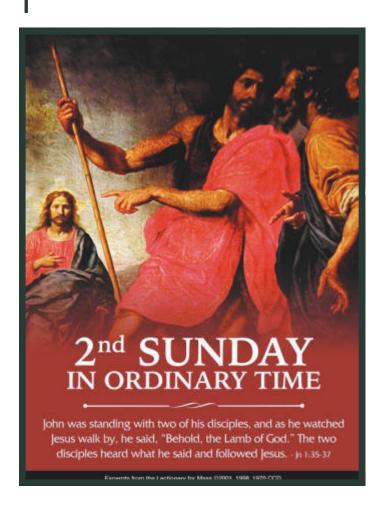
# The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



### **JANUARY 17, 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.



### **HOLY FAMILY — CONCORD**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
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- 12 Monument Sq, Concord, MA 01742
- PO Box 220 Concord, MA 01742
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- hone: 978-369-7442
- Fax: 978-371-0853
- inavarronorton@cc-catholic.org
- www.cc-catholic.org

### ST. IRENE — CARLISLE

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm Sunday - 11:00 am Monday - Friday 9:00 am

#### LIVESTREAMED ON CC-CATHOLIC.ORG

- 181 East Street, Carlisle MA 01741
   Office Hours: 10 am 3 pm, Monday- Friday
- Phone: (978) 369-3940
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### PASTOR'S COLUMN

Annually observed from January 18-25, it is unfortunate that the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" will only receive a slight notice over the coming days in the 'religious press' – and, most likely, no mention whatsoever in 'secular' news accounts. With a significant 'transfer of power' taking place this coming week in our country, news reports will principally center on the inauguration of a new President.

While we of Christian faith do not have all the answers or solutions to the issues and problems that presently plague our country or world, we should believe that heartfelt prayer can lead to a unity of vision and hope among all Christians, along with those of other religious and spiritual creeds. Yes, we should and must pray for our President and all elected officials. We should ask God to bless and grant them the wisdom and truth to lead justly and honestly.

The 2021 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is based on the words of Jesus in St. John's Gospel (15:1-7): "Abide in My Love...You shall bear much fruit." A special prayer has also been composed for the week. I invite you to join with me in offering the prayer for our President and the leaders of governments in our country and in countries around the world. And while at it, let us also pray for ourselves who proclaim Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. As the prayer notes, "divisions (among the Christian Churches) are a source of scandal to the world." May God grant us the humility and grace to respect one another as true sisters and brothers in the Lord.

Gracious God, we pray for all the members of your holy Church.

that all may abide in you and you in them, that they may be one in your love and bear much fruit.

We also pray for the world,

that all may come to believe in your love for them by the fruit of our witness.

We know that our divisions are a source of scandal to the world.

and we know that in love we are called to unite as one in the vine and branches.

The vine is our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. We are meant to be his branches.

Help us we pray to love, to forgive, to seek justice and to be your prophetic voice in the world.

May your grace effect growth of good fruit among us, that our world may realize peace.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 10, 2021

Holy Family St. Irene
In Church & Mail In \$5,463. \$3,220.
Electronic Giving \$9,597. \$1,531.

TOTAL \$15,060. \$4,751.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION WEEKEND

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other.

### **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.

### TAX TIME REMINDER

End-of-year contribution statements from the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative will soon be mailed for the 2020 calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact: (HFP) Susan: 978-369-7442 or (St. I) Wendy: 978-369-3940

### RENOVATION UPDATE

The historic mid-19<sup>th</sup> 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).





### 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:

† Amy Caruso

† Nathan Edward Lindgren

Saturday, January 16 |

Sunday, January 17 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 18 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Tuesday, January 19 |

Wednesday, January 20 | Sts. Fabian and Sebastian

Thursday, January 21 | St. Agnes

Friday, January 22 | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, January 23 | Sts. Vincent and Marianne Cope Sunday, January 24 | 3rd 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

### REVISED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning the week of January 25, 2021, the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative will implement a new schedule for daily Masses. The schedule will be as follows...

