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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals; I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

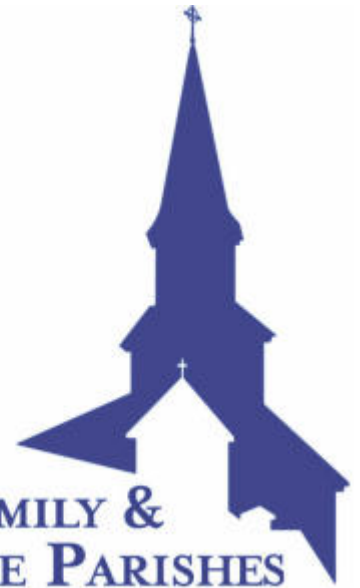
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JANUARY 10, 2021

We are most happy to welcome new members to our community and invite new members to introduce themselves to a member of the Parish Staff. We want to know and serve you. We pray that you will also become involved in your parish by joining us with your prayers, presence, talents, and financial support according to your means.

Parish registration forms are available in the churches and by contacting one of our parish offices. Registered parishioners are asked to notify the parish office of any address changes.



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Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Monday - Friday 9:00 am

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Do not be surprised if you are still being greeted with the words "Merry Christmas!" A number of folks sometimes forget that Roman Catholics (and other Christian denominations as well) mark the end of the liturgical Christmas Season with this weekend's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As a matter of fact, centuries ago, the baptism of Christ was the primary event observed as the Feast of the Epiphany (along with the visit of the Magi and other events from the childhood of Jesus). "Epiphany" means 'manifestation' or 'appearance.' So, while the baptism of Christ marks the beginning of his public ministry, it is also part of his 'manifestation' or 'appearance' – one of the events signaling that God has broken into human history in a unique way.

This weekend's observance of the Baptism of the Lord provides an opportunity to be reflect upon the significance of the baptism we have received in Christ – sacramentally making us the visible evidence of the presence of Christ in the world. When we claim the new life that we embrace at our baptism, we live the light that we proclaim. We are the witness to the activity of the Lord in the midst of present-day realities.

The calendar signaled that a 'new' year began about 10 days ago; however, our worship this weekend on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, invites us to claim the 'new' life we have in Christ. We survived 2020, and while there might still be lingering effects of the pandemic and some unrest, it is time to embrace a new possibility, a new hope. The heavens were torn open at Christ's baptism. But this was not a threat; it was a promise of something new, something better. Let us commit ourselves to a closer walk with Christ allowing the waters of baptism to renew us and cleanse us for our mission and ministry as followers of Jesus.

Personally, I have great hope in what this coming year can mean for our faith communities in Concord and Carlisle. Since pandemic restrictions went into effect, we have managed to adjust to new and creative ways of doing things. We have been able to provide live-streamed Masses and other church devotions and offer online faith formation classes and preparation sessions for the sacraments for our children and young adults. We have even seen a variety of "Zoom" gatherings continue with Bible Studies and spiritual enrichment opportunities. As I have noted previously, the patience, cooperation, and creativity of parishioners and staff members have contributed greatly to keeping the faith alive in our Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative.

Throughout the past months of the pandemic, we have made diligent efforts to fulfil our baptismal duties as disciples of Christ. As a new year unfolds, we live in the hope of better days to come along with its opportunities and challenges. With God's grace, let us continue to be the evidence of Christ's presence in our families, our community, and our world.

God bless...
Fr. Frank

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
— 1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection January 3, 2021

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$6,646.	\$5,538.
Electronic Giving	\$3,404.	\$1,268.
TOTAL	\$10,050.	\$6,806.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Clergy Trust

Holy Family - \$5,948. St. Irene - \$3,835.

A sincere "thank you" is extended to all who contributed to this year's Christmas collection for **The Clergy Trust** (formerly the **Clergy Health and Retirement Trust**). The Trust cares for the health and well-being of the 536 active and senior priests in good standing of the Boston Archdiocese. By supporting this collection, you helped to ensure that our active priests receive the care they need to continue their important work and our senior priests can live in community with access to quality care. This collection is a primary source of funding for the trust. Again, your generosity is much appreciated.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

Contributions for the 2020-2021 Grand Annual Collections for Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes are now being accepted. Materials for this yearly appeal were mailed last month to St. Irene's parishioners; information for Holy Family parishioners will soon be available.

While the Grand Annual Collection is customarily directed to help address expenses for planned and unexpected maintenance projects in the parish, this year's Grand Annual will also assist in addressing budget deficits for operating expenses incurred as the pandemic restrictions continue.

We are grateful to those parishioners who took the lead and made donations to the Grand Annual Collection at the time of the recent Offertory Stabilization Project.

Those wishing to make an electronic donation to their parish's Grand Annual Collection can do so by going to www.cc-catholic.org and clicking on the "Donate Online" tab.

RENOVATION UPDATE

The historic mid-19th century, mansard-roofed structure had become rundown and rather sad-looking over the past few decades. It was time for a facelift! The “buzz” began several months ago when fencing and blue tarp were installed around the building located in Concord’s Monument Square. Even amid a worldwide pandemic, the process was underway. Proposals were reviewed and assessed by various town departments requesting a permit for the restoration of the former St. Bernard’s Rectory. The permit from the Town of Concord was issued in mid-November 2020 and construction work began immediately.

Built in 1865, the structure originally served as a town house before being sold to the former St. Bernard Parish as a residence for priests. Father Austin Fleming was the most recent priest to reside in the building – doing so during his tenure as Pastor of Holy Family Parish that resulted from the merger in 2004 of St. Bernard Parish with Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in West Concord. In June 2019, with the formation of the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative, the residence for priests was changed to St. Irene’s Rectory in Carlisle. The stately building located at 70 Monument Square had well-served its purpose as the parish’s rectory for well over a century and a half.

