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A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

boarpes from the Lectionary for Mass 60001, 1998, 1910 CCD.

NOVEMBER 7, 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

We have seen it happen so often - a major event hits the news, receives the sympathy of many people, and then seems to fade into the background as other concerns arise. This has been the situation since U.S. Forces completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan at the end of August.

Over recent months, we have witnessed thousands of Afghan families and individuals fleeing violence and persecution in their homeland. A number of them have been forced to leave their loved ones and homes behind and arrive with virtually no possessions as they begin new lives in foreign communities. Many of these people are arriving in the United States – including the area of Greater Boston.

Fortunately, efforts are at work keeping alive the Afghan situation and helping to address the needs of those looking to begin a new life for themselves and their families. Catholic Charities of Boston (CCAB), as one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts, has been at the forefront in assisting Afghan refugees. CCAB has actually joined with Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) and the Jewish Council on Community Relations in an effort to raise the community support necessary to welcome and resettle these new community members.

On the local scene, members of several faith communities in Concord, have also come together to assist in the resettlement of Afghan refugees. Their projects are coordinated by the International Institute of New England (IINE) in Lowell. Carroll Sandel, a parishioner of Concord's Trinity Episcopal Church, serves as a project team coordinator for this Concord-based effort.

If you are able to assist with the Afghan refugee resettlement, consider contacting Catholic Charities of Boston to offer a donation (CCAB.org) or Carroll Sandel (carroll.sandel@comcast.net) to make use of your time or talent. Keeping the story alive about the Afghan resettlement fulfills our Christian obligation to 'welcome the stranger' among us as we would welcome Christ himself.

God bless! Fr. Frank Silva

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Saturday, November 6 – 4:00 pm St. Irene Parish

Sunday, November 7 – 10:30 am Holy Family Parish

During the month of November (The Month of All Souls), we celebrate an Annual Mass of Remembrance to honor the lives of those who were buried from our churches over the previous year. At the Mass of Remembrance, their names will be read. Parishioners with relatives who died last year and for whom services were held elsewhere are invited to have the names of their deceased loved ones included in the list to be read at the Mass of Remembrance.



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 October 31, 2021

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This live Webinar is FREE through our partnership with Dynamic Parish. Save the Date: Tuesday, November 9, at 8:00 pm. Move to clarity from confusion, to courage from fear, to hope from despair. It is time to reclaim! We are excited to announce this special virtual event — featuring a powerful new message from Matthew Kelly, inspiring music, a dynamic Dream Session, and live Q&A with Matthew.

To register for FREE, go to the www.cc-catholic.org website, and click on the [reclaim!] banner when it appears at the top of the cover page. Registered individuals will receive a link to participate in the event on the morning of November 9.



November 7, 2021 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

When it comes to money, I'm a worrier. Just ask my husband how I reacted when he had the audacity to pay for shipping! I shop carefully, armed with coupons. I've always been a saver, making sure to contribute to retirement, life insurance, and the "what-if-the-roof-comes-down" fund. Being fiscally responsible is a good thing, but the quest for financial security as the ultimate good is a fool's errand. God is the true provider of all that we need, and what we have finds its fulfillment in service to him. The widows in today's readings knew that too well. In the first reading, a mother and son are down to their last bites of food, facing starvation and death. Yet she gives her last morsels to the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, the widow gives generously, not of her surplus, but of her entire livelihood. Both women exhibit utter and complete trust in God, and a generosity that knows no bounds. As we study today's Scripture, they teach the worriers among us that God will and does provide, and that the more we give away, the greater our reward in this life and the next.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Do you ever get that knock on the door from a Cub Scout selling popcorn just when you're about to put dinner on the table or run out to a ballgame? Or perhaps you already have a full calendar and suddenly a neighbor really needs your help with an errand or a household emergency - and there goes a whole afternoon! Today's readings invite us to set aside whatever "sticks we are gathering" and welcome the "Elijah moments." They encourage us to give a bit of ourselves away, whether it's time, money, or attention. In doing so, we give witness to the paradox of the Christian life that the more we give away the more we are rewarded. We also set a positive example for our children and others, who will see our generosity in action.

SERVE Even the budgeters among us can do this! Look ahead at your budget. In addition to regular expenditures and giving, look at something you can *sacrifice* - a meal out, a new sweater, a movie night - and decide as a family how you would like to use the extra money and/or time to help others.

ANTIQUE WOOD ENTHUSIASTS

The renovation of the former St. Bernard's Rectory in Concord's Monument Square continues to make progress. Passing by the building, you may have noticed that new windows have been installed and the roof is just about completed. Once finished, the renovated building will serve our community with office and meeting space for the parish.

Work on the building has resulted in materials from the original structure becoming available that may be of interest to woodcrafters and those considering future home projects. A limited supply of Oak Timber Beams, Fir Boards and Joists are on hand. Those wishing to obtain any of these items should contact Paul DeMasi, Holy Family's Business Manager, at the Parish Office (978-369-3940) within this week.



ROSIE'S PLACE

Rosie's Place provides a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity and find security in their lives. They offer free meals, showers, laundry, lockers and overnight beds. Toiletries, both full and travel sizes, are needed on a continuing basis: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes deodorant. toothpaste. soap. These items mean SO much to them! Please place your donations in the basket in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm.

THANK YOU

The Pregnancy Care Center is deeply grateful for the Respect Life Ministry, the Knights of Columbus, and the entire Concord-Carlisle Catholic community. Your practical donations of toiletry, clothing and personal items for "Mothers in Need" exemplify Christian compassion and charity. The support of local churches is vital to our mission, and the Pregnancy Care Center values your generosity and continued support. Thank you!

