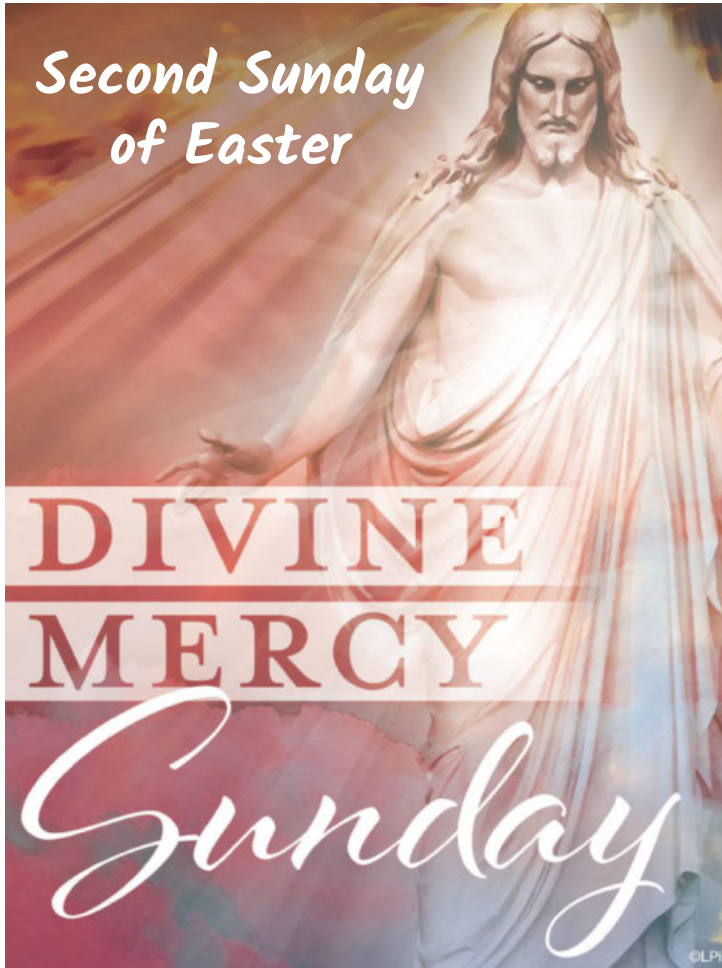


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April 16, 2023

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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Saturday (Sunday Vigil) - 5:30 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 12:00 pm

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12 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

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Phone: 978-369-3940

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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

Pope Saint John Paul II canonized **Saint Faustina Kowalska**, the humble messenger of **Divine Mercy** on April 30, 2000. During his homily at the Mass of her canonization, while reflecting on the timeliness of the message of mercy for the twentieth century, the Pope pondered what humanity's future might be like. He answered plainly. "We are not given to know. However, it is certain that **in addition to new progress** there will unfortunately be **no lack of painful experiences**."

Over the past two decades, painful, disastrous, and even sinful experiences have impacted individuals, families, parishes, communities, and nations all over the world. What Pope Saint John Paul II knew vaguely to be on the horizon – the tragedy of 9/11, the clergy abuse scandal, the continuing homeless and immigration problems, the devastating effects of the coronavirus, the senseless shootings, and uprisings on the streets in our country and elsewhere – have affected many of us firsthand. The weight of the Cross has fallen on our shoulders.

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we do well to ponder the message of Divine Mercy for it is simple: **God loves us – all of us**. And God wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A: Ask for His Mercy

B: Be merciful to others

C: Completely trust in His Mercy

Let's get back to 'basics'! Perhaps by doing so, we will know the power of God's mercy transforming our lives and that of our world. Again, a Blessed Easter to all!

Fr. Frank Silva

THE IMPERIAL CITIES

Prague – Vienna – Budapest

November 1-11, 2023

Journey Father Frank and other parishioners this year to the **Imperial Cities of Central Europe**. A brochure with details is available at the church entrance. An **information session** concerning the trip will be held on **Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Parish Center, 70 Monument Square, Concord**. Questions? Please call 978-369-7442. For more information visit...

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MAIL FRAUD - Be Aware!

In recent times, several area churches have been victims of mail and bank fraud. Thieves have been breaking into church mailboxes and USPS blue boxes, stealing checks, and fraudulently cashing them at various banks. **In light of this, we recommend you review your bank statements and 2022 parish giving statements. If there are any discrepancies, please notify your bank and the parish immediately.** This would have impacted only those who mailed checks to the parish. As a future alternative, we encourage parishioners to utilize electronic giving in lieu of paper checks. **If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.**

EASTER COLLECTION CLERGY TRUST *Thank You!*

The priests of the Boston Archdiocese, especially our senior priests and those who - for medical reasons - are unable to engage in full time ministry at this time, express appreciation for the donations you provided through the Easter Collection to the Clergy Trust.

Easter 2023 Donations

Holy Family Parish - \$10,493.

St. Irene's Parish - \$4,001.

It is the Clergy Trust that supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese. For additional information on how you can assist the Clergy Trust, visit www.clergytrust.org

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

"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!

