreandmaria.org/annualcollection24>.



Through the generosity of the SS. Isidore and Maria Parish community, 72% of our financial target has been met. All are encouraged to consider a gift that is

appropriate for them; let's work together to exceed our parish goal. Donation packets are at the doors of the church, or you may make your donation online at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. Thank you for your consideration.



**Youth/Children's Choir** (ages 6 and up) rehearses at 5 p.m. by the piano; **Gallery Choir** (older teens and adults) meets at 7 p.m. in the choir loft. Both groups meet at St. Paul Church. For more information, email [David@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:David@isidoreandmaria.org).



## Inspiration for the Week by Rev. Mark Suslenko

**"What God has joined together."** We are all familiar with these words. There is an innate desire to be connected and united because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although distinctively different. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years yet still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two joined people. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



### Deacon Steve Weaver Retires

On Sept. 26, Deacon Steve Weaver reached senior status with the Archdiocese of Hartford and will be retiring from SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Read more about his remarkable ministry to others and his future plans at

<http://isidoreandmaria.org/deaconsteve>.

## Volunteer Opportunities

***Our parish ministries and community efforts run on volunteer power! Your help is needed in a variety of areas, including:***



**Are you crafty?** One or two volunteers are needed to help decorate the candles used during the Parish's All Souls Remembrance Service. The person or people would use a hot glue gun to decorate the candles provided with ribbons and flowers (see accompanying photo). If interested, please get in

touch with the parish office at [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org) or 860-633-9419.



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

## Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:

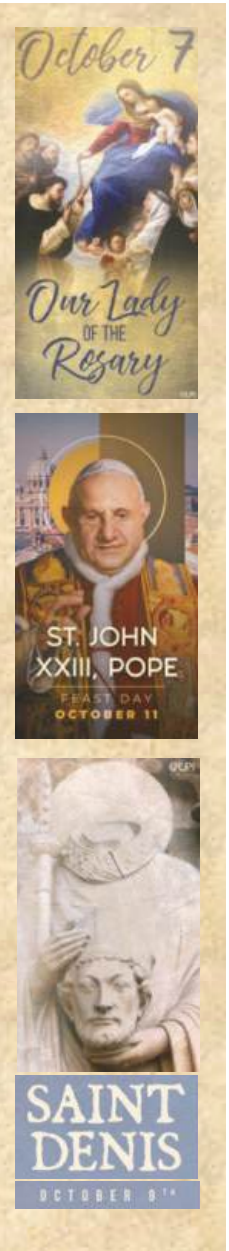
### Cotton Hollow Kitchen



# Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

October 6, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
<b>Saturday, Oct. 5</b> <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11:30 a.m. 4 p.m.	Blessing of Animals Amelia & Lucien Daignault	Family
<b>Sunday, Oct. 6</b> <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	John Atwell Bob Vaillancourt Catherine & Frank Puia	Wife, Ruth Patrice & Rich Ehrhardt Family
<b>Monday, Oct. 7</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		<b>No Mass – Priest Convocation</b>	
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8</b> <i>Weekday</i>		<b>No Mass – Priest Convocation</b>	
	7 p.m.	<b>Rosary (St. Augustine Church)</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 9</b> <i>St. Denis, Bishop, &amp; Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>		<b>No Mass – Priest Convocation</b>	
<b>Thursday, Oct. 10</b> <i>Weekday</i>		<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Friday, Oct. 11</b> <i>St. John XXIII, Pope</i>	12:15 p.m. <b>After Mass until 2 p.m.</b>	Robert & Antonia Malone	Carmichael Family <b>Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 12</b> <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4 p.m.	Robert Shephard	Family <b>Wine &amp; Cheese Social following 4 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 13</b> <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Jean-Pierre (John) Favreau John Kump Joseph Clinton	Favreau Family Sister Family <b>Coffee Social following 11:15 a.m. Mass</b>



**We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for family members free of charge in the bulletin for one (1) month. To do so, please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419 or [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org). We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.**



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Pope Francis

## October Prayer Intention

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific Intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

### For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**Pray for peace in the Holy Land**





**Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God."** Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's

incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love, and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes how we see the essence of life and the purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love, we will stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children!

The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once it is joined, it cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be challenging to negotiate and, at times, painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and is often tainted by our imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love-works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions on the same journey!

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



### Sun., Oct. 6

#### All Grade Level Mass:

9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church

- **Grade 1:** 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. meet in the Parish Center
- **Grade 2:** 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. meet in the Classrooms
- **Grade 3:** 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. meet in the Library

- **Grades 4-6 Family Program** – 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. or 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. meet with a parent at their designated time and location
- **Grades 4-8 Online Program** – regular weekly submissions due by Friday
- **Grade 9/Year 1** – 4:30 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. meet in the South Wing
- **Grade 10/Year 2** – 6 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. meet in the South Wing

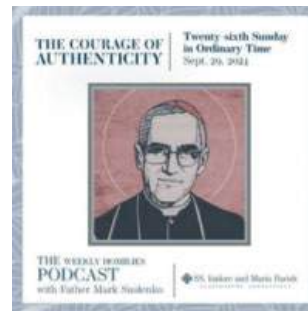


### Oct. 9:

#### NAMI Family Support Group Meeting

The SS. Isidore and Maria Wellness Ministry and the Connecticut Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) welcome all to a free, confidential, peer-led family support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. **The group will take place on Wed.,**

**Oct. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the classroom wing of St. Paul Church.



### PODCAST:

#### The Courage of Authenticity

In the runup to the Salvadoran Civil War in 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was murdered, martyred, and later sainted for speaking the truth about social justice and peace. He

also said that mediocrity is always the majority and the courage of authenticity, the minority. In his latest homily, Father Mark argues that this sentiment is as true today as it was during St. Oscar Romero's life and that, as Christians, we, too, must continually strive for authenticity in living the Good News. Listen to his podcast at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts>.



