

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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June 25, 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

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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

For those of us who live north of the equator, this past Wednesday (June 21) was the longest day of 2023.

Summer has arrived! I hope this season provides special memories and blessings for all of you.

Before we begin to express our favorite New England habit of complaining about the weather or that the days are passing too quickly, here's a little reflection that hopefully can serve as a prayer encouraging you to savor and appreciate the days ahead...

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun

and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me

and for the opportunity to be outside

and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have

to be with my friends and family, and

for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence

and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me

a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Happy Summer and God bless you all...

Fr. Frank Silva



Summer can be a particularly tough time for families who rely on free meals through school programs. Over the coming weeks, **Open Table** will seek to provide nutritious lunches and snacks for kids to bring to camps and activities. **At the present time, donations of healthy snack foods, granola bars, goldfish crackers, fruit cups, juice boxes, etc. will be much appreciated.**

Your food donations to **Open Table** can be placed in the food collection bin located at the church entrance. Thank you for your donations!



For kids 4 years old through Grade 5

Monday, July 31 through Friday, August 4

New Friends -- Amazing experiments

Creative games -- Super-fun snacks

Surprising adventures -- Incredible music

This year's Vacation Bible School invites children, youth, teens, and adults to enjoy a variety of activities, songs, games and bible stories -- all in a space-themed, out-of-this world adventure -- **STELLAR: Shine Jesus' Light!** The action takes place Monday-Friday from 9 am-Noon on the grounds of St. Irene Church in Carlisle.

Participant and Youth/Adult Leader Registration Information can be found on line at: cc-catholic.org/vbs2023, or by using the QR code provided. **For additional details, contact Maria Rosen at 978-369-7442 x230.**



WHEN YOU'RE AWAY, DON'T FORGET US!

With vacation time upon us, you may have plans to be away for a few Sundays this summer. Still, our parishes depend on the regular financial support provided by our parishioners. **Your conscientious and faithful support truly makes a big difference!** If you have yet to do so, please consider making your parish contributions online by setting up a recurring option for your donations. You can do so by clicking on the Donate Online tab found on our collaborative's website: www.cc-catholic.org. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. **Thank you to the growing number of parishioners who already contribute automatically – and to those who “make up” what they will miss when they are away on their vacations!**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.**

SATURDAY AM PRAYER GROUP

Looking for support to nurture and encourage a daily prayer habit in your life? You are invited to join with others in sharing prayer requests, reflection, and discovering how God is working in your life. **Sessions are held on Saturdays at 9:30 am in St. Irene's Church Hall.** Drop-ins are always welcome!

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!

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.**

We Need Your Help



To provide a fun, faith-filled, and safe time for the children who will be participating, our annual **Vacation Bible School, "STELLAR: Shine Jesus' Light,"** needs and welcomes **the assistance of adult and teen volunteers!** There are a variety of ways in which you can help.

Volunteers do not need to commit to the full camp week -- there are plenty of "behind the scenes" tasks needing to get done. **Perhaps you have a hidden talent that could be helpful?**

Please reach out to **Maria Rosen (mrosen@cc-catholic.org / 978-369-7442)** to hear of ways you can assist.

Should your children have any "outer space" themed toys, gadgets, games or decorations they may want to donate or loan to us for the Vacation Bible School, please let Maria know! **Many thanks!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to **join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.** The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the cardinal. Family and friends are invited to attend. **Couples can register and find more information at: bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass**

CATHOLIC APPEAL - 2023 UPDATE Results as of June 12, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
Pledged:	\$53,575.	\$31,580.
Goal:	\$105,262. (51%)	\$51,736. (61%)
Fair Share Goal:	\$57,518. (93%)	\$32,439. (97%)

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, Jun 24 | Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Virginia Mae Demont Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Lucian, Josephine & Marie Grande Memorial

Sunday, Jun 25 | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 James H. Bentley Anniversary
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Rafael Cantu Fernandez Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Chuck)
 Mass for the People

Monday, Jun 26 | St. Romuald

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Jun 27 | St. Cyril of Alexandria

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Alice & Karekin Shahinian Memorial

Wednesday, Jun 28 | St. Irenaeus

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Jun 29 | Sts. Peter & Paul

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 David Ward Healing

Friday, Jun 30 | First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Jul 1 | St. Junipero Serra

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Gregory)
 Mass for the People

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

Sunday, Jul 2 | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Victor Comperchio Memorial
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Anne Bryan Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)

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.