Once renovated, the building will become a valuable resource center providing small-scale meeting facilities for parish and community groups. Relocating their present location in the lower church, the “Ministry Center” will also serve as the site for parish offices. Along with a new roof, windows and doors, the interior will be gutted and updated to meet building codes, including an elevator access and the preservation of exterior walls. The landscape design will provide improved parking and driveway access along with handicapped accessibility.

The renovation of the former rectory has been several years in the making and has called for significant funding and fiscal planning. Holy Family Parish is grateful to those who stepped forward and provided leadership donations and pledges permitting the project to get underway. As the parish continues with efforts to pursue the resources needed to complete the funding of the project, those interested in making a pledge or donation are invited to contact Father Frank Silva at the Parish Office (978-369-7442).



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Memorial Masses scheduled for the coming week will be offered as a private Mass by one of our parish priests for the following:

† William Alexander † Christopher Johnson
† Joseph Camara † Francis A. Venuto
† Ziola Iglesias

Saturday, January 9 |

Sunday, January 10 | The Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 11 |

Tuesday, January 12 |

Wednesday, January 13 | St. Hilary

Thursday, January 14 |

Friday, January 15 |

Saturday, January 16 |

Sunday, January 17 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday-Friday at 9:00 am

ROSARY & ADORATION

Fridays at 7:30 pm

"Livestream link" available on
the collaborative website.
www.cc-catholic.org

COMMUNION OUTSIDE OF MASS

For the benefit and spiritual welfare of those who desire to receive the Holy Eucharist but, for whatever reason, remain uncomfortable with participating in Mass at this time, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to receive Communion outside of Mass. The Eucharist will be available at the entrance areas of our churches on Sundays from 11-11:30 am at Holy Family Parish and from 12-12:30 pm at St. Irene's Parish. Please observe the protocols for mask wearing and social distancing. Thank you.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do grant, oh my God, that when my lips approach Yours to kiss You, I may taste the gall that was given to You; when my shoulders lean against Yours, make me feel Your scourging; when my flesh is united with Yours, in the Holy Eucharist, make me feel Your passion; when my head comes near Yours, make me feel Your thorns; when my heart is close to Yours, make me feel Your spear." -

St. Gemma Galgani

Please join us in observing the "Year of the Eucharist." For additional information and resources, go to:
bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

...the sick of our parish family:

Joan Bauer, Tommy Dolan, Liam Sullivan, Ben Niose, Pat Morris, Brian Morris, Margaret Kennedy, Larkin Humphrey, Louie Richardson, George Parmann Ploetz III, Martin Lombardi, Nancy A. Rahul, Jane Murphy, Marina Williams, Kenny Trot, Cynthia Cotter, Michelle Taylor, Paul Ploetz, Bill Conde, Joan Quigley, Max Bahner, Leelu Felix, Taylor Family, Juana Castro.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 10, 2021

SUN Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

MON Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

TUE Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

WED Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

THU Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

FRI Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

SAT Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

NEXT SUN 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 10, 2021

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The Baptism of the Lord

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8

GRADE K-8

PROJECT NAZARETH

Our January lessons and videos have been sent to all of the Gr K-5 families.

If you have not received these, please let Jaye Russo know immediately!

Special thanks to Brenda Dupont our immensely talented videographer and

to all of our families who helped to make these videos outstanding!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ZOOM CLASS

Grade 6:

Sunday January 10th Makeup (just for Sunday class)

Grade 7/8

Sunday January 10th and Tuesday January 12th

GRADE K-8

WE NEED YOUR FAMILIES HELP WITH OUR VIDEOS



We are filming again! Won't you join us in one of our upcoming videos?

Love for you to share your faith with our families!!

Please get in touch with Jaye Russo, if you're able to help.

PEER MINISTERS & MORE

JOIN THE LIVESTREAM CONVERSATION!

Tune in Sunday evening, Jan. 10th, at 7pm to our cc-catholic.org website to join some Peer Ministers & Staff in casual & fun conversation about all kinds of topics related to faith and current events! Do you have a question or topic you would like us to explore? Email ym@cc-catholic.org at any time (before or during the live broadcast) to offer suggestions, replies and feedback! And - there are always chances to win prizes for participating!!!

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Both levels of our Confirmation program will receive a new Flocknote email by noontime on Jan. 10th with "Session #5: The Bible." Also, one-page write-ups from Jan. 3rd's "Session 8: Gifts of the Holy Spirit" are due by 11:59pm on Sat., Jan. 16th. Email anunez@cc-catholic.org or mcallahan@cc-catholic.org with questions.

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THANK YOU



On behalf of everyone at Catholic Charities Merrimack Valley, thank you. We are so grateful that you were able to help those most in need during the holiday season.

COLLABORATIVE STAFF & CONTACTS

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INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on the second (HF) and third (SI) Sundays of the month. Participation in a pre-Baptism session is required for parents presenting their children for the Sacrament. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement! Couples preparing to celebrate marriage in the Church are asked to make arrangements at least six months in advance. Call the parish office for details.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered to those whose health situation has been affected by illness, accident, or age. Contact the parish office to make arrangements for receiving the Sacrament in your home or health care facility.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults desiring to become Catholics or complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), should contact the parish office for details.

HOMEBOUND

Please inform the parish office at the time of need for any family member who is ill (hospitalized or at home) or if one is unable to attend church services due to a disability, illness or age.

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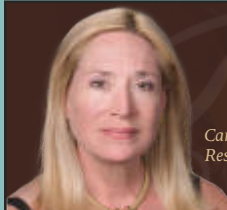
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