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HOLY FAMILY — CONCORD

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Illustration from the Lectionary for Mass 838011, 1998, 1975 CCC

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AUGUST 22, 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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Saturday - 4:00 pm

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

I hear it said more and more these days, where has the time gone? It seems like summer just got underway, and yet within a couple of weeks, children will be back in school while many young adults have already headed off to college. We are seeing more and more notices in our weekly parish bulletin, items posted on our collaborative website, and details sent through emails providing announcements about the beginning of a new year for the programs and activities in our parishes. To be honest, it is not only the summer season that passes all too quickly. Many of us also find that years seem to fly by as well.

We pray the words in Psalm 90, "Teach us, O Lord, to number our days." I sometimes lose count of the days forgetting that each and every one of them is a gift. It is often an effort to remember how precious each day is – a day that has never been before and never will be again. But, when I recognize each day as a gift from God, I am able to stand before that day and before God in gratitude and with hope as I look forward to whatever signs of God's presence will come to me during the day.

Of course, approaching time in this way is much easier said than done. Many of us are overcome with multiple demands – work, families, others for whom we care, volunteer work. We find ourselves chained to calendars and even sync our calendars with others to make sure things do not fall through the cracks.

Most days, if not every day, the list of things to do is much longer than the time available. Just thinking about what lies ahead, makes us exhausted even sometimes before the day begins! What to do?

Many have found having a quiet reflection each day can make a big difference. The reflection time does not have to be that long. It might even include reading one of the psalms or a single chapter from one of the gospels. If the beginning of the day is too hectic, perhaps getting to work a little early would allow you a few moments of quiet reflection. And, as many have found, there are even prayer apps for your computer, phone or tablet that provide brief, quality spiritual reflections. Another practice is trying to reduce the amount of multi-tasking you do. For example, when you are driving, you can turn off the radio and resist the temptation to check email when stopped at a traffic signal. Take that quiet moment to look around – see the colors, look at the sky, observe people and remember that each of them is as beloved by God as you are.

But, most especially, give thanks ... for 'this is the day the Lord has made for you to rejoice and be glad in it' (Psalm 118).

God bless!

Fr. Frank Silva

GLORY & PRAISE HYMNALS



The new "Glory & Praise" hymnals will be available in our churches by Labor Day. You are invited to help with the purchase of the new hymnals. For a donation of \$25., a nameplate will be inserted in the hymnal inscribed with the name of a loved one or some other appropriate phrase. Additional information on donating a hymnal(s), contact either Holy Family or St. Irene Parish Office.

From _____ Phone or email _____

Enclosed is gift of \$_____ (Suggested \$25 per hymnal)

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☐ In appreciation of _____

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Written by

THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69

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

Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high, like a classroom debate over an author's meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-wracking for many of us to have this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about when the stakes are literally life or death? In today's first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." In the Gospel, some of Jesus' disciples reject his teachings and drift back to "their former way of life." Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, "want to leave." Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, "Master, to whom [else] shall we go?" Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Today's readings encourage and exhort us to go "all in" when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way - it's that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and "[living] in love as Christ loved us." Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us - being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don't get me started on who gets to control the remote! - we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not "who we think God ought to be." Therefore, today's readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving.

PRAY

Place Joshua's words on your refrigerator this week: "Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 21 | St. Pius X

4:00 pm SI + Elaine Smalley (Memorial Mass)

Sunday, August 22 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF + Libero & Angelina Maselli (Memorial Mass)

10:00 am HF + Josephine Orlando (Memorial Mass)

11:00 am SI +

Monday, August 23 | St. Rose of Lima

9:00 am SI +

Tuesday, August 24 | St. Bartholomew

12:00 pm HF + Anne Gallagher (Memorial Mass)

Wednesday, August 25 | Sts. Louis and Joseph Calasanz

9:00 am SI + Betty Platania (Memorial Mass)

Thursday, August 26 |

12:00 pm HF + Elaine Swartz (Memorial Mass)

Friday, August 27 | St. Monica

9:00 am SI +

Saturday, August 28 | St. Augustine

4:00 pm SI +

Sunday, August 29 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF + John J. Sullivan (Memorial Mass)

10:00 am HF + Mass for the People

11:00 am SI +

MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSIONS UPDATE

Through the summer, Sunday Mass times for Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes continue according to the schedule presently in place. On September 26, we will begin to offer a weekly 5:00 pm Sunday Mass in Holy Family Parish and continue to reevaluate the Mass schedule to determine other necessary changes.

