

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

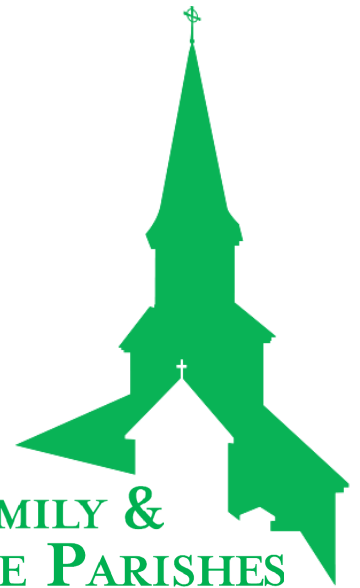
"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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.



HOLY FAMILY — CONCORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:00 pm

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ST. IRENE — CARLISLE

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 9:00 am

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

In New England church circles, it is sometimes called a "Pastor's Nightmare." The nightmare comes when weather reports keep you guessing about weekend predictions of record-breaking snowfalls and icy conditions. As you can imagine, I have experienced a couple of those nightmares over recent weekends.

Given that I am heading South for the next two weekends, I do not anticipate another 'nightmare' coming my way too soon – at least I hope not! As you read this column, I am making my annual retreat at the Bethany Retreat Center in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. The last time I was on retreat at this center was a month before the Covid virus took hold of our nation and the world.

The retreat is being directed by Father Thomas Stegman, SJ., a well-known New Testament scholar and Dean of the Boston College School of Theology & Ministry. There are 50 other priests from the Boston Archdiocese joining me on this retreat. I ask your prayers for us as we take time away from our parish duties to be with the Lord and enjoy a bit of fraternity with each other. In turn, know that you and your intentions will hold a place in our Masses and prayers as well – and I promise to do my best to bring back some warmer weather!

Before leaving to go on retreat, it was a pleasure for me to inform almost 60 people from the Parishes of Holy Family and St. Irene's that their names were submitted for selection to the Pastoral Council for the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative. These parishioners have been invited to a session at which they will receive information about the purpose of the Pastoral Council and the duties of a council member. In time, each person will decide whether to keep his or her name in consideration. Regardless of their individual decisions, all those whose names were submitted will be asked to help in selecting those to serve on the council.

Please continue to pray for this discernment and selection process. Given the talent, expertise, and good will of those whose names were submitted, I am confident the Holy Spirit will guide us in the formation of the council.

Lastly, this past week, many of you may have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support of the 2022 Catholic Appeal. Supporting the Catholic Appeal is the most effective way to help carry out the work of the Church, both within and beyond our parish boundaries. Our parish directly benefits from the ministries supported by the Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making an early pledge.

You can mail in your pledge or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. When you make a gift to the annual Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action in countless and far-reaching ways. Thank you!

God bless!

Fr. Frank Silva

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 6, 2022

| | Holy Family | St. Irene |
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| In Church & Mail In | \$5,227. | \$3,766. |
| Electronic Giving | \$8,430. | \$1,343. |
| TOTAL | \$13,657. | \$5,109. |



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE-THE-DATE

Plans are in the works for a fun summertime adventure with VBS schedule this year August 15–19 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm at St. Irene Parish. More details to follow soon!



February 13, 2022

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 | 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 | Lk 6:17, 20-26

GROW

AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Luke's account of the Beatitudes pulls no punches. Blessed are you ... who are poor, hungry, weeping, when people hate you. These admonitions bear little resemblance to the pursuit of happiness as most of us know it: Striving for wealth (or at least stability), enjoying a good meal, sharing a laugh with friends, and being well-liked. These are things of this world, and Jesus tells us that pursuing them alone will not make us truly happy. I don't think that means we need to wear sack cloth and ashes, or refuse to enjoy the great gifts with which God has endowed his Creation. However, Jesus' words remind us that we won't find lasting happiness even in the finest meal or the most lavish vacation, but rather in placing our lives in God's hands. For the desire for happiness "is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw us to the One who alone can fulfill it." (CCC 1718)

GO

EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's a little ironic that I am writing a reflection entitled "GROW and GO." Few plants have survived my black thumb. That's why I love the image of the tree in the reading from Jeremiah. One who trusts in the Lord "is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream; it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." These words from Jeremiah are a prophecy of hope, and hope allows us to accompany one another through the hills and valleys (and occasional dead plants) of our lives. We can become a source of hope to others by praying for and with one another and encouraging them on their own journeys of faith. In doing so, we help one another tap into the ultimate source of hope – the God who loves us.

STUDY

Read the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount and reflect on how Jesus' teachings draw us ever more to himself and highlight our baptismal vocation: holiness. What one thing can you bring to prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation this week to purify your heart?

