

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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September 3, 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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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 observance of Labor Day launches us into the month of September, and for many, marks the conclusion of the summer season. I am hopeful these past weeks have provided occasions for you and your loved ones to share special times together.

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living -- it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. Labor Day provides an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of work which 'anoints' us with dignity; to ask for God's assistance in providing our nation and world with work for all that is decent and fair, and to invite God's help in making us faithful stewards of his creation to the benefit of all humankind.

This holiday is also an opportunity to pray for those who must work in jobs that ignore their dignity and for those who have lost their jobs and are seeking work at this time. Here's a simple prayer you may wish to offer at some point during this holiday weekend...

Eternal God,
on this Labor Day we thank You for the blessing of work, for the strength to complete each day, and for rest when we are weary.

We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.

Amen.

God bless you...

Father Frank Silva

MASS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the "Sanctuary lamp"?

Answer to last week's question:

Tabernacle - The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution of communion to the sick). The word tabernacle means "dwelling place." The tabernacle in the church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Eucharist.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

MAUI RELIEF

THIS WEEKEND - September 2-3

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has given approval for parishes to conduct a special collection in support of the relief efforts taking place on the Hawaiian Island of Maui. Funds raised will support the efforts of the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) seeking to meet the needs of local community members affected by the Maui wildfires. Your prayers will also be much appreciated.

You can support this special appeal by dropping your donation in the baskets found at the church entrance or by using this handy QR giving code.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN -

TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULED

Participation in a **"Protecting God's Children Training Session"** is mandatory for ALL faith formation volunteers and those who serve in various Church ministries. The workshop provides useful information in the protecting of our children and vulnerable adults by equipping those trained to establish safe environments, raise awareness of the signs of abuse, and to know what responsibilities church volunteers have legally as mandated reporters. **Volunteers need only participate once in this program.**

A training session will take place on **Tuesday, September 19, from 6:30-9:30pm in the Catholic Parish Center (70 Monument Square, Concord)**. The training will be led by **Maria Rosen and Tony Carbrello** from the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative Faith Formation Team.

To register for the training, go to Virtusonline.org, choose 'First-Time Registrant', and follow the prompts to complete your registration.

Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



LET IT RING!

LET IT SING!

COME JOIN US!

The **Holy Family Parish Handbell Choir and Parish Choir** begin their weekly rehearsals on **Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 and 7:30 pm respectively**. If you have any questions, give **Jim Barkovic**, the Music Director, a 'ring' at **508-494-4093** or send him an e-mail at: **KapellmeisterJRB@aol.com**.

ST. IRENE WOMEN'S CLUB

The ladies of the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative are invited to join the **St. Irene Women's Club**. The kick-off event for the 2023/2024 year will be a **Pot Luck Dinner on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm in St. Irene Church Hall in Carlisle**. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Annual dues (\$10) will be collected at the dinner. Events scheduled for the coming year include making apple pies and boxwood trees to raise money for local charities, a Christmas Party with a Yankee Swap, a Pizza & Bingo night, an Italian Night dinner, two Soup & Bread Suppers before Stations of the Cross during Lent and outdoor Rosaries, and a year-end banquet in May.



It's time to bake! This month **Open Table** is looking to stock their pantry with baking supplies. Need ideas? How about some...

Salt Baking soda/baking powder
Flour (2 or 5 pound bags)
Boxed baking mixes (including Gluten-free)
Canned frosting Chocolate chips

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



You are invited to join future sessions of **Walking With Purpose**, a **Women's Catholic Bible Study Group**. In the coming year, two studies will be offered: **Fearless & Free (9/20-1/10)** and **Beholding Your King (1/17-5/15)**. **Sessions begin on Wednesday, September 20** and will meet weekly at 9:30 am in the Café area on the lower level of St. Bernard Church (Holy Family Parish, Concord), or remotely via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

+ **Books for the sessions may be purchased online at: www.walkingwithpurpose.com**

+ **To register, email: wwpconcord@gmail.com**

MEN'S GROUP

Our collaborative's **Catholic Men's Group** gathers **every second and fourth Monday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Parish Office Center (70 Monument Square, Concord)**. The purpose of the group is to encourage men to share their faith journeys through informal discussion. **All are welcome**. To receive updates about the Men's Group, send your name and email address to **ConcordCarlisleMensGroup@gmail.com**.



An opportunity to deepen your faith.

The **Cursillo** is a **"little course in Christianity"** that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. **Cursillo** is designed to help Christians renew and strengthen their love of Jesus growing in faith, knowledge, and personal holiness. **Cursillo Weekends** are held at **The Notre Dame Spirituality Center (30 Jeffrey's Neck Road in Ipswich, MA)**.