The current weekday Mass schedule will continue through September 3: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 am (St. Irene, Carlisle); and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 Noon (Holy Family, Concord).

However, on September 6 (Labor Day), the weekday Mass schedule will revert to the following:

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12:00 pm (Holy Family, Concord); and,
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9:00 am (St. Irene, Carlisle).

NOTE: The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) will be available from 9:30-10:30 am following the Saturday morning Mass.

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.

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, 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, Kate Norton, DR Norton, Kathleen Downen, 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 22, 2021

SUN	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
MON	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
TUE	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
WED	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
THU	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
FRI	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
SAT	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
NEXT SUN	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 22, 2021

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1) **Registration for Fall Religious Education Classes** - Grades K-10 - is now live at cc-catholic.org! Registration may be done online on our parish website or with the forms (e)mailed to families enrolled in classes last year. Adults who volunteer regularly as a catechist will receive a "reduced fee" as a very small way of saying, "thank you" for your dedication and service.

2) **Catechetical Sunday is Sunday, Sept. 19th.** We will offer a special blessing at weekend Masses to all volunteers who will teach in the upcoming Religious Education year!

3) **Religious Education Teacher Kickoff for all grade levels of both parishes is Sunday, Sept. 26th** from 6pm-7pm at Holy Family! More information forthcoming! Plan to deliver the best faith formation year possible!

YOUTH MINISTRY

1) **Adult Youth Ministry Team...** food, fellowship and scheming: Wed., Aug. 25th from 7pm-8pm on the lower level of Holy Family Parish. Parents of Middle or High School youth and any adults who wish to invest in youth both now and for the future are invited! To RSVP: mcallahan@cc-catholic.org.

2) **Peer Ministry for 2021-2022...** youth entering grades 9-12 who want to plan and lead upcoming youth ministry events, activities & trips are highly encouraged to become part of the most important ministry in the church today! "Iron sharpens iron and each person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) Contact mcallahan@cc-catholic.org for an application to make a difference and help your friends become the 'best version of themselves'!

3) Youth entering grades 7-12 are invited to a **"New England Youth Christian Service Day"** on Sat., Aug. 28th from 9am-6pm in collaboration with the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and New England Catholic Youth Ministry. Cost is \$35 to help pay for transportation, lunch and supplies used to help at The Respite Center of Hopkinton, MA and the Fatima Shrine in Holliston. Yard Work and similar projects as well as assisting residents and religious are among the day's events as well as an outdoor Mass at the Shrine. Subscribe to MS & HS Flocknote lists to register... text cc-catholic to 84576.

ALTAR SERVERS

In September, we welcome any youth entering into grades 3-12 who have received First Holy Communion to consider (re)joining the fleet of **Altar Servers** who will assist at all of our weekend liturgies! New & returning folks are needed! What a great way to engage more fully at Mass! Interested? Contact Mark Callahan (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org) to reserve your spot at one of these upcoming one-hour (re)training sessions: Saturdays from 5pm-6pm on Aug. 21 at St. Irene or Sept. 4th from 5pm-6pm at Holy Family ... Sundays from 11am-12noon on Aug. 22nd or Sept. 5th at Holy Family or Sunday, Aug. 29th from 12noon-1pm at St. Irene. Come serve at God's altar and enjoy one of the best seats at church!

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Let's: **"Celebrate the C's!"** Come one, come all and gather inside and outside - around the grounds of St. Irene Parish - anytime between 12noon-5pm on Sun., Sept. 19th - rain or shine - as we build community in our **Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative** - the Four C's! There will be plenty of fun, food and games taking place between the Sunday, 11am Mass and a one-time-only 5pm Mass inside St. Irene Church. BBQ, Food Trucks, Inflatable Bounce Houses & Obstacles, Crafts, Door Prizes and Laughter! Plenty to do for parishioners of all ages from both parishes! Who will you invite to come with you? Questions, suggestions, or to offer support, contact Mark Callahan (mcallahan@cc-catholic.org).

COLLABORATIVE STAFF & CONTACTS

Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes

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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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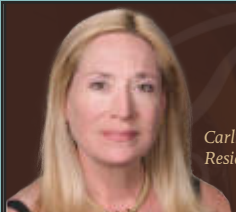
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