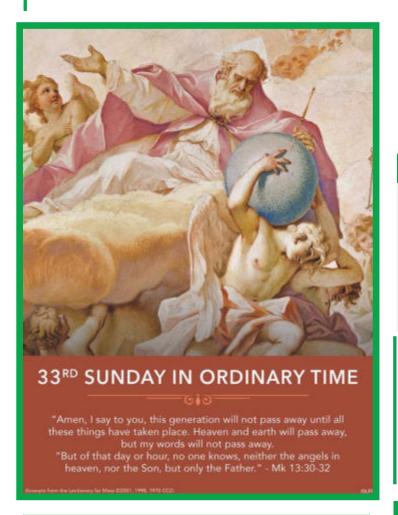
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NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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

By this point I am hopeful you have received and given a review of the letter I sent containing the Annual Financial Reports for our parishes. This information was mailed over the past week to all households in Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes. If you did not receive the letter, copies are available at the church entrances or by contacting the parish offices.

I must note once again that the reports speak well of the financial generosity our parishioners provided during a challenging and, to a degree, unpredictable time. It was only a year ago we struggled with how best to observe the holiday season with restrictions in place – even to the point of suggesting limits to the number of family members who could safely gather for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners! Our churches, too, had to cap the number of people present for public Masses and, of course, 'six foot' distancing and mandatory facemasks were the norm.

Despite those challenging times, many parishioners saw a priority in seeing that our parish structures were sufficiently maintained and supported, even though this may have meant watching Mass on a livestream or participating in a variety of Zoom events. Through it all, the generosity of parishioners made it possible to keep ministries and outreach efforts moving along. In addition, some necessary (and even emergency) maintenance projects were able to be undertaken and paid for.

As we move into a bit different but better times, I am hopeful you will continue to support our parishes in furthering the mission of Christ and his Church. Along with maintaining the facilities and structures of our parishes, we are committed to addressing the various needs of those in our faith community and beyond.

If you have yet to do so, please give a prayerful consideration to your donation to this year's Grand Annual Collection. The financial support you offer at this time is most important and will help tremendously in furthering the fine traditions of Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes.

God bless!

Fr. Frank Silva

SPECIAL COLLECTION

RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS ~ Nov. 21

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637. Thank you.

TURKEY TRUCK - HELP NEEDED!

Get ready! It's almost time! Our annual collection to benefit the Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston needs your help! Your frozen turkey donations can be brought to any morning Mass at either Holy Family or St. Irene on Sun., Nov. 21st (only in the morning); and/or monetary donations will be accepted Nov. 20th at 4pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Also, any high school youth interested in helping on either day, reserve your shift today with mcallahan@cc-catholic.org!!



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 November 7, 2021 Holy Family St. Irene

In Church & Mail In \$6,724. \$4,448. Electronic Giving \$7,569. \$3,786. **TOTAL** \$14,293. \$8,234.

Written by

November 14, 2021

THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

GROW

AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My husband reads the obituaries regularly, as did my elderly Aunt Loretta. Me, I avoid them. I don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall "gather his elect." Yes, "heaven and earth will pass away," but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to him in and through the sacramental life of the Church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

GO

EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life - taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." In other words, "pay attention; be observant" the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us - our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

PRAY

Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ's love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ's return.

"AND THEN
THEY WILL
SEE THE
SON OF MAN
COMING IN
THE CLOUDS"

MASS CALENDAR

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 (Memorial Mass)

11:00 am SI † Mass for the People

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

Monday, November 8 | St. Albert the Great

12:00 pm HF [†]

Tuesday, November 9 | Sts. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude 9:00 am SI †

Wednesday, November 10 | St. Elizabeth of Hungary

12:00 pm HF † Andrea Redmond (Anniversary Mass)

Thursday, November 11 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

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

Friday, November 12 |

12:00 pm HF [†] Julia and John Navarro (Wedding Anniversary Mass)

Saturday, November 13

9:00 am SI † Anna Dooling (Memorial Mass)

4:00 pm SI † Robert Campion (Memorial Mass)

Sunday, November 14 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am HF +

10:30 am HF [†] Jane Currier (Healing Mass)

11:00 am SI † Amarinda Scacciotti (Anniversary Mass)

5:00 pm HF[†] Mass for the People

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 14 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are nearing the end of the Liturgical Year. The readings call us to think about the 'end times'. That topic we easily push away... "Oh, I'll think about it at another time." Yet it is not the time to be comfortable and complacent because as we hear in the scripture "of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Even though you do not know when death will come, how well do your words and actions reflect your commitment to being a disciple? The time to be intentional about following Jesus is NOW! Do not wait.

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 14, 2021

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

MON 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/ Lk 18:35-43

TUE 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/ Lk 19:1-10

WED 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

THU 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42 -43/Mt 14:22-33

FRI 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

SAT 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

NEXT Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-SUN 8/Jn 18:33b-37

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 and material training. Please contact Maria mrosen@cc-catholic.org (grades K-8) or Mark mcallahan@cc-catholic.org (grades 9-10) for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

1) HS MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING - THIS WEEK

Catholic Heart Work Camp - New Jersey (July 17-23, 2022). 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 (if you missed last weeks class, please attend)

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

ADVENT CANDLES

The St. Irene's Women's Club will be selling Advent Candles after Mass on Saturday, Nov. 20th and Sunday, Nov. 21st. The cost will be \$5 for four candles (1 pink, 3 purple). Proceeds will go towards helping local families in need this holiday season.

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!



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

JEUS IS HERE

Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress Saturday - June 18, 2022 Tsongas Arena, Lowell

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2022 Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here - a day-long event featuring Mass with the Cardinal, dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Bobby and Jackie Angel, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Adoration, and a Eucharistic procession. Visit jesusishereboston.org for more information and to register!

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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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