



# SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA

## GLASTONBURY, CT



March 22, 2026

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

"And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" - John 11:43

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA PARISH IS TRANSITIONING TO A NEW WEBSITE!

In partnership with the **Archdiocese of Hartford**, our parish is developing a new website that combines our current look and feel (brand) with the Archdiocese's. We'll also have a new URL, too - more on that coming soon!

As this project moves forward, we ask for your patience during this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Carol Vassar, Parish Director of Communications**, at [carol@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:carol@isidoreandmaria.org).

Learn how this project is progressing across all parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford here: <https://youtu.be/ptlaope2SZI?si=siT0F3h4D0XeQdWP&t=102>



- **Mar. 28** at 4 p.m.: **Palm Sunday vigil** at St. Paul Church
- **Mar. 29** at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.: **Palm Sunday** at St. Paul Church
- **Apr. 2** at 6 p.m.: **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)** at St. Paul Church
- **Apr. 3** at 3 p.m.: **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion** at St. Paul Church
- **Apr. 4** from 9-10 a.m.: **Confessions** at St. Augustine Church
- **Apr. 4** at 10 a.m.: **Blessing of the Food** at St. Augustine Church
- **Apr. 4** at 12 noon: **Blessing of the Food** at St. Paul Church
- **Apr. 4** at 8 p.m.: **Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter** at St. Paul Church
- **Apr. 5** at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.: **Easter Sunday** at St. Paul Church



Scan the QR code for information on Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Masses, services, and events.

# 02 WELCOME!

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## COME OUT by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Even though we say that we believe in eternal life, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to my sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair, and that is precisely who God desires to be in our lives as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair. He shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of his resurrected presence is only a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to those details, we find that they all lead us back to him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen or remain in the musty darkness pretending we didn't hear?

## MASS INTENTIONS

DATE/TIME	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>		
Sat., March 21 † 4 p. m.	William Manuck, Jr.	Clarkin Family
Sun., March 22 † 8 a. m.	Edward Callaghan	The Lonergan Family
Sun., March 22 † 9:30 a. m.	Barbara Johnson	Patrice and Richard Ehrhardt
Sun., March 22 † 11:15 a. m.	Rocco Mancini	St. John Fisher Knights of Columbus Council 15754
Mon., March 23 † 7:30 a. m.	For the parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria	
Tues., March 24 † 7:30 a. m.	The Kusiak Family	Fran Juda
Wed., March 25 † 7:30 a. m.	Massimo Lantieri	Richard and Honor Schwarz
Thurs., March 26 † 7:30 a. m.	For the parishioners of SS. Isidore and Maria (St. Augustine Church)	
Fri., March 27 † 12:15 p. m.	Rose and Philip Cianciolo	The Takahashi Family
Sat., March 28 † 4 p. m.	Barbara Vassar	Carol Vassar and Tim Helmecki
Sun., March 29 † 8 a. m.	Maria Falcon	Family
Sun., March 29 † 9:30 a. m.	Henry A. Barrera (33 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary)	Daughter Pat and children
Sun., March 29 † 11:15 a. m.	Genevieve Ngang Fon-Nddikum	Her sister, Ita

The Mass stipend (offering) has been standardized throughout all the dioceses in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Learn more at <https://isidoreandmaria.org/massstipends26>

## COLLECTIONS AND PARISH FINANCE REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 15, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$ 8,326.70  
 Online Giving: \$ 3,739.00  
 Total: \$12,065.79

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,361.00

Annual Chancery Assessment for fiscal year 2026: \$131,798.00

For a more detailed report, please visit our website under the ABOUT tab. The monthly accountability report is available in the Financial Accountability folder. Check donations should be made payable to SS. Isidore and Maria. We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving makes it easy to support the life and mission of our parish—every day of the year. Thank you for your continued generosity and faith-filled support. **Donate today!**



## MAR. 31: CHRISM MASS IN HARTFORD

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass** at the **Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Tues, Mar. 31 at 11 a.m.**

The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the Archdiocese's liturgical life. Archbishop Christopher Coyne will bless Holy Oils for the coming year. Learn more about it on the parish website: [isidoreandmaria.org/chrism26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/chrism26)



## THURSDAY DAILY MASS DURING LENT



Join us each Thursday in Lent at 7:30 a.m. for daily Mass at **St. Augustine Church.**

## MAR. 28: EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM



**Attention future East Catholic High School Eagles!** The next entrance exam for the 2026/2027 school takes place on **Sat., Mar. 28.** Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.echs.com> for more information or to register.



