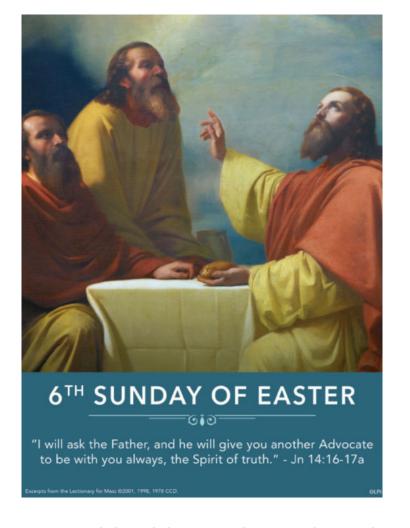
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May 14, 2023

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

The English author Rudyard Kipling is credited with having coined the phrase "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." Given the agreement many have with that statement, we would have to agree Kipling was a wise man! Not only does his phrase resonate with the unique vocation that motherhood bestows upon a woman, but it implies the ever-present love mothers have for their children - much like God's eternal love for all of us. And so, on this Mother's Day weekend, we express our thanks anew to all mothers and assure them of our love for their untiring support and sacrifices.

Coming into the 'home stretch' of the Easter Season, marked by the celebration of young people celebrating First Communions and being confirmed, we often hear from adults requesting to complete their **Sacraments of Initiation**. For various reasons, though baptized in infancy as Catholics, they missed out on preparing to receive the Sacraments of **Eucharist and/or Confirmation.**

If you find yourself in this situation, please let us know! Simply call the Parish Office and leave your contact information. In coming weeks, Father Nick and I look to coordinating sessions for post-high school adults seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the Church. We would very much like to assist you. A small commitment of time and interest is often all that is needed to fulfill the requirements to receive the Sacraments.

God bless you all...

Father Frank Silva



ASCENSION OF THE LORD **Holy Day of Obligation** Thursday, May 18

Masses at:

9:00 am - St. Irene's Church, Carlisle 12 Noon - St. Bernard's Church

- Holy Family, Concord

7:00 pm - St. Irene's Church, Carlisle

Sponsored by our parish's... Respect Life Ministry and **Knights of Columbus** Councils



Our annual **Parish Baby Shower** gets underway 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!

2023 FATHER KING SCHOLARSHIPS



Since 1999. **Father** King Scholarships have been presented to graduating seniors who are registered parishioners. We are happy to continue this tradition for

the graduating members of the Class of 2023. Applications are available on the collaborative website (cc-catholic.org) or by using the handy QR code in this noticed. All submissions are due no later than May 31. Recipients of this year's scholarships will be announced in mid-June.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS



First Communion Congratulations!

We happily acknowledge the children of Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes who recently received the **Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist** for the very first time. Our prayers are with them as they continue to grow in appreciation for the gift the Lord Jesus has given us of His Body and Blood that we may grow stronger in our love for God and one another.

We also express appreciation to our Religious Education Coordinators, catechists and volunteers who assisted in preparing these children for their First Communion.

Philip Ahlin Samantha Benjamin Oliver Caccavaro **Clodagh Carr Alphons Constable** Alexa Defina **Charlotte Frizzell Jackson Frizzel Katherine Gilmore** Ayla Miazenn Hontanar Medina **Rosalind Jaddou** Ella Kennedv **Devan Lawless** Peter Litvinenko Ian Looney **Violette Maalouf** Juliette Martuscelli

Rose McSorley **Cassidy Morabito Chisholm Morris Quinton Mulvany** Madelyn O'Connor **Thomas Prebil** Andrew Ready Mary Ready Ryan Ready Stella Salazar **Lucas Scanio** Olivia Sorchini **Matthew Whalen Patrick Whalen Ava White** James Wielicki

PRESERVATION AWARD



The Concord Historical Commission has selected Holy Family Parish of Concord to receive a 2023 Preservation Award given the renovation of the former St. Bernard's Rectory. The site now serves as the Catholic Parish Center for Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes. The

Preservation Award is to be presented in the category of **Proper Rehabilitation/Restoration**. A public awards ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 25** from 6:30-8 pm in the Goodwin Forum of the **Concord Free Public Library**. All are welcome to be in attendance for the presentation.

