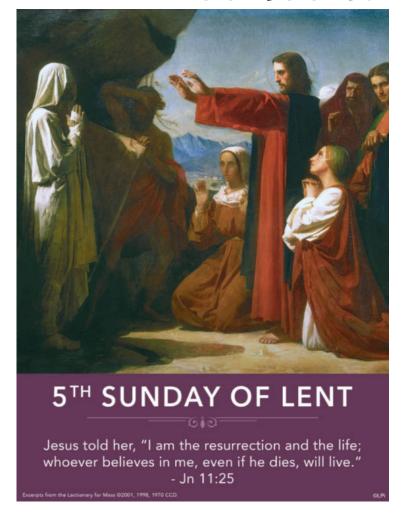
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St. Irene Parishes
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March 26, 2023

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.

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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

Over the past couple of weeks, many of us have adjusted to the recent time change, delighted in seeing a robin or two, and been wise in travelling with a sweater and an umbrella just in case there's a quick change in the weather. Yes, Spring has arrived in New England!

But, on another front, we are also heading into the 'home stretch'! Lent is quickly coming to an end. You may have been able to dedicate these past days of Lent to extra time for prayer, follow through on meaningful sacrificial practices, or observing devotions strengthening your relationship with the Lord.

Whether or not your Lent has been the "Best Lent Ever" or a complete bust, I hope you have or will soon take advantage of opening your soul to the graces to be found in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The truth of all that we will soon celebrate in the Lord's Paschal Mystery at Easter – his passion, death, and resurrection – is centered in God's unconditional mercy and love for us. Make your Lent complete by going to confession and realizing anew just how much God truly loves you. **Please note in this bulletin the additional times confessions will be available over the coming days.**

Our collaborative's recent **St. Patrick's Day Family Dinner** provided a wonderful evening for young and old alike! Not only were those in attendance well fed, but they were richly entertained by a fine corps of Irish Step Dancers along with an opportunity to belt out some familiar Irish tunes. Thanks go out to all who participated and especially to the **Knights of Columbus** and others who made the evening possible.

Our parishes were also greatly blessed recently with our **Lenten Mission**. We are grateful to **Fathers Joseph Briody and John Greico** for their reflections which touched many hearts with God's graces. I offer a special note of appreciation to **Father Nick** for coordinating the three-night mission and to those who assisted him.

God bless you...

Fr. Frank Silva



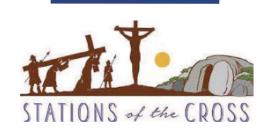
This Lent, the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative has undertaken an effort to raise \$10,000 to bring fresh spring water from the Atitwa Spring to the Elkawana Community in Kenya, Africa.

To date, parishioners have contributed \$4,230 for The Water Project.

If you have yet to do so, please consider helping us to realize the full funding for this effort through your Lenten sacrifices. Donations can be made by going online to CC-Catholic.org ("Donate Online" tab).

Donations for The Water Project can also be made by using the handy QR code for Givebutter pictured here.





Friday, March 31 at 7:00 pm Holy Family Parish, Concord

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Open your heart and soul to God's mercy!

Wednesday, March 29 - 4:00-6:00 pm St. Bernard's Church at Holy Family Parish, Concord

> Thursday, March 30 - 4:00-6:00 pm St. Irene's Church, Carlisle

Saturday, April 1 - 9:30-10:30 am St. Irene's Church, Carlisle

Monday, April 3 - 4:00-6:00 pm

St. Bernard's Church at Holy Family Parish, Concord

Tuesday, April 4 - 4:00-6:00 pm

St. Irene's Church, Carlisle

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HOLY WEEK 2023

April 1 / 2 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) - St. Irene, Carlisle 5:30 pm (Sat. Vigil) - Holy Family, Concord

8:00 am - Holy Family, Concord

9:30 am - Holy Family, Concord

11:00 am - St. Irene, Carlisle

April 6 - Holy Thursday

9:00 am - Morning Prayer - St. Irene, Carlisle 7:30 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Family, Concord

April 7 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

9:00 am - Morning Prayer - St. Irene, Carlisle 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross / Veneration Service - St. Irene, Carlisle

7:30 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion -Holy Family, Concord

April 8 - Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Morning Prayer - St. Irene, Carlisle 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil & Mass -Holy Family, Concord

April 9 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 am - St. Irene, Carlisle 8:00 am - Holy Family, Concord 9:30 am - St. Irene, Carlisle 10:00 am - Holy Family, Concord 11:00 am - St. Irene, Carlisle 12:00 pm - Holy Family, Concord





"GODSPELL" RETURNS!

