

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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April 30, 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

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

This Sunday is sometimes called **Good Shepherd Sunday** in that, every year on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on **Jesus as the Good Shepherd**. The gospel is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel – a chapter that sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God. How beautifully this is expressed in the popular and favorite psalm for prayer – **Psalm 23: "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage."**

May your relationship with the Lord help you to hear his voice more clearly and, in doing so, help you to grow in familiarity with the love, protection, and care offered by our Good Shepherd. God bless you!

Fr. Frank Silva

Crowning of Mary

Sunday, April 30

11:00 am

St. Irene's Church



All are welcome! Join us for this weekend's Family Mass that concludes with the "May Crowning" of our Blessed Mother and lunch!

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 FLOWER MEMORIALS

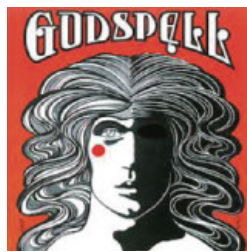
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

GODSPELL COIR CONCERT



The combined choirs of **Holy Family Parish and West Concord Union Church** will be singing a choral medley from the musical **"Godspell"** by Stephen Schwartz.

Presentations will be held at **St. Bernard's Church (Holy Family Parish)** on **Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm** and at **West Concord Union Church (1317 Main St., Concord)** on **Sunday, May 21 at 9:45 am**. Both presentations are free and open to the public. Bring your family and friends! Both churches are wheelchair accessible. **Hope to see you there!**

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!

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



The mailing address for...

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Our annual **Parish Baby Shower** gets underway on **Mother's Day weekend (May 13-14)**. NEW items for moms and infants can be placed in the collection containers located in our churches. The deadline for donating items will be on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 pm at the entrance to St. Irene's Church.

Needed items include: Newborn size clothing (not 0-3 mos.), Boys & Girls Spring/Summer outfits, onesies, sleep & play clothing, Baby Bottles (4oz & 8oz), and Diaper bags (gray or black in backpack style). Please no baby powder or used baby clothing or equipment. **All items must have original store tags.**

Monetary donations are welcome - please make checks payable to: **"Fund for the Unborn"** and place in the box labelled Parish Shower. Thank you for your generosity and support of God's precious gift of life!

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. Questions? **Please call 978-369-7442.**



2023 UPDATE

We thank all parishioners who have made a pledge or donation to this year's **Catholic Appeal**.

Results as of April 25, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
Pledged:	\$47,930.	\$30,110.
Goal:	\$105,262. (46%)	\$51,736. (58%)
Fair Share Goal:	\$57,518. (83%)	\$32,439. (93%)

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



PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

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)

Monday, May 1 | St. Joseph the Worker

12:00 am **Holy Family**

Tuesday, May 2 | St. Athanasius

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, May 3 | Saints Philip & James

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, May 4 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Friday, May 5 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, May 6 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

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

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

Edward Kelley, Sr.

Memorial

Sunday, May 7 | 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Mass for the People

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

Paul Carroll

Memorial

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

Joseph Trickett

Anniversary

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.



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, Lily Kuivinen, Joseph and Matthew Smith, Julian Casimiro.



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

Christian Hedlund
John Richard Mannheim

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

MON Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:11-18

TUES Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30

WED 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14

THU Acts 13:13-25/ Jn 13:16-20

FRI Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6

SAT Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14

SUN Acts 6:1-7/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

FAITH FORMATION



April 30, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Jn 10:1-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

There is much we could ponder in today's Scriptures, but the verses that stood out for me are these: "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called." I have a hard enough time keeping my inner child under wraps when I suffer due to my own sinfulness or incompetence, and Peter is telling me to be patient when I suffer for *doing what is good*? Well, yes – "because Christ also suffered for [us], leaving an example that [we] should follow in his footsteps." And the clarity of this truth hits me smack in the face. Doing what is good means we are loving another, in some way; we are doing good, *for good*. We are engaging in self-sacrifice, and some form of suffering is inherent to that. But here's the thing: it's an oddly joyful kind of suffering because it produces good fruit and directs our thoughts and vision to the one who is present among us as "the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls." Let us pray for the ability to see each moment of suffering for doing good as "a grace before God."

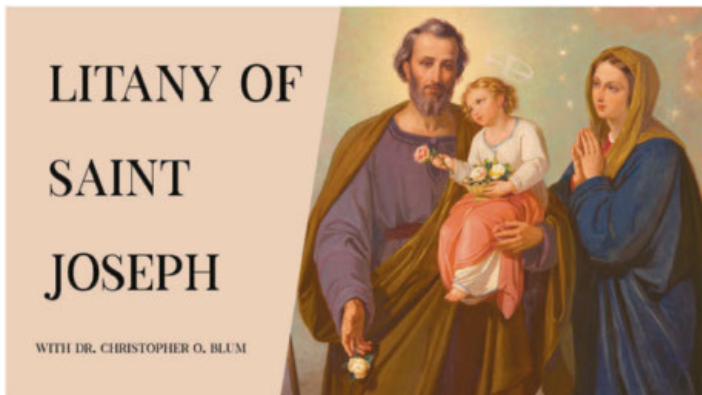
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At this point in the Easter season, we might think, "Why can't we focus more on the joy of Jesus' resurrection and less on the suffering that preceded it?" Well, we certainly can ... but we would lose a great part of the Paschal Mystery. We don't embrace the cross for the sake of suffering in itself. We come to the crucifixion to pass *through* it. We are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world. There's no avoiding suffering in our lives, but the Good News of Jesus Christ is that he has redeemed that suffering. He has given us victory over death and is – quite literally – the way to eternal life. In the Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever enters through me will be saved ... I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." He is our shepherd and we know his voice. During this Eastertide we have an extraordinary opportunity to attend to that voice in a particular way, and to think about how we might be hearing it in a new way this year.

ACT Is there a charity you have been meaning to call to volunteer your time? Is there a neighbor who might be able to use a helping hand? Is there a friend or family member who has fallen out of favor and you just know it's the right thing to do to get in touch? Act this week. Sacrifice just a bit for the sake of good.

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1 Peter 4:10

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Weeks of April 23, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$7,255.	\$1,796.
Electronic Giving	\$5,353.	\$2,808.
TOTAL	\$12,608.	\$4,604.

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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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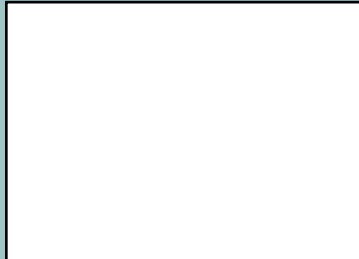


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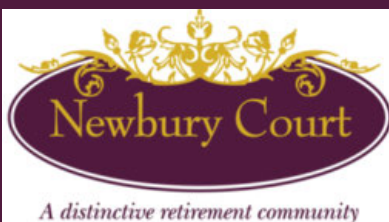
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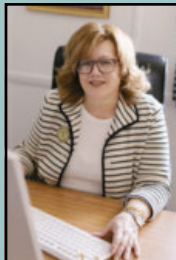
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