## 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL CONTINUES

**PARISH GOAL: \$180,000**

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. This year's theme is "We Are One," and our parish goal is to raise \$180,000.

If you would like to make a gift today, please visit the parish website: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/aa26>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## APR. 9: PARISH BOOK CLUB

The next **Parish Book Club** meeting will be on **Thurs., Apr. 9, at 1 p.m.**, in the education wing of the St. Paul campus. The book selection is ***The Five People You Meet in Heaven*** by Mitch Albom. Learn more/register: [isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubapr26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/bookclubapr26).

# 04 PRAYER OFFERINGS

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Major Stephen Blanda, CT Army National Guard  
Connor Blomstrom, U.S. Air Force Pilot  
Lieutenant Colonel Tammy Breiner, U.S. Air Force  
Warrant Officer Aaron Bryant, U.S. Army  
Emma Carbonell, U. S. Navy  
Lt. Commander Bryan Coco, US Navy  
Beau Douglas, 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army  
Celia Fajardo, U.S. Air Force  
Lieutenant Brandon Farrell, Navy, USS Gerald R. Ford  
Second Lieutenant Gabe Forthofer, US Air Force  
Kevin Gamache, U.S. Marines  
Chris Gibb, U.S. Army  
Lt. Commander Darius Gittens, U.S. Navy  
Major Michael Hitzer, U.S. Army  
First Lieutenant Peter Kamianowski, U.S. Air Force  
HM3 Madeline Lanzi, U.S. Navy  
Gannon Lynch, U.S. Marines  
Sergeant Mark J. Lord, U.S. Army  
SrA Alexis Maher, U.S. Air Force  
Samuel MacDonald, U.S. Navy  
Lieutenant Colonel Michael Scott Mullin, U.S. Air Force  
1st Lt. John W. Murphy, U.S. Marines  
Ensign Drew Scarfone, U.S. Navy  
Timothy Sullivan, U.S. Air Force  
RCT Jack M. Zaremba, U.S. Marines

*We welcome parishioners to add prayer intentions for any active military member free of charge. Please contact the parish office at 860-633-9419, or [contact@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:contact@isidoreandmaria.org).*

**#SameHere Spirituality**  
A Community Conversation For Men  
On How Mental Health Applies To Us All

with **Eric Kussin**  
Founder & CEO

in partnership with  
the KV Foundation

The #SameHere Global logo uses the American Sign Language sign for "same here," a universal symbol of shared human experience.

One simple gesture says: **You are not alone. I understand. I have been there too.**

At a time when nearly two men every minute die by suicide worldwide, this 5-in-5 message reminds us that mental health is part of being human and that connection, not silence, creates safer spaces for healing.

**DETAILS**  
5-8 PM  
April 8, 2026  
Micah Chapel  
First Church Glastonbury  
2183 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT  
Sandwiches, wraps, and refreshments will be served

**REGISTER**

[kvfoundationformentalhealth.org](http://kvfoundationformentalhealth.org) | [samehereglobal.org](http://samehereglobal.org)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ellona Biotta	Julia Miller
James Bilotta	Gilbert Morin
Ron Blasko	Stephen O'Brien
Ginny Blasko	George Pappas
Gus Brodeur	Peter Savidge
Lorraine Brodeur	Frank Schultz
Diane Varni Caisse	Garland Taylor
Sandra Cavanna	Doreen Thurz
Thomas Cavanna	Bill Vassar, Jr.
Robin DiTarando	Andrea Villegas
Brian Faxon	Mary E. Wallace
Jennifer Graham	Glyn Wellum
Dan Hebert	Beverly Czepiel Zadroga
Keith Henson	



*We welcome parishioners to submit free of charge prayer intentions for family members in the bulletin. 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.*

**SPEED NETWORKING & MENTORING**

FRIDAY @ 7PM  
**MARCH 27**  
Holy Angels Center  
585 Main Street  
South Meriden, CT 06451

7:00 PM: PRAYER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
7:45 PM: SPEED NETWORKING & MENTORING  
8:45 PM: CLOSING PRAYER

RSVP HERE

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## SUBSCRIBE TO PARISH PULSE

Parish Pulse is our weekly e-newsletter, delivered to your e-mail each Thurs. Get ready for the weekend with the latest parish news and events by subscribing today: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/parishpulse>

## BRANCHES ON THE VINE

MAR. 21-MAR. 28, 2026



In neighboring East Hartford, the **North American Martyrs Adult Social Club** is creating bonds and nourishing souls. Learn all about it in the latest edition of **Branches on the Vine** from the **Archdiocese of Hartford**: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/branches-on-the-vine>.

