

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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February 26, 2023

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

70 Monument Square

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

St. Irene Parish - Carlisle

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

It was definitely a grace this past week to begin the **2023 Lenten Season**. I had returned home from my annual retreat only a day before Ash Wednesday and it was a joy to see our Masses and services so well attended that day – in spite of the fact that it was a vacation week for many families with children. In addition, I heard from a number of parishioners expressing an interest in the prayer resources that were made available and a desire to participate in our Lenten **“Water Project”** to assist the people in Kenya, Africa. To date, there are 108 people registered on **Flocknote** to receive the daily **Best Lent Ever** videos!

The above speaks well for a good start to our Lenten observances, both as individuals and as a faith community. With God's help – and the support we provide to each another – we can keep the momentum going as we look forward to the joy of celebrating the Lord's Paschal Mystery at Easter. And please be sure to keep your calendars open on the evenings of **March 21-23** for our **2023 Lenten Mission**. The theme for the mission is **“His Cross, Our Salvation.”** Keep an eye open for more details to come!

Next weekend, the **2023 Catholic Appeal** will officially launch in our parishes and across the Boston Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. I invite you to prayerfully consider extending your generosity to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so for which I am deeply grateful.

God bless you...

Fr. Frank Silva



Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer
are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

The faithful and catechumens of the Catholic Church should undertake these practices even more seriously during Lent in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or Baptism renewal at Easter. The faithful are encouraged to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during the Lenten Season.



DISCOVER
the real you

It's not too late for you to join us for the **BEST LENT EVER**. Each day you will receive a short video (via email or on your cell phone) from Dynamic Catholic's **Matthew Kelly** that provides insights in how to collaborate with God in creating **“Holy Moments”** to unlock your soul-potential.

To register for **BEST LENT EVER**, text **CC-CATHOLIC** to **84576** on your cell phone; or, go to **concordcarlislecatholic.flocknote.com**. Once you are registered, check **“Best Lent Ever 2023”** to join the group!



This Lent, the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative is undertaking an effort to raise \$10,000 to bring fresh spring water from the Atitwa Spring to the **Elkawana Community in Kenya, Africa**. Through your Lenten sacrifices, we hope to realize full funding for this project. Donations can be made by using the **“Water Bowls”** (available in church) throughout Lent, or going online to CC-Catholic.org (“Donate Online” tab). You can also support this project by using the handy QR code for Givebutter pictured above.



Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm
Holy Family Parish, Concord
March 3, March 16, & March 31
St. Irene Church, Carlisle
March 10 & March 24
All are welcome!

Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**



Saturday, March 18 - 5:00-8:00 pm

(Food served from 5:30-7:00 pm)

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CC-Catholic.org/StPatricksDinner



SPECIAL COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

Support of the Church Around the World

This weekend's special collection will benefit the Church in underdeveloped areas of the world -- particularly the **Church in Africa and in Central & Eastern Europe** -- through the work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. The collection will also assist three important national Catholic missions: **The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black & Indian Missions**. Your support for these efforts is needed and much appreciated.



His Cross, Our Salvation

March 21-23 at 7:00 pm

St. Irene's Church, Carlisle

Plan now to join us!

MIDDLE SCHOOL...

Youth Group
...FOR LENT

Our Concord-Carlisle Collaborative will be offering a **Middle School Youth Group** (pre-teens in Grades 6, 7 & 8) during Lent on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm at Monument Hall in Concord Center. Fun, food, prayer, and more, led by teen and adult leaders! **We need high school teens and adults for this series to be offered - please contact Tony Carbrello (tcarbrello@cc-catholic.org) for more information.**



The assistance of **adult and teen volunteers** is needed for our collaborative's annual **Easter Egg Hunt (April 8)** and **Vacation Bible School (July 31-August 4)**.

To offer your help or for additional information, **please contact Maria Rosen, our Religious Education Coordinator for Grades K-8, at 978-369-7442, x230.**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS!



Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes extend an invitation to all children third grade and up to join the ministry of altar server at weekend Mass. As an active minister, your child will gain a greater appreciation and understanding of their faith and of the Liturgy of the Church. The

commitment is small – one or two weekend Masses a month, flexible according to your child's availability. Training is offered by appointment. Please spread the word to children you know who would like to serve at our parish Masses. Parents of interested children should contact the Parish Office.

