

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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December 25, 2022

We happily welcome you to our community. We invite new members to introduce themselves to a member of our Parish Staff. We wish to know and serve you. We also pray you will become involved in our faith community by joining us with your prayers, presence, talents, and financial support according to your means.

Parish registration forms are available by contacting the church offices located at the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Parish Center. Registered parishioners are asked to notify the parish office of any address changes.

CONCORD - CARLISLE CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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Concord, MA 01742

Office Hours: 10 am - 3 pm - Monday - Friday

Holy Family Parish - Concord

Phone: 978-369-7442

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) - 5:30 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 12:00 pm

St. Bernard Church

12 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

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Phone: 978-369-3940

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 am

St. Irene Church

181 East Street, Carlisle, MA 01741

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

PASTOR'S COLUMN

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Isaiah 9:1)

It has come time for us to pause and see this Light and feel its warmth. As we celebrate Christmas, may the light of Christ illumine your lives and fill your homes.

The Scripture readings for the various Masses on Christmas proclaim the same mystery: The Incarnation. God not only authors life and sustains it, He chooses to become one of us. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now – grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt, love or betrayal – Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with you. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created.

I thank you for your commitment to your faith community this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to reflect God's presence among us. Additionally, a special thank you to our staff and the devoted members of the various ministries in our parishes – especially those who work quietly, behind the scenes all the time to make our parishes what they are.

My Christmas wish and message this year is to challenge all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. Moreover, that is what God did when he entered our world at the first Christmas. God will fill us with His peace if there is room for Him in our lives.

My prayer on this Christmas is that you, your family and homes will be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Love. At the same time, I thank you most sincerely for your thoughtful prayers and Christmas greetings and priceless gifts.

May you be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Child Jesus... the Emmanuel, God-with-us.

God bless you all...

Father Frank Silva

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COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is not able come to Mass due to illness or other issues, please call the Parish Office with their contact information. Our **Homebound Ministry** is a group of dedicated volunteers who visit the homebound on Sundays (twice a month) to offer Holy Communion, prayers, and conversation. **For additional information, contact Barb Ewen at beconcord@aol.com or Linda Bentley at linda.m.bentley@comcast.net**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite you to make a donation for flowers to assist with our decorations for the Christmas Season. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one or in honor of your family and will be noted in a future bulletin. Envelopes for this purpose will be found at the church entrances.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Christmas Tree RECYCLING

Our parish's **Youth Ministry** has partnered over the years with **Scout Troop 132** to collect Christmas trees

(in Concord only) for disposal at the town composting site. Your donation supports opportunities for growth and service for our teens and their faith formation.

This year's pickup of Christmas trees will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

Registration is now open. Suggested donation of \$25 per tree through Paypal or Check - more information provided when you sign up. **Please do so by Monday, January 2.** Late registrations cannot be guaranteed and will be assessed a \$10 surcharge.



Contact us at concordtreepickup@gmail.com, use the QR provided, or call 978-254-0978 with your questions.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

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Additional details coming soon!

--- BULLETIN NOTICES ---

Items for publication in the weekly bulletin should be submitted no later than 12 Noon on the Monday prior to the weekend on which they are requested for publication. Please email your submittals to jnavarronorton@cc-catholic.org. We will do our best to accommodate your request!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL - CAR DONATIONS

Our collaborative's **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)** provides confidential emergency financial assistance for essentials to individuals and families in need. **SVdP has become one of the most valuable social service resources for families in Concord and Carlisle.**

SVdP is now working with **Second Chance Cars (www.secondchancecars.org)**, an innovative non-profit organization located in Concord that accepts donated cars. **Second Chance** provides a competitive tax deduction, refurbishes cars with the aid of local vocational schools, and awards the cars to people in need. **If you have a gently used car you wish to donate, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society 'hotline' at 978-369-7442, extension 229.** One of our volunteers will call you back. Your support can help a local Concord/Carlisle family in need of a car.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most do not know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. **Retrouvaille** has helped 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. **For confidential information about the program or to register, visit their website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230.**

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekly Offertory Collection

"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

Please note: Given early publication deadlines for this weekend's bulletin, the weekly report of Offertory donations will appear in a future bulletin.

