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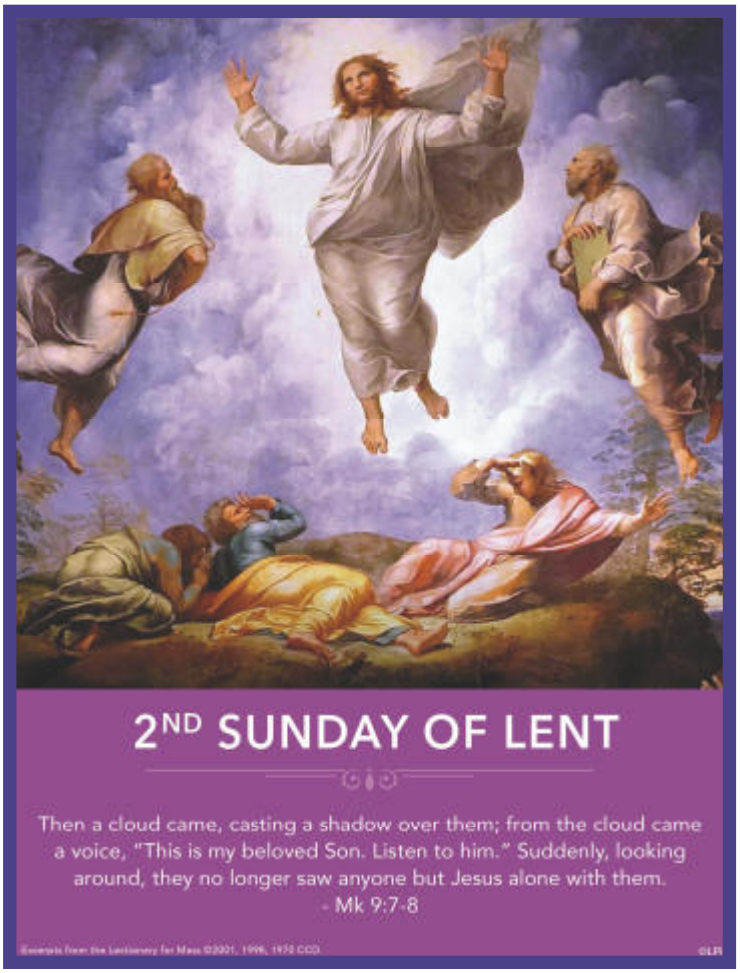

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday - 12:00 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 am

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PASTORS COLUMN

With the temperatures rising above the freezing point for a few days this past week, some people became convinced that the winter season is well behind us. No doubt, this would be something many of us would welcome. But New Englanders know well that Mother Nature is always full of surprises! Let's see what happens in the coming weeks.

However, something did take place in recent days that – at least from the perspective of parish traditions and practices – is more reliable than a weather report about the coming of spring. I refer to the annual sessions for parents with children preparing to receive their First Communion. In recent days it was a delight to be part of a couple of "Zoom sessions" organized by Jaye Russo, the Religious Education Director for our parishes. These sessions provided information concerning the lesson plans parents will review with their children as they anticipate First Communion in May.

Though things are being approached a bit differently during the pandemic – including religious education classes – the desire, interest, and excitement of parents with children preparing to receive the Eucharist remains very much at a high level. My hat goes off to them and to all the parents in our parishes who have done their best to maintain some priority during these challenging times for the religious formation of their children while also addressing the other important demands within their families. I also salute Jaye Russo, Mark Callahan, Scott Staniar, Brenda Dupont, and those who have assisted in a variety of ways by providing faith formation materials and support to our families throughout these past months. I know that our Religious Education Program staff members and volunteers – and our parents – would appreciate your prayers as they continue with their loving efforts to further the mission of Christ in our parishes and homes.

And while you are at it, please offer a special prayer for the young people in our parishes, particularly those who will soon receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. Many of us fondly recall the excitement and specialness that surrounded the days on which we received the Holy Sacraments of our Church for the first time. Obviously, the pandemic continues to curtail some of the customary personal and communal celebrations associated with these significant faith-filled moments. Regardless, the graces of the Sacraments remain and are there to be received in their fullness from our all-loving and merciful God. Your prayers will assist the youth of our parishes in their preparation for their special sacramental encounters.

Asking God's blessings on you all!

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
February 21, 2021

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	$2,400.	$2,322.
Electronic Giving	$7,052.	$1,721.
TOTAL	**$9,452.**	**$4,043.**

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

Grand Annual Contributions received to date:
Holy Family Parish - $67,685.
St. Irene Parish - $81,853.

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.

Next weekend, parishes across the Archdiocese will launch the annual Catholic Appeal, which provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you are directly supporting our parish and all those who turn to our Church for assistance. Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code above and watch the video at https://vimeo.com/503079904

Lent 2021

FRIDAYS OF LENT

The Stations of the Cross continue on Friday evenings as we uniquely seek to learn from and understand different viewpoints during Christ's sentencing, crucifixion and death. "The Way of the Cross through Another's Eyes" will be available via live-stream (found at cc-catholic.org) and take place at 7:30pm each of the six Friday evenings of Lent alternating between Holy Family & St. Irene parishes. Utilizing a standardized prayer structure accessible for all ages, we consider poignant reflections *'through the eyes of'* the following impacted 'characters:'

- **Fri., Mar. 5th - A Teenager (HF)**
- **Fri., Mar. 12th - A Grieving Mother (SI)**
- **Fri., Mar. 19th - A Loving Grandparent (HF)**
- **Fri., Mar. 26th - A Guilty Thief (SI)**

2021 LENTEN CHALLENGE

Looking for a good challenge? One that can be fun and help make your days of Lent more meaningful? Then join us for the **2021 Lenten Challenge!** Those who participate will receive a text (email) message each day with a daily challenge to help turn your focus to what is important this Lenten season. To receive the daily message, register for the "Pastor's Updates" on the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Flocknote. To sign up, go to "Flocknote.com" and click on "Find Your Church."

