

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

Regresaron a Jerusalén, donde encontraron reunidos a los Once con sus compañeros, los cuales les dijeron: "De veras ha resucitado el Señor y se le ha aparecido a Simón". - Lc 24, 33-34

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April 23, 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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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

When I first heard about it, I said to myself "you've got to be kidding!" What I am referring to is a gathering being called "Satancon" that will take place in Boston on the weekend of April 28-30. The Boston Satanic Temple is hosting the event promoting it as "a weekend of blasphemy and remembrance in Boston" as they commemorate the satanic temple's tenth anniversary. The organizers also boast that it will be the 'largest satanic gathering in history.' They could be right for reports indicate that registration for "Satancon" is sold out!

It is difficult to believe there are people who find satisfaction in celebrating the power of evil in the world. Perhaps they have never experienced the sense of joy and the power of redemption you and I find in this Easter Season. We are a people of hope, thanks to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who offers all believers the path to life eternal in the loving embrace of God.

Cardinal O'Malley in asking that no parishioners go to the event to protest. It will only fuel the hate of those who support it and feed the media with images. We should not, however, stand by idly and feel powerless. Let us storm the heavens with prayer, in anticipation of and during the event. Pause at any time during the days ahead and petition God to enlighten those who are calling on the prince of darkness to turn toward the light of Christ's saving power.

A "Pledge to Pray" prayer card will be available in our churches this weekend. Let us unite to pray the Rosary once a day from April 28-30 for those participating at the event and those who may be impacted by it. It was St. Padre Pio who said "the Rosary is the weapon for these times."

God bless you...

Fr. Frank Silva

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

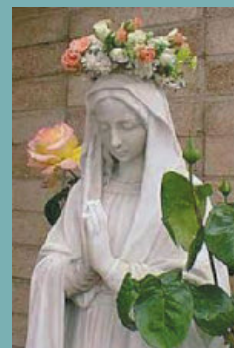
Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Crowning of Mary

Sunday, April 30

11:00 am

St. Irene's Church



All are welcome to join us for a Family Mass that will conclude with the "May Crowning" of our Blessed Mother and lunch!

If you have children wishing to participate in the Mass and/or plan on staying for the luncheon, please notify our Religious Education Coordinator, Maria Rosen at mrosen@cc-catholic.org.

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.**



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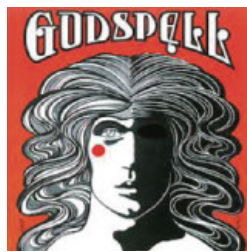
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

GODSPELL RETURNS!



Holy Family Parish Choir has joined forces with the **West Concord Union Church Choir** and will present the music of **"Godspell"** on **Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm in St. Bernard's Church (Holy Family Parish) in Concord.** The concert is open to all. Look forward to having you join us!

FASHION SHOW

The women of the Concord Carlisle Collaborative and their friends are invited to **join the St. Irene's Women's Club for an afternoon of tea and fashion.** The event will take place on **Sunday, May 7 from 2:00-5:00 pm in the St. Irene's Church Hall.** The cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required. Please email womensclub@cc-catholic.org to reserve your spot!

THE IMPERIAL CITIES

Prague – Vienna – Budapest

November 1-11, 2023

Journey with 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 this **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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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 this **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 22 |

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

Sunday, April 23 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Gregory)
- 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
- 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)

Monday, April 24 | St. Fidelis of Sigmaringe

- 12:00 am **Holy Family**

Tuesday, April 25 | St. Mark

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
Robert Goehring Memorial

Wednesday, April 26 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**
Francis Loynd Memorial

Thursday, April 27 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**

Friday, April 28 |

Sts. Peter Chane & Louis Grignion de Montfort

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, April 29 | St. Catherine of Siena

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
- 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
Roman Bembenek Memorial
- 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Chuck)
Mass for the People

Sunday, April 30 | 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
Francis Loynd Memorial
- 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
- 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)

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IN MEMORIAM

Kindly remember in your prayers the following
for whom a Funeral Mass was offered recently...

Christine A. Molinaro

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SUN** Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- MON** Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29
- TUES** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
- WED** Acts 8:1b-8/ Jn 6:35-40
- THU** Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51
- FRI** Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
- SAT** Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69
- SUN** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

*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



April 23, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter

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

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were *prevented from recognizing* it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread – the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

GO EVANGELIZE

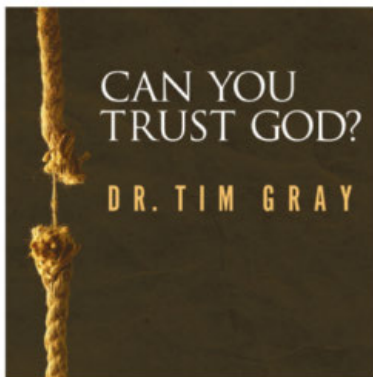
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Weeks of April 9 & 16, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$6,273.	\$5,079.
Electronic Giving	\$16,196.	\$5,480.
TOTAL	\$22,469.	\$10,559.

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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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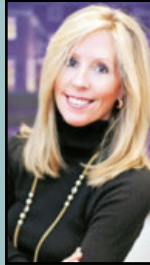
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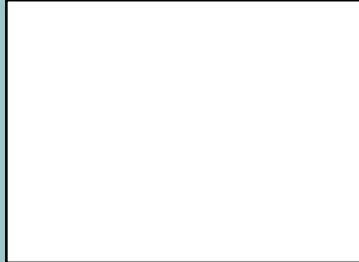
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