Know that making your contribution electronically on a regular basis enables our parishes to better manage current expenses and, as importantly, to determine a realistic yearly budget. **You can register for the Online Giving option on our collaborative's website (www.CC-Catholic.org) or by contacting the parish office. Thank you!**

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Friday, Dec. 23 | St. John of Kanty

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve

9:00 am **St. Irene**

4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)

4:00 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)

6:00 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Eric Cadin)

7:30 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)

10:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)

Sunday, Dec. 25 | The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)

11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)

Monday, Dec. 26 | St. Stephen

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Amy Caruso

Memorial

Tuesday, Dec. 27 | St. John

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, Dec. 28 | The Holy Innocents

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Chris McKinney

Memorial

Thursday, Dec. 29 | St. Thomas Becket

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Chad Sullivan

Birthday Memorial

Friday, Dec. 30 | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec. 31 | St. Sylvester I

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Amy Caruso

Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)

Roman Bembenek

Memorial

5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)

Mass for the People

Sunday, Jan. 1 | Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)

9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)

11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)



Kindly remember in your prayers the following who recently died...

Laurie R. Jones

Arthur Gilbert

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.



Joan Bauer, Tommy Dolan, Liam Sullivan, Ben Niose, 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, Taylor Family, Juana Castro, Apolonio Casimiro, Toni & Bill Sawyer, Claire Carl, Nancy & Doug McCool, Ian Hickey, DR Norton, Kathleen Downen, Jon Symko, Yolanda Iturbide, Michael Bissanti, Edward Johnson, John Snelling, Kina Castro, Joseph Kelliher, Joan Fitzgerald, Jean Sain, David Campbell, Thomas Barter, Michael Castro, Valerie Cincotta, Janet Callery, Brian Boule, Bob Boutwell, Jerrie Jahnke, Roy & Glenna Leduc, Jackie Snelling, Jack Bondurant, Cristina Nunez, Ray Snay, Kent Carlson, Rosemary Shaw, Rick Iodine, Christie Bezrah, Arleen and John Balcius.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN	Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]) / Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
MON	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
TUES	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
WED	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
THU	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
FRI	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
SAT	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
SUN	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Memorial Masses can be scheduled up to 30 days in advance of the desired date by contacting our parish offices weekdays from 10 am - 3 pm.

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BOSTON CURSILLO

An opportunity to deepen your faith.

The **Cursillo** is a "little course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. **Cursillo** is designed to help Christians renew and strengthen their love of Jesus growing in faith, knowledge, and personal holiness. Fr. Bill Murphy and Mary Ann McLaughlin will serve as the Spiritual Directors for upcoming Cursillo weekends.

Boston Cursillo Weekends are held at The Notre Dame Spirituality Center (30 Jeffrey's Neck Road in Ipswich, MA). The dates for upcoming Cursillo Weekends are:

Women's Weekend -- February 9-12, 2023

Men's Weekend -- March 23-26, 2023

For information call: Chris Graf at 617-332-5548.

Boston Cursillo -- www.bostoncursillo.org



December 25, 2022 | The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The day we have been awaiting has arrived: Christ is born! All of our Christmas preparations - wrapping gifts and preparing holiday meals to be shared among family and friends - are meant to glorify and reflect God's own work for and in us. That is, God's greatest gift of himself, clothed in mortal flesh, who would one day offer himself as the bread of life: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Jesus came to the world in the form of the most helpless of us all, a newborn infant, so that through him we would be reconciled to the Father, for "to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God." We celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, for Christ is our salvation! It is through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are adopted into God's family and receive the fullness of his grace. The fullness of God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ. "The Lord has made his salvation known"; "he has spoken to us through the Son." Let us give thanks and rejoice this day!

WITNESS How might you go out and proclaim the coming of the Lord? Don't forget: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ isn't limited just to speaking to others. It includes *living* as Christ did - feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and the poor, defending the helpless - because we are Christ's body in the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Good News of Jesus Christ is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that John the Baptist testified to the light of Christ before Christ had yet publicly appeared. Sharing the Good News is not optional! Even the earth proclaims the Good News in Isaiah, "announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, 'Your God is King!'" Indeed, Christ the King - God in human flesh - has arrived. Just as John was sent before the Lord to proclaim his coming, so are we charged: Sent out to the world to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, "so that all might believe."

SACRAMENT & ADMIN. INFO



INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on the second (HF) and third (SI) Sundays of each month. Participation in a pre-Baptism session is required for parents presenting their children for the Sacrament of Baptism. 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.

MINISTRY TO THE 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confessions) Saturdays - 9:30-10:30 am (St. Irene, Carlisle)

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 one of our priests or leave your name and contact info to be contacted to arrange for a convenient day and time.

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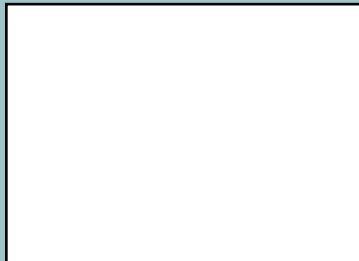
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