



SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA

GLASTONBURY, CT



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - John 20:29

APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



APR 12: PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join your fellow parishioners later today - Divine Mercy Sunday - (Apr. 12) at 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Church, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Learn more about it here: <https://isidoreandmaria.org/chaplet>.



See more photos from Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday: isidoreandmaria.org/photos_easter26.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEWLY INITIATED CATHOLICS

The six members of the parish 2026 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Group became fully initiated Catholics at the Easter Vigil on Sat., Apr. 4. They are pictured here with their sponsors and parish clergy.

Thank you for your continued prayers and blessings for:

- † Marc LUKE Ross
- † Seren ELIZABETH SETON Carpenter
- † Heather MONICA Simon
- † Megan MARY Grocki
- † John MAXIMILIAN McBrien
- † Janice CATHERINE Patrizz

02 WELCOME!

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REFLECTION: Mystery and Mercy by Rev. Mark Suslenko

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning life's meaning, feeling purposeless and unworthy, and disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, he gazed up at the night sky, found himself in wonder at all the stars' 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 depths 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE/TIME

INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat., Apr. 11 † 4 p. m.

Joseph and Ruth Kaminski

Family

Sun., Apr. 12 † 8 a. m.

Rodolfo Caranfa

Family

Sun., Apr. 12 † 9:30 a. m.

Jane Turchetta

Family

Sun., Apr. 12 † 11:15 a. m.

Aldea Leniart and Carl Rafala

Family

Mon., Apr. 13 † 7:30 a. m.

Lisa Gauches

Her Mother

Tues., Apr. 14 † 7:30 a. m.

Deacon Maurice Walsh

Family

Wed., Apr. 15 † 7:30 a. m.

Bernard Skierkowski

Gerry and Kathy Brooks

Fri., Apr. 17 † 12:15 p. m.

John Kump

His Daughter

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat., Apr. 18 † 4 p. m.

Skip Thomas

The Zdrojeski Family

Sun., Apr. 19 † 8 a. m.

Magdalen Nemecek

Rosemary Nemecek

Sun., Apr. 19 † 9:30 a. m.

Edexson Ayala

Patrice and Richard Ehrhardt

Sun., Apr. 19 † 11:15 a. m.

Odella, Theresa and Charles Ngang Bibi (living)

Family

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. 29, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$ 10,094.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,226.00
Total: \$ 14,302.00

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 5, 2026

Weekly Collection: \$ 22,595.99
Online Giving: \$ 5,686.00
Total: \$ 28,251.99

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!**



CULTIVATING HOPE: JOIN OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

As we answer the call to feed the hungry, the parish is launching a **Parish Community Garden** to grow fresh produce for those in need. All are welcome - no experience needed!

Volunteers can help with planting, weeding, harvesting, and distribution. It's a great way to enjoy God's creation, build community, and make a real impact.

The garden runs mid-May through early October.

To sign up or for more information, visit:

isidoreandmaria.org/communitygarden26.



REGINA'S WRITINGS: HOW DO YOU SPELL LOVE?

In her latest column, Regina describes a father's plans for an unforgettable trip to Orlando for his young daughter. Yet this Disney-filled vacation teaches Dad a lesson on why simpler is better. Read it now: isidoreandmaria.org/category/reginas-writings.



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FRI. APR. 24 @7PM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
5 HILLHOUSE AVE,
NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)
RSVP HERE!

OMAR KOUATLY
VICE PRESIDENT OF TECHNOLOGY
AT COMMUNIO.ORG

DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is 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/aaa26>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

APR. 11 & 12 **PARISH DIAPER DRIVE**
Diapers, wipes and monetary donations are being accepted after all Masses. <https://isidoreandmaria.org/diaperdrive26>.

APR. 11 & 12 **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**
At St. Paul Church after the Sat. 4 p.m., and Sun. 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses. Free and confidential!

APR. 11 & 12 **HOSPITALITY WEEKEND**
Fellowship with refreshments in the St. Paul Church South Wing after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Apr. 11 and the 11:15 Mass on Sun., Apr. 12.