PARISH LIBRARY

The **St. Irene Library Committee** meets on the first Thursday of each month. The meeting takes place following the 9:00 am Mass in the Library (Room 6) in St. Irene's Church Hall. If you love books and wish to help facilitate this small but powerfully-packed library, please join us! **For information, contact Rachel Hanson at rachelsrael@comcast.net or call 978-262-0972.**

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

PROJECT RACHEL

The Project Rachel ministry in 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 Retreat***. The one-day retreat will be held on **May 6 from 9 am to 5 pm**. The locations is confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. **For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.**

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Father Austin Fleming will celebrate a special Mass at Holy Family Parish on **Sunday, May 21, at 1:00 pm** in observance of his **50th anniversary ordination** to the priesthood. Father Austin was ordained a priest of the Boston Archdiocese in 1973. He found his way to Concord in 1994 when he was appointed pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish and later as pastor of Holy Family Parish upon the merger of Our Lady and St. Bernard's Parishes. **His special Anniversary of Ordination Mass will be followed by a reception in the church hall (lower level of St. Bernard's Church). All are welcome! Questions? Contact: 50thAnniversaryOrdination@gmail.com**

FIAT

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**. The topic will be: **"Mary - the Perfect Disciple."** Please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

2023 UPDATE



The parishes of the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative are well on their way to meeting their respective goals for the **2023 Catholic Appeal**. We thank parishioners who have recently made a pledge or donation to this year's effort.

Results as of April 11, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
Pledged:	\$38,000.	\$24,910.
Goal:	\$105,262. (36%)	\$51,736. (48%)
Fair Share Goal:	\$57,518. (66%)	\$32,439. (77%)

Your gift to the Catholic Appeal can also be pledged by using this handy QR Code below. Thank you!



PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, April 15 |

9:00 am	St. Irene	
	Craig Martin	Anniversary
4:00 pm	St. Irene (Fr. Ogazie)	
	Mary Hagerty	Memorial
5:30 pm	Holy Family (Fr. Stano)	
	Kathleen Vecchio	Anniversary

Sunday, April 16 | 2nd Sunday of Easter -

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Family (Fr. Silva)	
	Barbara Tallone	Memorial
9:30 am	Holy Family (Fr. Stano)	
	Ellen E. Meszell	Anniversary
11:00 am	St. Irene (Fr. Silva, Deacon Chuck)	
	Mass for the People	

Monday, April 17 |

Please note the time & place change for today's Mass.

9:00 am	St. Irene	
	Frank & Josephine Amendolia	Anniversary

Tuesday, April 18 |

9:00 am	St. Irene	
	Fr. James P. Bryne	Anniversary

Wednesday, April 19 |

12:00 pm	Holy Family	
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Thursday, April 20 |

9:00 am	St. Irene	
	Natalie Ward	Healing

Friday, April 21 |

12:00 pm	Holy Family	
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Saturday, April 22 |

9:00 am	St. Irene	
	Janet Crowley	Memorial
4:00 pm	St. Irene (Fr. Ogazie)	
	Mass for the People	
5:30 pm	Holy Family (Fr. Stano)	
	Andrew Ward	Memorial

Sunday, April 23 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Family (Fr. Silva)	
9:30 am	Holy Family (Fr. Stano)	
11:00 am	St. Irene (Fr. Silva, Deacon Chuck)	

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.



Kindly remember in your prayers the following for whom Funeral Masses were offered recently...

Edward M. Curran

Melba Morales

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



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, Ignacio 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, Alexandra Anastos, John Martin.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

MON Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8

TUES Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15

WED Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21

THU Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36

FRI Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15

SAT Acts 6:1-7/ Jn 6:16-21

SUN Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

FAITH FORMATION



April 16, 2023 | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

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

"I'll believe it when I see it." We've all said this at some point, usually in response to hearing about someone unreliable doing something out of character. St. Thomas had the same reaction in today's Gospel when he wasn't there when the other disciples saw Christ for the first time since he rose from his tomb – "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Although Jesus helped Thomas with his unbelief, he blesses those who have not seen, but believe. Have any of us seen the nail marks in Christ's hands and feet, or the wound in his side? Do we see Christ's body and blood on the altar, or do we see only the gifts of bread and wine? Christ comes to us in ways we can understand initially – parables, bread and wine, the face of people we meet throughout our daily lives – but our faith in what we have not seen, in the great mystery of our salvation, is what makes us Christian.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ's disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let's act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is "more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire." We certainly aren't perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ's name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

INVITATION People often see Christ through the words and actions of others. This week, actively seek out opportunities to be the hands of Christ. What opportunities does your community have to practice corporal works of mercy?



We are pleased to report that our Lenten effort to raise funds for The Water Project realized just over \$16,000 in contributions!

We are grateful to all who made sacrificial offerings during the Lenten Season that will help to provide a suitable water system for the **Elkawana Community in Kenya, Africa.**

If you have yet to return your 'water bowl' for The Water Project, please do so ASAP. Again, many thanks!

--- 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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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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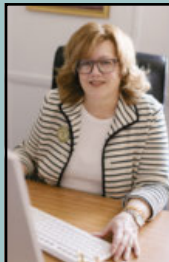
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