PROJECT RACHEL

The **Project Rachel** ministry of the Boston Archdiocese extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing** one-day retreat. **Spring dates are March 11 and May 6 from 9 am to 5 pm.** Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. **For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.**

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, Feb. 25 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)
 Roman Bembenek Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 John 'Bob' Swanson Anniversary

Sunday, Feb. 26 | First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva / Dn. Chuck)
 John Forde Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Francis J. Arena Memorial

Monday, Feb. 27 | St. George of Narek

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Feb. 28 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Mary Szkutak Memorial

Wednesday, March 1 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, March 2 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Carolyn Queenan Memorial

Friday, March 3 | St. Katherine Drexel

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**
 Ed Richards, Mary ? & Nick Morina Memorial

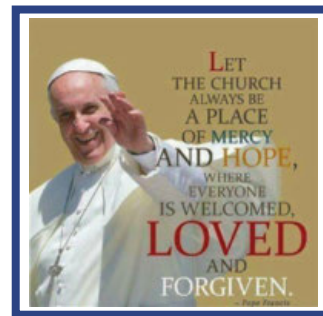
Saturday, March 4 | St. Casimir

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Ogazie)
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Guinevere Skye Chamberlain Healing

Sunday, March 5 | Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Nate Lindgren Anniversary
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Mass for the People
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Dn. Gregory)

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, David Campbell, Thomas Barter, Michael Castro, Janet Callery, Brian Boule, Bob Boutwell, Jerrie Jahnke, Roy & Glenna Leduc, Jackie Snelling, Jack Bondurant, Cristina Nunez, Ray Snay, Kent Carlson, Rick Iodine, Christie Bezrah, Arleen and John Balcius, Maura and Crystal Cabral, Maclellan Family.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- SUN** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
MON Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
TUES Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / Mt 6:7-15
WED Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk 11:29-32
THU Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
FRI Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8 / Mt 5:20-26
SAT Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
SUN Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22) / 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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.

FAITH FORMATION



February 26, 2023 | First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Superbowl Sunday was two weeks ago, and many of us were more likely interested in the commercials than the actual game. After all, companies pay a ton of money to have their products paraded in front of us, and – in theory at least – take the time to make these particular ads memorable and funny. If we can be convinced that we will be better people, or our social outings greater and filled with more laughter, we will buy what they are selling. It's the modern version of the words of the serpent in today's first reading: if you eat this, "you will be like gods"! Today's readings are a reminder that we are all sinners and burdened by being vulnerable to false promises – but also that we are relieved of this burden through one man: Jesus Christ. If we tend to forget that the most important part of our salvation story is that it is full of more grace and forgiveness than we can comprehend, this first Sunday of Lent is a good time to prayerfully ponder this. If God seems far away or distant, let us recall that he loved us so much that he breathed our very life into us, and then gave his only begotten Son to us that we might have life eternally. All he asks in return is for us to accept this gift and follow in his footsteps. Lent is the time to be mindful of grace-filled opportunities that draw us closer to God.

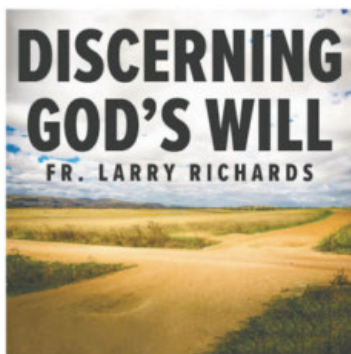
PRAY Pray today's psalm: "Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Let's think about these 40 days. In addition to allowing us to grow in understanding of God, this time is also an opportunity to grow in our understanding of how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world and help to build the kingdom right here and now. How can we keep God at the center of our lives and resist worldly temptations to push him aside? Perhaps today's psalm can help us here: Ask for God's mercy, acknowledge our offenses, seek a "clean heart," renew a "steadfast spirit" within us, and ask God to grant us a "willing spirit" to give him praise. And remember Christ's words from the Gospel: Depend on "every word that comes forth from the mouth of God," which is love and mercy.

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Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

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"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 19, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$ 4,818.	\$ 1,813.
Electronic Giving	\$ 3,853.	\$ 1,562.
TOTAL	\$ 8,671.	\$ 3,375.

Special Collection - Turkey/Syria Earthquake:
\$664. \$1,515.

--- 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. Email your submittals to jnavarronorton@cc-catholic.org. We will do our best to accommodate your requests!

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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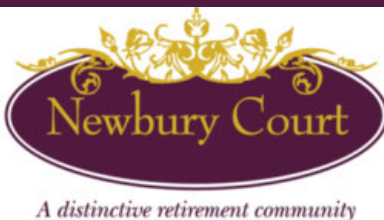
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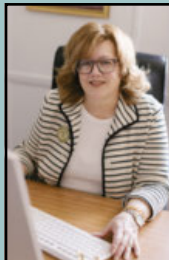
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