Mass at 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at St. Irene's, Carlisle

Mass at 12:00 pm (Noon) Mass on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Holy Family, Concord

#### SCHEDULING MEMORIAL MASSES

Requests for Memorial Masses are being accepted at this time. To accommodate the large number of requests, a family may schedule only one Memorial Mass no more than 30 days in advance of the date they desire. All Masses are scheduled by contacting our parish offices during weekday office hours – 10 am-3 pm. Please call: Holy Family at 978-369-7442, St. Irene at 978-369-3940.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE - Friday, January 29

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do in appreciation for and in defense of human life. We invite you to participate in person or virtually in our special "Day of Prayer for Life" to be held on Friday, January 29 in St. Irene's Church. Following the celebration of Mass at 9:00 am, the "Day of Prayer" will continue with Eucharistic Adoration being provided throughout the day, concluding with the Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 pm. Those wishing to do so may sign-up for half-hour periods of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament – with all pandemic protocols being observed. To sign-up for a time of adoration, go to CC-Catholic.org. Please note that the entire day will be livestreamed on the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative website for the benefit of those participating at home.

### 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, Apolonio Casimiro, Toni and Bill Sawyer.

### 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### **JANUARY 17, 2021**

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

MON Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 2:18-22

TUE Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

WED Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 3:1-6

THU Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

FRI Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

SAT Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

NEXT Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 SUN [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

### **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

NO CLASSES THIS WEEKEND

### **Upcoming Classes:**

**Grade 6:** Tuesday January 19 **Grade 7/8:** Sunday, January 24 and Tuesday, January 26

#### **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.



#### **GRADE 2**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our First Reconciliation Workshop and our celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been postponed because of the COVID virus and will be moved to the Spring (date TBD).

We will have a ZOOM information session for children and parents on the same date/time as our workshop was scheduled for. Saturday, January 23 If your last name begin with:

A-D 9:00 F-L 11:00 M-W 1:00

The ZOOM invitation will be sent to all of our families.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVESTREAM

All high school students (and anyone interested) are encouraged to tune to our parish livestreams at <a href="mailto:cc-catholic.org">cc-catholic.org</a> (we alternate churches) every Sunday night at 7pm for live conversation with Peer Ministers, Staff and YOU! Email your questions about faith and church (any topic) in advance for our "Ask-A-Priest" segment to <a href="mailto:ym@cc-catholic.org">ym@cc-catholic.org</a>. There's always a chance to win prizes and be challenged to live our faith over the week ahead. Upcoming themes: Jan. 17th: "God, Are You Really There?" & Jan. 24th: "Let's Go Fishin'!"

### **CONFIRMATION**

### **UPDATE**

First: Level I & II one-page write-ups assigned Jan. 7th are due this weekend (1/16). Second: "Session #5: The Bible" will be sent to Level I & II next weekend (1/24) instead of last Sunday (1/10) as originally scheduled. Third: All Level I & II candidates should plan to join (virtually or in-person) for a special 5pm Mass on Jan. 31st at Holy Family Parish (in-person reserved to candidates, only). Registration for that Mass will be emailed via Flocknote.

### CHRISTMAS TREE — RECAP & THANKS!

January 9th featured the collection of roughly 775 Christmas trees from about 660 houses around Concord by roughly 100+ Scouts and family members from Troop 132 over a 5.5hr period of time. This incredibly efficient retrieval effort was organized by a team of fifteen dedicated adults who have been meeting (on zoom) regularly since early October to coordinate and refine past practices (not to mention assign teams into 'household' units this year due to Covid protocols). The 'headquarters' operation seamlessly functioned despite a brief power and internet outage as well as making way for a funeral mid-way through the morning! Simultaneously, dozens more volunteers comprised of cc-catholic Peer Ministers, 9th & 10th graders of our Collaborative Confirmation program and Adult Youth Ministry team members split into two groups to a) provide a 'grab-and-go' breakfast and lunch operation outside in the parking lot of Holy Family Parish (when it wasn't involved with the funeral), and b) staffing an 'off-loading' team assisting the staff at the Concord Town Compost site who were chipping the trees as they arrived from the continually returning fleet of a dozen box trucks and personal vehicles, alike. All money raised in this annual fundraiser is split equally between Troop 132 and Youth Ministry efforts... defraying the cost of camping equipment and specialty activities as well as supporting service opportunities and leadership development throughout the year ahead. To all who financially contributed or arranged to let us retrieve your tree(s): THANK YOU! We look forward to serving you next January, as well! Special thanks are due to Elizabeth Sprague for once again spearheading this momentous operation as well as Scoutmaster Bill Duggan, Youth Minister Mark Callahan, and the many hands who helped make the day possible! Great job, all!

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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.



#### THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

We seek to provide individuals and families in need of short term assistance and support possibilities. Call the parish office for information or email: svdp@cc-catholic.org.



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