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes

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MASS CALENDAR

Saturday, February 12 |

9:00 am SI + Kathleen Blais & Pamela Gleason (Memorial Mass)

4:00 pm SI +

Sunday, February 13 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF + Rose Marie Peters (Memorial Mass)

10:30 am HF + Mass for the People

11:00 am SI +

5:00 pm HF+ Sherry Dee Mobley (Memorial Mass)

Monday, February 14 | Sts. Cyril and Methodius

12:00 pm HF +

Tuesday, February 15 |

9:00 am SI + Lorraine Ward (Mass of Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, February 16 |

12:00 pm HF + Bruce Mueller (Memorial Mass)

Thursday, February 17 | Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

9:00 am SI + Barry Moller (Memorial Mass)

Friday, February 18 |

12:00 pm HF +

Saturday, February 19 |

9:00 am SI +

4:00 pm SI +

Sunday, February 20 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF + Paul Santor (Memorial Mass)

10:30 am HF + Jane Currier (Healing Mass)

11:00 am SI + Mass for the People

5:00 pm HF+

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 am (St. Irene, Carlisle)

We are also 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 to be contacted to arrange for a convenient day and time.

EVANGELIZATION

February 13 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear the Beatitudes proclaimed in today's gospel. The text can be so familiar, it is easy for our thoughts to drift off and miss the invitation we are given. These beatitudes are a portrait of how Jesus lived. Now he is speaking directly to his disciples - to us - describing the mindset by which we are to live. They turn the standards of our world upside down and challenge us to gospel living. Choose one beatitude to pray about and ask for the grace to grow in that beatitude attitude!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

...the sick of our parish family:

Joan Bauer, Tommy Dolan, Liam Sullivan, Ben Niose, Pat Morris, Brian Morris, Margaret Kennedy, George Parmann Ploetz III, Larkin Humphrey, Louie Richardson, Nancy A. Rahul, Marina Williams, Trott Family, 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, DR Norton, Kathleen Dowen, Jon Symko, Yolanda Iturbide, Michael Bissanti, Edward Johnson, John Snelling, Lucy Rosborough, Kina Castro, DJ Collins, Joseph Kelliher, Joan Fitzgerald.

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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| SUN | Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26 |
| MON | Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13 |
| TUE | Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21 |
| WED | Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Mk 8:22-26 |
| THU | Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 8:27-33 |
| FRI | Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 8:34-9:1 |
| SAT | Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/ Mk 9:2-13 |
| NEXT SUN | 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/ 1 Cor 15: 45-49/Lk 6:27-38 |

FR. BILL'S BIBLE AND BAGELS

Bible and Bagels is a themed Bible study with breakfast food. Generally, held the 3rd Friday of the Month:

- February 18
- March 18

from 9:00-10:30 am at St. Irene Parish Library (Zoom option available). Please email Fr. Bill for additional information.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

NEW MEETING DATE! Our first meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 20, 7:00 pm at St. Irene's Parish Hall or by Zoom. We will start working together again and invite all parishioners of Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes to join as we gather to take action to protect our environment. Please email jnavarronorton@cc-catholic.org for the Zoom information.

Pope Francis has urged us all to care for our environment because the people and planet are part of one family where the Earth is our common home. He invites people to protect God's creation for future generations, to embrace a lifestyle change for their own good, and to take care of people who are poor and more vulnerable. "Choose life so that your children may live." (Dt 30:19) Please join us in this important work!

Please read this *Joint Message for the Protection of Creation from the Vatican* [website.tinyurl.com/bdey9242](http://www.vatican.va/press/creation/2021/02/20210201-joint-message-for-the-protection-of-creation-from-the-vatican_en.html)

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

End-of-year contribution statements from the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative have been mailed for the 2021 calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact:

Holy Family

Susan: 978-369-7442 x 231 or
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St. Irene

Adriana: 978-369-3940 x 250 or
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DISCIPLES IN MISSION

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The human heart will always find itself wanting unless it finds its rest in God. Many people haven't yet figured out that pursuing purely secular ideologies and interests and side stepping their relationship with God causes them to fall short of their potential. When we seek our satisfaction, seek our strength, and establish priorities based entirely on the things of this world, we come up empty. There is never enough and we are always reaching for more. We develop distorted senses of justice, lose our moral axis, and lower our benchmarks for change, growth, and development. That is why knowing the beatitudes and God's vision they contain is so important. They remind us that our consumption, success driven lives can actually hurt and exploit others; quickly moving us away from God's idea of how things need to look. God ultimately will set things straight. We can assist in that mission now by trusting, hoping, and looking to God for our cues for how to live, set goals for ourselves and discern the best way to share this world with our brothers and sisters.

RESPECT LIFE

MOLST VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

The Respect Life Ministry will host a virtual workshop, "Understanding Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)" on Tuesday, March 1 from 7:00-8:15pm. Parishioners in the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative are invited to participate.

Patricia Stewart, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life, will provide an explanation about the Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) forms and how to avoid traps and unintended outcomes. These forms impact how long a patient may live and how a patient may die. Understanding the consequences of the choices available is must-have information for patients and caregivers seeking to make informed healthcare decisions for themselves or someone else. Please join us as we learn more about this timely topic. Time will be available for answering questions at the end of the presentation.

To register and receive the Zoom link for this workshop, contact our Respect Life Ministry Co-Chairs: Cindy Reynolds (cinreynolds@comcast.net) or Amy Regan (aj.regan@verizon.net).

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS

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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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**To contact a staff member or
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THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

We seek to provide individuals and families in need of short term assistance and support possibilities. Call the parish office for information or email: svdp@cc-catholic.org.