### Regina's Writings:

#### Alone With My Other True Love

Whether for a moment, a minute, an hour, or day, visiting Jesus where he resides in the Church tabernacle can be a transformative experience. Read about how M. Regina Cram

experiences it in her latest column, *Alone With My (Other) True Love*, now available at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/2024/09/30/reginas-writings-alone-with-my-other-true-love/>.

# October Events



## Oct. 10: Parish Book Club

The next Parish Book Club meeting will be on **Thurs., Oct. 10, at 1 p.m.**, in the education wing of the St. Paul campus.

Our book selection is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. This book "combines

rich storytelling with a valuable contribution to modern fiction: a new perspective of female life in biblical society. (Amazon)" It is available via the Hoopla app from the Welles-Turner Library, Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Even if you have attended a book club meeting in the past, please sign up for this event on the parish website so that we can plan for the correct number of attendees.



**Weekday Hospitality**

All are welcome to join us on the **third Tuesday of each month** following the **7:30 a.m. daily Mass** for **Weekday Hospitality**. Our schedule is as follows:

**Oct. 15   Nov. 19   Dec. 17**

This is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment to have a cup of coffee and get to know your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you soon.



**ImmaCare Inc.**

The next ImmaCare dinner is on **Fri., Oct. 11**. All are welcome to participate by preparing food or helping to deliver and serve our meals at the shelter.



## Oct. 24: Bereavement Facilitator Training Workshop

A Bereavement Facilitator Training Workshop takes place on **Thurs., Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon** at St. Paul Church in Classroom 1 near the Parish office.

This training workshop is for anyone looking to volunteer to become a New Day Bereavement Facilitator. The workshop will provide direction in developing bereavement groups within the parish, planning and guiding group sessions, and making human connections that can help to mend broken hearts. *Registration is required.* To register, visit [https://isidoreandmaria.org/bereavement\\_facilitator](https://isidoreandmaria.org/bereavement_facilitator), email [bereavement@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:bereavement@isidoreandmaria.org), or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



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## Scripture Readings for the Week

- SUN 10/6/24** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
- MON 10/7/24** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/ Lk 10:25-37
- TUES 10/8/24** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
- WED 10/9/24** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
- THR 10/10/24** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/ Lk 11:5-13
- FRI 10/11/24** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 11:15-26
- SAT 10/12/24** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 11:27-28
- SUN 10/13/24** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



## 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 Carey**  
**Beau Douglas**  
**Celia Fajardo**  
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**Alexis Maher**  
**Michael Scott Mullin**  
**John W. Murphy**  
**Drew Scarfone**  
**Timothy Sullivan**  
**Jack M. Zaremba**



## St. Dunstan Parish Senior Luncheon

Tues., Oct. 15th at 12 Noon  
Father Bannon Hall  
It's Time for Octoberfest!



Please bring a seasonal dish to share!  
A vegetable, salad, main dish or  
dessert, even soup is welcomed fare.

We will have a short presentation by  
*Hartford Health Care* on Health Care  
Screenings for older Adults after lunch.  
Please join us.



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## This Day in History - Oct. 11, 1962



Pope John XXIII

### Opening of the Second Vatican Council

The Second Ecumenical Council of the  
Vatican, commonly known as the  
Second Vatican Council or Vatican II,  
addressed relations between the  
Catholic Church and the modern  
world. The Council, through the Holy

See, was formally opened under the pontificate of John XXIII on  
Oct. 11, 1962, and closed under Paul VI on the Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception on Dec. 8, 1965.

Several changes resulted from the Council, including the renewal of  
consecrated life with a revised charism, ecumenical efforts with other  
Christian denominations, interfaith dialogue with other religions,  
and the universal call to holiness, which, according to Pope  
Paul VI was "the most characteristic and ultimate purpose of  
the teachings of the Council."



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## Harry & Oliver's Corner

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second\\_Vatican\\_Council](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Vatican_Council)

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### Weekend Masses

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

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish live streams  
the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass each Saturday from  
St. Paul Church. Please join us on Face-  
book, YouTube or the parish website to  
view the stream. Rebroadcasts of the  
4 p.m. Vigil may be found at  
[https://www.youtube.com/@  
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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 bulletin submissions must be  
received no later than each Friday, nine days  
before the requested bulletin publication  
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<http://isidoreandmaria.org/commform>.

### 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

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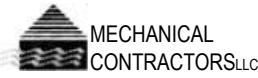
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