ROSIE'S PLACE

Give something small for women in need! Rosie's Place provides a safe and nurturing environment that helps poor and homeless women maintain their dignity, seek opportunity, and find security in their lives. It offers free meals, showers, laundry, lockers, and overnight beds. Toiletries, both full and travel sizes, are needed on a continuing basis: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap. These items mean so much to them! Donated items can be placed in the Rosie's Place baskets located at the church entrances. Thank you!

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



2023 UPDATE

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

Results as of May 8, 2023

Holy Family

St. Irene

Pledged: \$48,480.

Goal: \$105,262. (46%)

\$30,885. \$51,736. (60%)

Fair Share Goal: \$57,518. (84%)

\$32,439. (95%)

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



May 14, 2023

PRAYER & WORSHIP

AMASS SCHEDULE

Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, May 13 | Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Zbignew Kowalski Memorial

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

Mother's Day Mass

5:30 pm Holy Family (Fr. Silva)

Nancy Snook Memorial

Sunday, May 14 | 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Holy Family (Fr. Stano)

Sandy Melanson Memorial

9:30 am Holy Family (Fr. Silva / Deacon Chuck))

Mass for the People

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

Nan Stutz & Diane Nelson Memorial

Monday, May 15 | St. Isidore the Farmer

12:00 am Holy Family

Tuesday, May 16 |

9:00 am St. Irene

Wednesday, May 17

12:00 pm Holy Family

Michael McAvenia Memorial

Thursday, May 18 | Ascension of the Lord HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 am **St. Irene**

12:00 pm Holy Family

7:00 pm **St. Irene**

Friday, May 19 |

12:00 pm Holy Family

Saturday, May 20 | St. Bernardine of Siena

9:00 am **St. Irene**

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

Mass for the People

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

Ofelia Chavez

Memorial

Sunday, May 21 | 7th Sunday of Easter

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

John Maguire Memorial

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

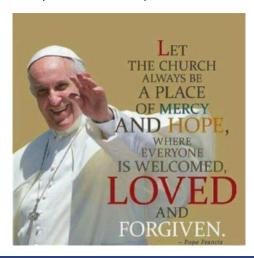
Andrea Redmond Anniversary

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

Angeles Garcia Memorial



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



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21

MON Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUES Acts 16:22-34/ Jn 16:5-11

WED Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15

THU Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

FRI Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-2

SAT Acts 18:23-28/ Jn 16:23b-28

SUN Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/

Jn 17:1-11a

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



May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1 Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

I know a few people whose method of book buying is to read the last few pages of a book first. They want to know if buying, or reading, the book is going to be worth it. As an avid bibliophile I find this to be something I could never do, but I understand their impulse. After all, it makes sense to want to have some kind of assurance that the journey one is taking - whether physical, spiritual, or literary - has a decent "payoff," as it were. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide "another Advocate" for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus' name "received the Holy Spirit." Christ's life, death, and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life, it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

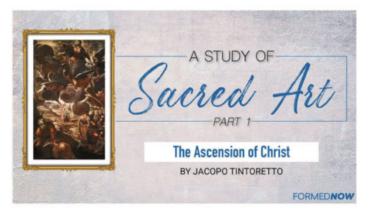
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey - to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed "a book," it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

STUDY In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. The Word on Fire Bible, featuring the Gospels only, is well-designed and includes commentary from Bishop Robert Barron as well as Church Fathers and recent saints and Catholic authors.





The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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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

Week of May 7, 2023

Holy Family St. Irene In Church & Mail In \$ 4,713. \$3,614. **Electronic Giving** \$ 10,469. \$ 1,702. **TOTAL** \$ 15,182. \$ 5,316.

--- 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 inavarronorton@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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Fr. Nicholas Stano

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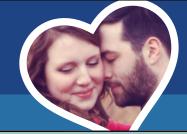
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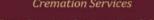


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