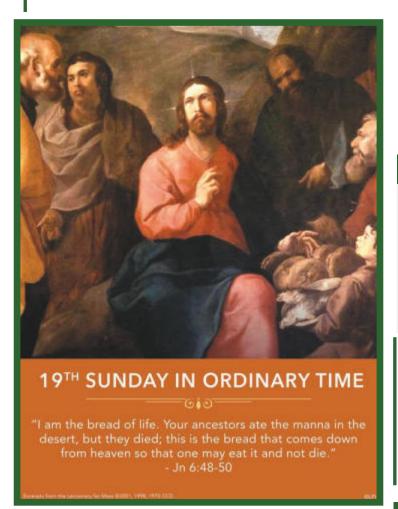
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AUGUST 8, 2021

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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PASTOR'S COLUMN

It may surprise you to realize that it has been almost a and, at best, one or two others who provided year since our churches were able to 'reopen' assistance - my heart following six months of only 'taped' or 'live-streamed' Masses resulting Congregations could gather provided they followed participation of a congregation. While I recognized the strict protocols implemented as Covid cases the privilege given to me as a priest to offer the Mass continued to increase. While it was somewhat a for the benefit of all members of the Church return to 'normal,' the situation was far from ideal. (regardless of the number of people in the pews!), I Among other things, assurance had to be given that grew in my appreciation for the celebration of Mass as churches were thoroughly cleaned and sanitized a corporate act, an act of the whole assembly before and after every service. Those attending Mass gathered for worship. were obligated to always wear a facemask. Though numbers attending were restricted to a small We are blessed when we have a variety of liturgical percentage of the church's capacity, social distance ministries in play in our celebrations of Mass - priest. was to be observed in the pews between individuals deacon, altar server, communion minister, lector, physical sign of peace and even Holy Communion was because the liturgy is a corporate act of the gathered distributed and received in a different than customary assembly, there are certain parts of the Mass done by fashion.

have been gradually increasing. For this we are and in offering the sacrifice. grateful and, of course, thankful to all who have been patient and cooperative as we continue to curtail the To all who have not been able to be with us during spread of the virus.

- particularly in the practice of our Catholic faith. It is with us once again at God's altar. believed this can be done with a degree of safety as more and more people obtain the vaccine and God bless... continue to be cautious in public group gatherings.

Of course, a principal area of focus for us as Catholics is seeing that we do our best as a worshipping community, particularly when we gather to celebrate the Mass. During the months of the 'pandemic lockdown' - when Masses were offered by a priest

from the Covid pandemic would ache and long for the full and active

or family units. There was no opportunity to extend a usher, musicians, cantors, greeters, ushers, etc. But, the whole assembly (the congregation of the faithful and all the ministers) in order to express the corporate As the months progressed some of the restrictions nature of this act. Through these actions, the entire have been relaxed. Throughout the weeks of this congregation of the faithful joins itself to Christ in summer, attendance numbers at our weekend Masses acknowledging the great things that God has done

this past year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass. And to those who Though several Covid virus variants have surfaced, remain unable to join us for one reason or another, time has come to step up our efforts and return to the know you hold a place in the prayers of our faith more customary observances to which we are familiar community as we anticipate the day when you are

Fr. Frank Silva

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"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

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Where: St. Irene Parish inside and outside (all COVID protocols will be followed)

Cost: \$75 per child (scholarships available if needed) (\$225 max per

family)

Registration link, at: http://cc-catholic.org

THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Written by

August 8, 2021



1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Eph 4:30-5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We have apps that monitor our sleep and calories, and remind us to get our steps in. Short on time? We order takeout or subscribe to a meal service. Yet, despite these modern conveniences, I would guess that most of us don't sleep enough or consistently eat well. And we pay the price, whether in the short or long term. Enter Elijah, who had reached his limit physically and mentally. Yet after an angel provided him food and drink, Elijah found the strength to walk 40 days and 40 nights. Impressive! But that's God for us! And in the provision of his Son, we have food and drink - bread from heaven - that not only sustains us for our journey on earth but offers the possibility of eternal life. This is our belief; this is what Jesus says to us. And that alone can give us strength, and hope, even when we're having an "Elijah" moment. For at each and every holy Mass, Jesus invites us to the table, offering us food that not only sustains but also transforms us. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, indeed!



Just as a good night's sleep and proper nutrition help us function our best, the Word of God and the Eucharist, and our communal life of faith, provide the spiritual nourishment we need as we strive to be imitators of God in our daily lives, as Saint Paul says. As we partake of Christ in the Eucharist, perhaps we can say a prayer of thanksgiving and ask Jesus to help us grow in the ways of love that Paul outlined: kindness, compassion, and forgiveness toward the people we encounter. It could mean letting go of a grudge, becoming more conscious of the needs of others, listening respectfully to someone with whom we disagree, or perhaps forgiving ourselves. The Holy Spirit will guide us.