Love to sing? Love Broadway musicals? Here's your chance! The Holy Family Parish Choir will be joining forces with the West Concord Union Church Choir in presenting "Godspell" at both churches on May 7 and 21. If you would like to join us, rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at West Concord Union Church and on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Holy Family Parish. Come whichever evening works better for your schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Barkovic, the Director of Music, at 508-494-4093 or at KapellmeisterJRB@aol.com. Look forward to having you join us!

2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL



Noted below are the initial results of the pledges and donations made to the **2023 Catholic Appeal** by the parishioners of Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes. We express thanks to those who have helped to get the appeal off to a fine start!

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE Let's Live Our Faith Together

Holy Family St. Irene Pledged: \$24,095. \$17,585.

Goal: \$105,262. (23%) \$51,736. (34%) Fair Share Goal: \$57,518. (42%) \$32,439. (54%)

A variety of agencies in the Boston Archdiocese provide services to the parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions as a result of the funds received through the **Catholic Appeal**. Your support is important in helping the Church to further the mission of Christ and his Church.

Pledge envelopes for the **Catholic Appeal** can be placed in the collection basket at Mass along with your parish offering. By completing a pledge form, you assist in helping us maintain an accurate database of our parishioners. **If you are in need of a pledge envelope, copies are available at the entrance to the church or by contacting the parish office.**

You can easily make your gift to the Catholic Appeal by using the QR Code below. Thank you!



SCAN HERE TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

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.

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

9:00 am **St. Irene**

4:00 pm St. Irene (Fr. Silva)

Michael Bembenek

Memorial

5:30 pm Holy Family (Fr. Ogazie)

Mass for the People

Sunday, March 26 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Holy Family (Fr. Stano / Dn. Chuck)

John J. Hayes

Memorial

9:30 am Holy Family (Fr. Ogazie)

James Saunders & Mary Moran Memorial

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

Angeles Garcia Memorial

Monday, March 27 |

12:00 pm Holy Family

Kevin Forde Memorial

Tuesday, March 28 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Joaquin Bas Memorial

Wednesday, March 29 |

Please note time and place change.

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Joseph Leszec Memorial

Thursday, March 30 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Charles D. MacInnis Anniversary

Friday, March 31 |

12:00 pm Holy Family

Charles Tocarzk Memorial

Saturday, April 1 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Michael Gesiorek Anniversary

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

Keith W. Colbath, Jr. Anniversary

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

Robert Coty Anniversary

Sunday, April 2 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Mass for the People

9:30 am Holy Family (Fr. Stano)

Michael Madden, Jr., Christopher John McKinney

Memorial / Anniversary

11:00 am St. Irene (Fr. Ogazie)

Helen Maloney Memorial

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Prayerfully remember the following for whom a Funeral Mass was offered recently...

Edward G. Toomey

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



Tommy Dolan, Liam Sullivan, Ben Niose, Margaret 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, Ignacio Casimiro, Toni & Bill Sawyer, Claire Carl, Nancy & Doug McCool, Ian Hickey, DR Norton, Kathleen Dowen, 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, Alexandra Anastos, John Martin.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) /
	Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
	22h-45

MON Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-1

TUES Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

WED Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / Jn 8:31-42

THU Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

FRI Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 / Jn 10: 31-42

SAT Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 / Jn 11:

SUN Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

FAITH FORMATION



March 26, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

ACTION As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: usccb.org.

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1 Peter 4:10

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	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$ 4,919.	\$ 2,527.
Electronic Giving	\$ 5,113.	\$ 1,497.
TOTAL	\$10,032.	\$ 4,024.

--- 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!

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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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