A special welcome to the newest members of our Catholic faith community!

Reagan Jane Arena

Greyson Jack Baum

Maryanna Presti Simpson

God's blessings on these children along with their parents, godparents, and families.

Infant baptisms are celebrated on the second and third Sundays of each month.

Contact the Parish Office for details.



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, Jeannette Lefabvre.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Jer 20:10-13/ Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33

MON Gn 12:1-9/ Mt 7:1-5

TUES Gn 13:2, 5-18/ Mt 7:6, 12-14

WED Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/ Mt 7:15-20

THU Acts 12:1-11/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

FRI Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/ Mt 8:1-4

SAT Gn 18:1-15/ Mt 8:5-17

SUN 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

FAITH FORMATION



June 25, 2023 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When I was in middle school, I came upon a group of students who had singled out another student, accusing her of some pretty rotten things. The Lord must have helped me to be brave that day because I decided to step in and defend her. Thankfully, calling them out on their cruelty was enough to fend them off. Thank God for his presence and aid in that moment! In the first reading today, Jeremiah tells of his experience of being betrayed and accused: "All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped [they say]; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'" But Jeremiah does not lose heart, saying also, "the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion." And Jesus' words in the Gospel echo the resolve of Jeremiah when he says: "Fear no one ... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light ... And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." It seems pretty clear, then, that our job is to bring the Good News of Jesus into the world whenever we can and let his light shine forth by our words and actions. We are commissioned to be warriors for Christ who should not fear injury but rather call upon him in our need and trust in his goodness and mercy to render aid.

ENGAGE This world often tells us to do what makes us happy. Let's challenge ourselves to, instead, do what makes us *holy*, as we keep our eyes fixed on the path to eternity.

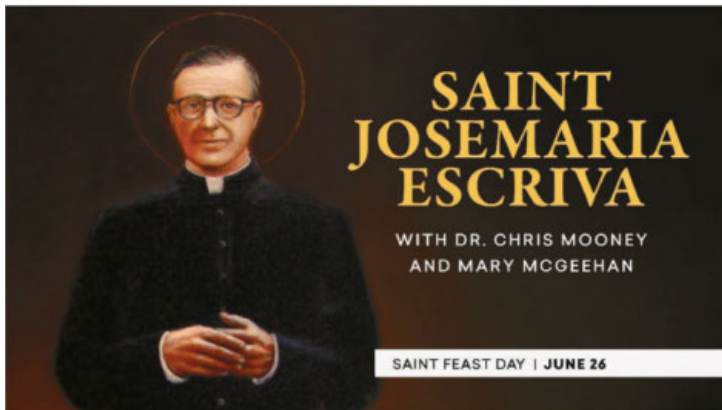
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Stepping into a conflict or situation can be difficult. But we are not meant to do it alone. Yes, we are called to proclaim the Word of God at every opportunity – to let "zeal" for our Father's house consume us, as we heard in the psalm. And the task at hand may seem a daunting one – until we focus on the second part of the Gospel and soak in the depth of the love Jesus has for each of his children. Matthew writes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." We are not alone as we do the work of the Father; rather, we are known and loved by him and strengthened by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. We can feel emboldened by this as we pursue the everlasting gift of heaven.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of June 18, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$4,135.	\$1,892.
Electronic Giving	\$4,613.	\$1,382.
TOTAL	\$8,748.	\$3,284.
Promoting the Gospel	\$860.	\$619.

--- 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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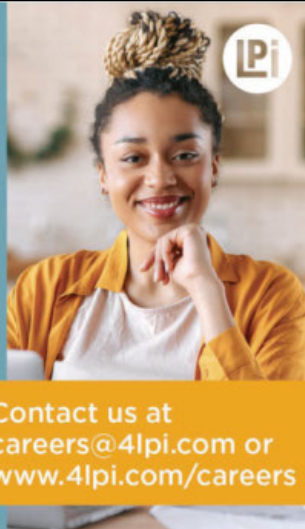


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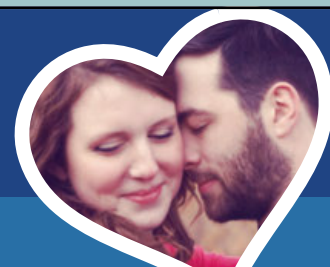
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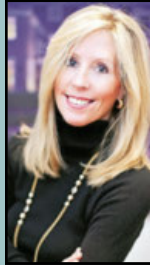
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