Dates for upcoming Cursillo are scheduled:

Women's Weekend – September 21-24, 2023

Men's Weekend – November 30-December 3, 2023

For information, **Ellen Rice (efrice1@gmail.com)** would love to tell you more! Or contact: **www.bostoncursillo.org**

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, Sep 2 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)
 Richard Paglia, Sr. Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Mass for the People

Sunday, Sep 3 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Deacon Walter Miles Memorial
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Nancy Skinner Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)

Monday, Sep 4 | Labor Day

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

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Tuesday, Sep 5 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, Sep 6 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Sep 7 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Avery Sullivan Birthday

Friday, Sep 8 | Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 pm **Holy Family**
 Mary Morina Memorial

Saturday, Sep 9 | St. Peter Claver

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Dn. Chuck)
 Claire Mariano Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Bernie Moore Memorial

Sunday, Sep 10 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)

Memorial Masses may be scheduled up to 30 days in advance of the desired date. To do so, contact our parish offices on weekdays from 10 am - 3 pm.



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

Deacon Alfred L. Murphy

Lucia Wier

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

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Labor Day (September 4) is a federal holiday. Mass will be offered on Monday, September 4 at 9:00 am at St. Irene Church in Carlisle. Please note that our parish offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.



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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30
TUES 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37
WED Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44
THU Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11
FRI Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
SAT Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5
SUN Ez 33:7-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

FAITH FORMATION



September 3, 2023 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I am glad I was duped. Yep, the illusionist in the show we attended had me fooled into seeing something one way and it turns out it was completely false. The show was entertaining, and worth the time and expense we invested to enjoy it. And ... it may be the only circumstance where the word “duped” can be used in the same sentence as “glad.” That certainly wasn’t Jeremiah’s experience! His prayer reflects frustration and hurt, and even a little bit of disgust at how he has been treated because of the Lord: “I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.” But then, even in his discontent and disillusion, he holds on to the truth. For right after this rebellious admission, he confesses that the need to prophesy “becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” He knows he was never really duped – there was no lie from the Lord. And the fact is, he believes and trusts in the Lord enough to pray to him in the first place; even in his prayer of lament he is praising the Lord as God and redeemer. Jeremiah’s example is a good one for us: Never lose sight of the Lord as our God. Pray to him; give over our frustrations to him; and allow him to be the fire burning in our heart that we cannot quench.

PRAY Heavenly Father, uncover my eyes and reveal any obstacles keeping me from thinking as you do. Give me the courage to overcome these obstacles, and grant me the strength to take up my cross and follow you, even in the face of difficulty. I ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading today’s Gospel leaves me feeling awkward and even embarrassed for St. Peter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, calling the first pope Satan and telling Peter to get behind him – *super* embarrassing, especially when Peter had good intentions in trying to protect Jesus. What’s the old saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”? There’s another axiom, a little less dire but just as pointed: “People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.” Intentions matter – but how we enact and employ those intentions are important, too. Christ tells us in today’s Gospel, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Faith in God, believing in his promises, and wanting to obey his commandments are wonderful and essential – and they are the foundation of a life lived for Christ. But they are not the entirety of it, and while denying ourselves and taking up our cross is never easy, it is necessary. “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Christ asks. Let’s pray for the grace of pure intentions and the strength to live them in service to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

“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 August 27, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$4,879.	\$3,308.
Electronic Giving	\$3,726.	\$3,762.
TOTAL	\$8,605.	\$7,070.

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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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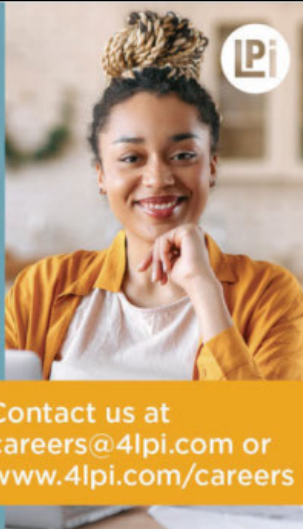


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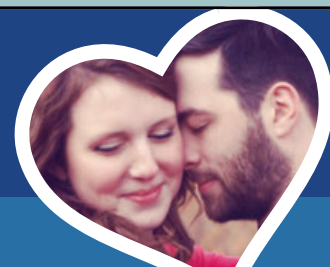
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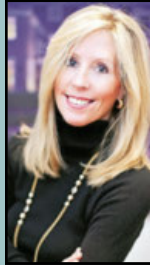
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