

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:00 pm

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MARCH 20, 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.

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 UPDATE

The process for selecting members for our Pastoral Council has been completed! The following individuals from Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes will be serving the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative for the next couple of years:

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| Augustin Casimiro | Stephanie Marino |
| Pam D'Ambrosio | Rob Norton |
| Maureen Foley | Marl Rzepcynski |
| Mark Giddings | Linda Tonies |

In addition to those selected, as pastor, I have the opportunity to appoint up to four additional members to the council. I hope to do so in coming weeks.

I express thanks to all parishioners who participated in the council's selection process. Close to 50 individual names were received for consideration. I remain grateful to those individuals who participated in the Information and Discernment Sessions and, especially to those who indicated an interest in serving on the council. Throughout the process, it was most edifying to realize the devotion, interest, and talent existing in the people of our parishes - all this provides much promise and hope for the future of our Catholic community in the Concord-Carlisle area.

This coming week (Saturday, March 26), we welcome Bishop Robert Reed to our community for our annual celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. We offer our prayers and salute the 40 candidates who are to receive the fullness of God's Holy Spirit and thank their parents, sponsors, and family members who have supported them along the way. Our deepest thanks also goes out to the catechists and volunteers from our parishes for the witness they provided our Confirmation candidates in bringing them to this important moment in their lives of faith.

The **2022 Catholic Appeal** is underway! The pledges and donations received over the recent Pledge Weekend remain in process and will be reported soon. Earlier results from pledges received indicated that our parishes began this year's appeal with close to 25% of their assessment goals already being realized. We thank those who made these donations and, by doing so, have encouraged others to join the effort in supporting the important ministries and services of the Boston Archdiocese. Information about the Catholic Appeal, along with pledge envelopes, can be found at the church entrances or by contacting the parish office.

God bless you all! Fr. Frank Silva

LENTEN OFFERINGS

CRS RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the U.S. Bishops' Conference. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Join our faith community - and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your Lenten rice bowl in church this weekend. To learn more, visit crsricebowl.org.

EVENING PRAYER, ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Tuesday evenings - 5:00 - 6:30 pm

March 22 - Holy Family, Concord

March 29 - St. Irene, Carlisle

April 5 - Holy Family, Concord

April 12 - St. Irene, Carlisle

Please note: during Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity is provided for confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings - 7:00 pm

March 25 - Holy Family, Concord

April 1 - St. Irene, Carlisle ★

April 8 - Holy Family Concord

Please note: Confession is available preceding the Stations from 6:00-7:00 pm.

★ Soup & Bread Supper available beginning at 5:00 pm in St. Irene's Church Hall

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

March 13, 2022

Holy Family St. Irene

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| In Church & Mail In | \$6,080. | \$2,451. |
| Electronic Giving | \$5,059. | \$3,158. |
| TOTAL | \$11,139. | \$5,609. |
| Ash Wednesday- | | |
| Catholic Charities Collection: | \$1,323 | \$1,004 |



Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, Cardinal Seán O'Malley has authorized a special collection to be taken up in all parishes this weekend. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe.

March 20, 2022

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Third Sunday Of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

GROW

AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

GO

EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate the ground around it. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC,

it needs good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."

STUDY

Learn about the Synod on Synodality: www.usccb.org/synod. Check your parish bulletin to see how you can get involved.



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes

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MASS CALENDAR

Saturday, March 19 | St. Joseph

9:00 am SI +

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

Sunday, March 20 | 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am HF + Ted Murphy (Anniversary Mass)

10:30 am HF + Mass for the People

11:00 am SI +

5:00 pm HF+ Frank Smith (Memorial Mass)

Monday, March 21 |

12:00 pm HF + Warren Shay (Memorial Mass)

Tuesday, March 22 |

9:00 am SI + Noreen Walsh (Memorial Mass)

Wednesday, March 23 | St. Turnibius of Mogrovejo

12:00 pm HF + Inez Castro (Memorial Mass)

Thursday, March 24 |

9:00 am SI + David F. O'Connell (Memorial Mass)

Friday, March 25 | The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 pm HF +

Saturday, March 26 |

9:00 am SI +

11:00 am HF + Confirmation Mass

4:00 pm SI +

Sunday, March 27 | 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am HF +

10:30 am HF +

11:00 am SI + Mass for the People

5:00 pm HF+ Angeles Garcia (Memorial Mass)



EVANGELIZATION

March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel presents a story of a gardener given another chance to make the fig tree productive. Gardeners know the importance of clearing the ground and fertilizing the soil. This Lent is our opportunity to clear away whatever impedes our spiritual growth. To fertilize the soil of our hearts and souls in order that we may bear fruit as disciples. Even if we have failed or faltered in the past, our God is full of mercy and patience, always willing to give a second chance. Being reminded of this truth, is there someone you care about who may benefit from being reminded that God offers each of us a second, or third chance to come to Him? Pray for the words to share this message.

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, Joseph Kelliher, Joan Fitzgerald, Jean Sain, Joan Newark, David Campbell.

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

MARCH 20, 2022

| | |
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| SUN | Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 |
| MON | 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30 |
| TUE | Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 |
| WED | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 |
| THU | Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 |
| FRI | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 |
| SAT | Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 |
| NEXT SUN | Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMANDS WHO WILL BE CONFIRMED MARCH 26, 2022

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| Sarah Annunziata | Avery LeMay |
| Colin Balfour | Mia Lipson |
| Ally Berlam | Chloe Lyons |
| Nate Blunt | Kai Macy |
| Georgia Blunt | Ciara McCrory |
| Isabella Calisi | Addison McIntyre |
| Ariana Capano | Clara McKennitt |
| Faith Clark | Joshua Moore |
| Matthew Conti | Sean Nigborowicz |
| Christopher Corfield | Teagan Peterson |
| Grace Creamer | Amanda Reynolds |
| Keanen Dorr | Samuel Richman |
| Bennett Ercoli | Gabrielle Ricker |
| Luke Galluccio | Marina Ricker |
| Aaron Gao | Michael Small |
| Jack Gilmore | Farah Tavakol |
| Thomas Griffin | Elliott Thyne |
| Cecilia Hetling | Jacqueline White |
| Samuel Kiefer | Lauren Zipoli |



ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY



The Environment Ministry will meet next Sunday, March 27, at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Café (lower level of the church). Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, the group will explore taking action in several areas posing environmental challenges locally, regionally, and beyond. Areas of interest will include recycling, ocean pollution, and environmentally sound choices in our everyday lives. All are invited to attend.

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.

95TH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR FATHER TOM

On Saturday, April 9, Father Tom will be celebrating his 95th birthday! Let's brighten his day with birthday greetings and make him smile! Here are two ways you can send your good wishes:

Birthday Cards:

Send him a birthday greeting with a special sentiment, a favorite memory, a funny story, a photo of you and your family, a photo of him celebrating a baptism or wedding with you, etc.

Rev. Thomas Donohoe
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60 William Cardinal O'Connell Way
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Video Greeting:

Create and send a short video greeting by recording a video message on your cell phone and emailing it to: **fathertom95th@gmail.com**. All greetings will be compiled into a video set to music which he will be able to view on his TV at Regina Cleri. Please submit video messages no later than Sunday, April 3.

Father Tom celebrated his 70th year of ordination in January and gave us 31 years as Pastor at Saint Irene. Thank you for taking the time to show your love and appreciation for Father Tom!

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS

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.

Holy Family Parish: 978-369-7442

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**To contact a staff member or
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Paul DeMasi

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