MASS CALENDAR

Saturday, November 6

9:00 am SI † Mary Curcio (Memorial Mass)

4:00 pm SI † Annual Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 7 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF † Robert Hull (Memorial Mass)

10:30 am HF † Annual Mass of Remembrance

11:00 am SI † Mass for Veterans

5:00 pm HF[†] Christopher R. Johnson (Memorial Mass)

Monday, November 8 |

12:00 pm HF † Robert Neumeier (Memorial Mass)

Tuesday, November 9 | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 am SI † Stasia and Frank Wojtas (Memorial Mass)

Wednesday, November 10 | St. Leo the Great

12:00 pm HF ⁺

Thursday, November 11 | St. Martin of Tours

9:00 am SI † Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 12 | St. Josaphat

12:00 pm HF [†] Anne Gallagher (Memorial Mass)

Saturday, November 13 | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

9:00 am SI † Jeffrey Ward (Healing Mass)

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

Sunday, November 14 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF +

10:30 am HF [†] Mark McKenna and Mary (Muffie) McKenna Fitzpatrick

(Memorial Mass)

11:00 am SI † Mass for Veterans

5:00 pm HF⁺ Christopher R. Johnson (Memorial Mass)

CONFESSIONS

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.

EVANGELIZATION

November 7 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Two readings from today's scriptures focus on stories of widows. Both were poor women in relation to worldly standards and yet when called upon to be generous they gave everything they had. In the gospel, Jesus points out the action of the widow with the words "she contributed all she had. . . ." Being a grateful disciple of Christ requires a spirit of stewardship of the multiple gifts God has bestowed on us. It means being willing, like the two widows, to make sacrifices, to offer prayer and service to the parish as well as to those most in need. Are you willing to share these gifts? This week, pay attention for opportunities that God will provide for you to share your time, your talent, and your treasure - and then - respond as a grateful disciple!

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 Dowen, Jon Symko, Yolanda Iturbide, Michael Bissanti.

SCHEDULING MEMORIAL MASSES

To accommodate the large number of requests for a Memorial Mass, 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

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

SUN 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

MON Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

TUE Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

WED Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/ Lk 17:11-19

THU Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

FRI Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/ Lk 17:26-37

SAT Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

NEXT Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ SUN Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISTS NEEDED!! Religious Education began Sunday, October 17 and we are still in need of Catechists for all grades! You do not need to have children in the program to volunteer. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Godparents, Friends are all welcome. No experience necessary. We will provide all of the contact and Please material training. Maria mrosen@cc-catholic.org (grades K-8) Mark mcallahan@cc-catholic.org (grades 9-10) for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

1) HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP - July 17-23, 2022 Catholic Heart Work Camp - New Jersey. CCYM will join with dozens of Gr. 9-12 peers from across the nation for an unforgettable week of working tirelessly for those in need, transforming lives and communities for Christ, celebrating Mass and lifting prayers daily, laughing, dancing, and more! \$100 deposit reserves your spot. Parent/Youth Info meeting: Tues., Nov. 16th, 7pm, Holy Family Lower Church. Contact mcallahan@cc-catholic.org to RSVP!

2) "THE FAITH CHALLENGE"

All Gr. 6-12 youth of our parishes are encouraged to take The Faith Challenge (TFC)! Do you have what it takes to regularly feed your soul and help make God present to our world? Email YM@cc-catholic.org for instructions and to start earning points today!

3) HELP WANTED: ALTAR SERVERS!

Help is needed from Gr. 3-12 youth who are willing to assist with our weekend Masses. Contact Mark: mcallahan@cc-catholic.org to arrange a time for (re)training at your convenience!

CONFIRMATION

In-Person Sessions (pick only one, per Level):

- <u>Level I</u>: Nov. 7th from 6-7:30pm @ Holy Family, OR, Nov. 14th from 12noon-1:30pm @ St. Irene.
- <u>Level II</u>: Nov. 7th from 12noon-1:30pm @ St. Irene, OR, Nov. 14th from 6-7:30pm @ Holy Family

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION

Over the next years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the Synod on Synodality. Pope Francis will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

That process begins here in Boston now with asking as many people as possible to take a simple survey. The link to the survey can be found here: https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9

In coming months, open discussion sessions and the like will be scheduled to invite additional contributions to the global conversation on synodality. More importantly, we hope to improve the synodality of various local institutions here in the Archdiocese, as well as of the Archdiocese itself. Please feel free to address any questions about the process to Fr. Paul Soper at psoper@rcab.org. Thank you for your participation!

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION

-- A Virtual Gathering --

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future Saturday, November 13 – 10 am-12:30 pm

Keynote Speaker will be Austen Ivereigh, official biographer for Pope Francis, with whom he collaborated on his book of the same title as this convocation. The program will include Mass celebrated by Cardinal Seán, commentary following keynote with Father J. Bryan Hehir (Archdiocesan Secretary of Health and Social Services), and a reflection on "Lessons from a Pandemic: what and how we can do better as a community of faith" by MC Sullivan (Chief Healthcare Ethicist for the Boston Archdiocese). To register for this free event and to find out more about the Convocation and the Archdiocesan Justice Ministry. www.bostoncatholic.socialjusticeministry.org.

TURKEY TRUCK



Get ready! It's almost time! Our annual turkey collection to benefit the Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston needs your help! Frozen turkeys are preferred and, due to the lack of freezer storage space, can only be accepted outside the morning 8am, 10:30am and 11am Masses on Sun., Nov. 21st (Holy Family & St. Irene). Cash donations are also welcome outside all weekend Masses in both parishes on Nov. 20/21. Spread the word! We appreciate any help you can provide!

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. Holy Family Parish: 978-369-7442 St. Irene Parish: 978-369-3940

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