## APR. 11 & 12: DIAPER DRIVE



The annual **Parish Diaper Drive** will be held on April 11 and 12 at all Masses.

Diapers of all sizes (plus wipes!) are needed. Large diaper sizes are highly encouraged. The goal is to provide one month's worth of diapers for 275 children in need - close to 14,000 diapers -

Get more information on the parish website: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/diaperdrive26>. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Lowry at [lillori147@cox.net](mailto:lillori147@cox.net).

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### LENTEEN RECONCILIATION WITH EXPOSITION

Monday Lenten reconciliation with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. Augustine Church on Mar. 9 from 6 - 7 p.m.

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come with us at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church as we meditate on Jesus's journey to Calvary.

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### MEN'S RETREAT

The men of our parish are invited to a retreat at the Holy Family Retreat Center. <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>

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### YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE DAY

Join our Youth Ministry at St. Paul Church for a service day to prepare of the parish Easter Egg hunt!



## 2026 LENTEN GIVING BENEFITS HOPE MINISTRY!

The 2026 parish **Lenten Giving Program** benefits the parish's **HOPE Ministry**. To learn more or to donate, visit

<https://isidoreandmaria.org/lentengiving26>

## SEPT. 25 - OCT. 4: VISIT SACRED GERMANY

Are you ready for a 10-day pilgrimage to Sacred Germany? Join your spiritual guides, Most Rev. Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst and our own Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Theodore Musco, for this special trip to Bavaria from Sept. 25 - Oct. 4, 2026. Get more details here:

[isidoreandmaria.org/sacredgermany26](https://isidoreandmaria.org/sacredgermany26)



## IMMACARE UPDATE

The Parish ImmaCare Ministry thanks all who continue to support efforts to feed and care for Hartford's unhoused neighbors.

ImmaCare currently needs short- and long-sleeve T-shirts, hoodies/sweatshirts, white crew and athletic socks, cases of bottled water, and bulk plastic forks and spoons. Donations supplement ImmaCare's outreach program, which provides nourishment to those living on the streets five days a week. Items are picked up on the first Thursday of each month. We also provide ImmaCare dinners twice each month. April dates are as follows:

- Thurs., Apr. 2 - ImmaCare Pickup
- Fri., Apr. 3 - ImmaCare Dinner Night
- Thurs., Apr. 10 - ImmaCare Dinner Night

Volunteers are always needed: [isidoreandmaria.org/immacare](https://isidoreandmaria.org/immacare).

# 06 LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

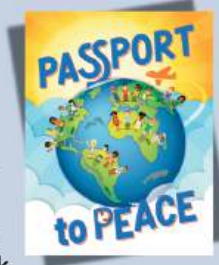
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## PASSPORT TO PEACE 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Office of Lifelong Formation hosts its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS): *Passport to Peace* at St. Paul Church from Mon., June 22 - Fri., June 26 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The cost is \$40 for one child, or \$60 for a family, with free-will donations being sought for the Glastonbury Food Bank.

Teen and adult volunteers are also needed for this program! For details or to register, visit <http://isidoreandmaria.org/vbs2026>



## APR 11: FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

### A YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

The SS. Isidore and Maria Youth Ministry invites children ages 3 to 10 to our **Family Easter Egg Hunt** on **Sat., Apr. 11**, at St. Augustine Church.

The morning begins at 11 a.m., with the Easter Egg Hunt starting promptly at 11:15 a.m., organized by age group to ensure fun for everyone. The St. Augustine Church Hall will be open for hospitality and a special meet-and-greet with the Easter Bunny.

**Please register by Apr. 7**, so we can plan: [isidoreandmaria.org/egghunt26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/egghunt26)

**Adult Confirmation:** Any adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Mr. Musco at [Ted@isidoreandmaria.org](mailto:Ted@isidoreandmaria.org) or 860-633-9419 by March 25. More info: [isidoreandmaria.org/adultconfirmation26](http://isidoreandmaria.org/adultconfirmation26)

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#### 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  
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[faith.voswinkel@aohct.org](mailto:faith.voswinkel@aohct.org)

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS

at St. Paul Church  
Sat Vigil | 4 p.m.  
Sun | 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

at St. Paul Church  
(unless otherwise noted)  
Mon., Tues., Wed. | 7:30 a.m.  
Thurs. | 7:30 a.m. (at St. Augustine Church during Lent)  
Fri. | 12:15 p.m.

#### RECONCILIATION

Sat | 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. at St. Paul Church, or by appointment

#### ROSARY

Tues. | 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church

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