ACTION Think about the ways the Mass transforms you. It may be something subtle - the spirit of consolation and the feeling that things are right in your world - or you may have been particularly moved by the readings, homily, music, or silent prayer. Tell someone about it!



CHURCH CALENDAR —

Saturday, August 7 | Sts. Sixtus II and Cajetan

4:00 pm SI † Michael Bembenek (Memorial Mass)

Sunday, August 8 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF † Al Robichaud (Memorial Mass)

10:00 am HF † Arturo Nunez (Memorial Mass)

11:00 am SI † Mass for the People

1:00 pm HF † Baptism

Monday, August 9 | St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

9:00 am SI † Peter Sellew (Anniversary Mass)

Tuesday, August 10 | St. Lawrence

12:00 pm HF [†] Fran Rice (Memorial Mass)

Wednesday, August 11 | St. Clare

9:00 am SI +

Thursday, August 12 | St. Jane Frances de Chantal

12:00 pm HF [†] Anthony and Stafia Maciorowski (Memorial Mass)

Friday, August 13 | Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

9:00 am SI +

Saturday, August 14 | St. Maximillian Kolbe

4:00 pm SI † Mass for the People

Sunday, August 15 | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am HF † Mary Ann Allen (Memorial Mass)

10:00 am HF † Nathan Mobley and Martha Pagano (Memorial Mass)

11:00 am SI +

MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSION

Through the summer, Sunday Mass times for Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes will continue according to the schedule presently in place. Our parishes will also continue to maintain the current daily Mass schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 am (St. Irene, Carlisle); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 Noon (Holy Family, Concord). We are happy to schedule confessions at your convenience and the availability of a priest. To schedule a time for confession, please call the parish office to speak to Fr. Frank or Fr. Bill or leave your name and contact info and they will contact you to arrange a convenient day and time. Again, once the summer is over, we look to returning to a regular weekly opportunity for providing the Sacrament of Penance.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

- Mother Teresa

------ 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, lan Hickey, Kate Norton, DR Norton, Kathleen Dowen, Jon Symko, Yolanda Iturbide.

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 desired date. 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 8, 2021

SUN 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

MON Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

TUE 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

WED Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

THU Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

FRI Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

SAT Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

NEXT Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, SUN 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1: 39-56

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 1) Registration for K-10 Religious Education programs will launch by the middle of this week (8/11)! Families can register youth of all grade levels at the same time. Watch for the link to appear on our cc-catholic.org website. It is our hope most families will register within the second half of August so materials can be obtained with plenty of time before sessions start in mid-October. Plans are underway to return to as much 'in-person learning' at all grade levels in both parishes as is safely possible (subject to adjustments). Questions? Contact Adriana (anunez@cc-catholic.org) or Mark (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org).
- 2) Catechists needed! Adult volunteers are needed to: a) team-teach as well as b) assist in support roles for the coming year. Registration discounts are provided to those who consistently share their time and talent within the program. Catechetical Sunday is Sept. 19th when all teachers of the faith are recognized and receive a special blessing at weekend Masses. Our annual 'Teacher Kickoff' for all grade levels will be on Sept. 26th at 6pm. Please contact Adriana (anunez@cc-catholic.org) or Mark (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org) with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is EVERYBODY'S business!!!

- Fun, friends, food & faith are just some of the ways our current and future communities are enhanced when youth come together regularly and develop their 'total person' in a safe, caring, and welcoming environment! Their fun is made possible by our investment of time and talent!
- Youth & Parents stay connected by texting cc-catholic to 84576 (then selecting Middle School or High School notifications) to receive surveys, news, upcoming event & activity registration and more from our safely monitored 'Flocknote' communication system!
- Adults lend support as part of our Adult Youth Ministry Team serving 'behind-the-scenes' as well as 'on-the-front-lines' as health & safety advisors at each event. A special email will be distributed to interested adults on Wed., Aug. 11th. Contact Mark (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org) by 8/10 to see if this valuable ministry is a way you can share your gifts for the good of others!
- All others can pray, offer suggestions, contribute to scholarship funds, and support various fundraisers and service initiatives led by youth throughout the year.

ALTAR SERVERS

Calling all youth in Grades 3-12... WE NEED YOU! Starting in September, all weekend Masses at Holy Family and Saint Irene will look to be supported with altar servers once again! This vital Ministry is a great way to carry on and learn more about the rich tradition and practices of our faith. Plus, you get the 'best seats in the church!' Stay tuned for more info in next weekend's (Aug. 14/15) bulletin for (re)training & socializing opportunities!

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When human usina eves exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God. ourselves, others. and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

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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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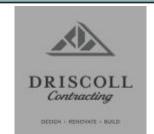
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