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LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Palm Sunday, March 28th (*date changed from Good Friday*) will feature a live, outdoor, portrayal of the Stations of the Cross at **2pm** in **St. Bernard Cemetery** in Concord open to all. This Covid-compliant event will safely welcome as many as permitted by Massachusetts & Archdiocesan protocols at that time. Help (now) is needed! Any interested in serving as actors / actresses (and anyone who would like to help with costumes / logistics) are needed and encouraged to contact Mark Callahan ASAP as preparations are already underway! (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org).

LENTEN REFLECTION MATERIALS

Familiar resources are available to assist you in observing the Season of Lent. Copies of the "Little Black Book" (along with the "Little Purple Book" for children) are on hand at the church entrances, along with the "Living Faith" booklets that provide brief daily devotions based on the Mass readings of the day.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 27 |
4:00 pm SI † Cynthia Torgerson (Memorial Mass)
Sunday, February 28 | 2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 am HF † Mass for the People
10:00 am HF † Eileen McCormack (Memorial Mass)
11:00 am SI †
Monday, March 1 |
9:00 am SI †
Tuesday, March 2 |
12:00 pm HF † Edward Richards and Sophie DiCicco (Memorial Masses)
Wednesday, March 3 | St. Katherine Drexel
9:00 am SI
Thursday, March 4 | St. Casimir
12:00 pm HF
Friday, March 5 |
9:00 am SI
Saturday, March 6 |
4:00 pm SI † Michael Bembenek (Memorial Mass)
Sunday, March 7 | 3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00 am HF † Christopher A. Johnson (Memorial Mass)
10:00 am HF † Mass for the People
11:00 am SI † William Kelley (Memorial Mass)

SPECIAL COLLECTION
Weekend of February 27 & 28

Support the Church around the World

This week's special collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Native American Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

Year of the IHS EUCHARIST

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Of the sacrifice which we offer in every place, that is, of the bread and chalice of the Eucharist, Malachias has prophesied."

- St. Justin, 2nd Century Martyr

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, Michelle Taylor, Paul Ploetz, Bill Conde, Joan Quigley, Leelu Felix, Taylor Family, Juana Castro, Apolonio Casimiro, Toni and Bill Sawyer, Claire Carl, Nancy and Doug McCool, Ian Hickey, Caroline Langan, Kate Norton.

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

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

SUN	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10
MON	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
TUE	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
WED	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
THU	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
FRI	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SAT	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8

GRADE K-8

PROJECT NAZARETH

Lessons and videos for Unit #3 have been sent through email. Please let Jaye know if you have any questions. We are most grateful to Brenda Dupont for her amazing help with our videos and to all of our families who have so generously shared their faith with all of us!

You may use this revised calendar - but please do what works best for your family.

- February 28: The Word Became Flesh
- March 7; The Lamb of God
- March 14; He Is Risen
- March 21: Come Follow Me

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL ZOOM CLASS

Grade 6:
Sunday Feb 28 and
Tuesday March 2

Grade 7/8:
Sunday March 7 and
Tuesday March 9

5 WEEKS IN LENT FOR ADULTS

Join Jaye Russo to read and share the weekly Lenten scripture readings! We will meet over ZOOM each Tuesday at 7pm and ends on March 23rd .

If you'd like to be register, please contact Jaye:
jrusso@cc-catholic.org

HELPING THE HUNGRY

GRADE 6

Food Drive Collection - Drop Off

Please bring your donations to Holy Family Church (Parking Lot Side) on Sunday, March 7th from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY

1) **SUNDAY, 7pm LIVE-STREAMS**
Join us for the "2nd Most Important Hour of Your Week" (only to participating at Sunday Mass!) All High School youth (and any age interested) are highly encouraged to watch & participate *live* by submitting questions on any church topic for "Ask-A-Priest," answering weekly trivia questions, playing some games, reflecting on the day's scriptures and possibly even learning a thing or two! Watch via cc-catholic.org church live-stream links or catch any episode at our CC Catholic Community YouTube channel. Upcoming Themes: **Feb. 28th: "How Far Will You Go?"**

2) **HS YOUTH MINISTRY - NOW IS THE TIME!**
Friends, Faith, Fitness, Food, and FUN! Have you seen the Lent, Easter and Summertime offerings (ongoing and upcoming) unveiled last week? Every 9th-12th grader (and parent) is highly encouraged to subscribe to receive "Flocknote" HS Youth Ministry updates and registration information... spaces are limited... first-come, first-served... there's something for everyone (e.g.: prayers, theater, bike riding, canoeing / kayaking, hiking, trains, grave digging, disc golf, and more!) Visit **Flocknote.com** or text **cc-catholic to 84576** and select the HS Youth Ministry group to be included! You'll be glad you did!

3) **ADULT HELP NEEDED**
Do you enjoy biking, hiking or boating in the outdoors? Are you willing to support the upcoming 'adventures of faith' with our HS students? Please contact Mark Callahan (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org) ASAP as protocols take a few weeks to process!

CONFIRMATION

"Christian Service Plans" are due this weekend for both Levels I & II... as well as Confirmation Saint & Sponsor information for Level II, only. This Sunday, Feb. 28th, both levels will receive "Session #7: The Eucharist."

COLLABORATIVE STAFF & CONTACTS

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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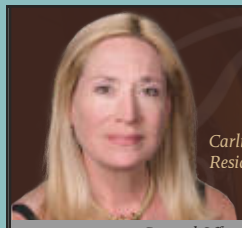

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