APR. 14 **WELLNESS MINISTRY MEETING**
The Wellness Ministry meets at 6:30 p.m. in the education wing of St. Paul Church. Contact wellness@isidoreandmaria.org for details.

APR. 16 **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP MEETS**
The parish Prayer Shawl Group will meet from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the library of St. Paul Church. Anyone who crochets or knits is encouraged to drop in!

MAY 17: CELEBRATE FATHER MARK'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Our pastor emeritus, **Father Mark Suslenko**, will be at St. Paul Church on Sun. May 17 at the 11:15 Mass to **celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination**. All are welcome. A light reception will follow!

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. We cannot publish the names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.



APR. 18 & 19: FOCUS REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AT MASSES

Eron Jay Mendoza-Garcia, a full-time Catholic missionary with FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students), will be speaking about FOCUS at all Masses. Learn more about FOCUS at <https://focus.org/>

BULLETIN SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

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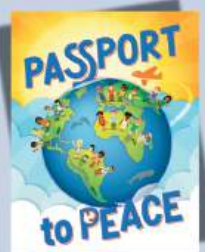
05 LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

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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. 12: LEARN MORE ABOUT VISITING SACRED GERMANY



Do you have questions about the upcoming 10-day pilgrimage to Sacred Germany?

Meet **Ben from Bayard Tours** after all Masses on Sun., Apr. 12. He'll be ready to answer your questions about this trip, which features Most Rev. Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst and our own Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Theodore Musco, as your spiritual guides. Learn more about the trip at a special meeting following the 11:15 a.m. Mass, too!

The trip takes place Sept. 25 - Oct. 4, 2026. More details may be found here: isidoreandmaria.org/sacredgermany26



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Office of Lifelong Formation is seeking teen volunteers to assist with the First Communion retreat on April 28th and the 1st Communion Day on May 2. Please email Nikki Hamilton at youthministry@isidoreandmaria.org if you are interested!



JUL. 24-26: 2026 STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of Hartford is leading a trip to the **Steubenville EAST Youth Conference** in Springfield, MA, from Jul. 24-26, and our parish is forming a group to attend. All the youth of the parish are invited. Learn more about this exciting opportunity: isidoreandmaria.org/steubenville26.



MAY 5: YOUTH MINISTRY OUTDOOR BIBLE NIGHT

The youth of the parish and their friends are invited to an outdoor* Bible study evening on Tues, May 5, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Paul Church. The evening includes food and lawn games! This night is a preview of the youth Bible study coming this summer! Let us know you're coming so we can make sure there's enough food for all! Sign up here: isidoreandmaria.org/youthbiblenight26 *weather permitting

MAY 15: YOUTH MINISTRY ROSARY 101

Join us in St Augustine's Church on Fri., May 15, from 6-8 p.m. and learn more about praying the Rosary during May, the month dedicated to Mary. A Rosary will be provided for everyone, and refreshments will follow. Bring a friend!

APR. 16: YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Join the members of the **Parish Youth Ministry** on Thurs, Apr. 16, from 4-7 p.m. at St. Paul Church to set up its new space! Details: isidoreandmaria.org/cleanup26.

BRANCHES ON THE VINE

APR. 11 - 17, 2026



Marcus Wilson, a parent educator at **Catholic Charities** in Hartford, has been chosen to be featured as part of the **People of Hope Museum**, which highlights the ministries and services of Catholic Charities. Read about it in the in the latest edition of **Branches on**

the Vine from the **Archdiocese of Hartford**:

<https://isidoreandmaria.org/category/branches-on-the-vine>.

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. May dates are as follows:

- Thurs., May 7 – ImmaCare Pickup
- Fri., May 8 – ImmaCare Dinner Night
- Fri., May 15 - ImmaCare Dinner Night

Volunteers are always needed:

isidoreandmaria.org/immacare.

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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

860-541-6475

faith.voswinkel@aohct.org

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.

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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