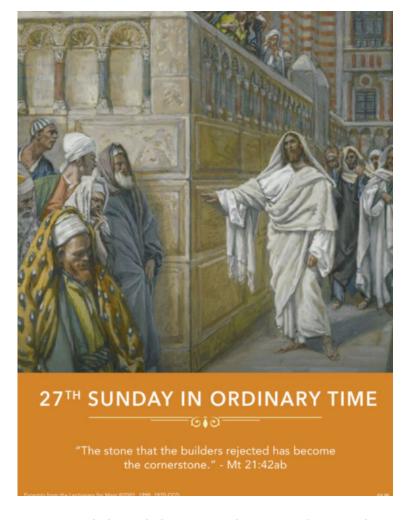
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Holy Family & St. Irene Parishes

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October 8, 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.

CONCORD - CARLISLE CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

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

As announced last weekend, Father Nick and I are inviting parishioners to 'polish up' a bit on their understanding and knowledge of the Mass and, by virtue of that, of the appreciation and gratitude we should all have for the Holy Eucharist.

Every weekend of this month, an insert will appear in the parish bulletin that draws attention to a particular aspect of the Mass. The inserts are the reflections of **Father Brian Mahoney**, Pastor of the Holy Rood Collaborative of Chelmsford and Lowell. We are grateful to Father Brian for his kindness in making his insights available to us.

Last week, Father Brian provided a reflection on why it is important to offer worship to God. His observation that "God's unconditional love for us is shown and discovered in our very act of worship," hits the mark on the significance of the Mass and the invaluable gift God provides us in and through the Eucharist. This weekend, focus is given to the Introductory Rites of the Mass and the often-overlooked importance these simple rites have in gathering the community together for true worship of God.

As we journey through these weeks of our "Mass review," Fr. Nick and I will also take a few moments (either before or at the conclusion of Mass) to provide reflections of our own that, hopefully, will offer additional points for your consideration. Your comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

Lastly, may the words of a most humble parish priest, **St. Jean Vianney,** regarded by the Church as one of its great figures simply because he was faithful, be an encouragement to us all..."If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." God bless you! Fr. Frank Silva

MASS QUESTION OF THE WEEK What is the "Ambo"?

Answer to last week's question:

Monstance and Luna - The Monstrance is a decorative circular stand designed to hold the consecrated host for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration and Eucharistic Processions. The host itself — the Body of Christ — is displayed in a glass-enclosed centerpiece called the Luna.



In recognition of Respect Life Month, parishioners of the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative are invited to attend a presentation and luncheon hosted by the Respect Life Ministry and Knights of Columbus St. Irene's Council on Sunday, October 15 from 12:00-2:00 in St. Irene's Church Hall in Carlisle. The presentation by Leah Gunning and Sylvia Fernandez del Castillo will provide information about Pregnancy Help, a pregnancy resource center of the Boston Archdiocese. Come learn how support is provided women in unplanned pregnancies and how you can support this important ministry. So plans can be made for the luncheon, kindly RSVP by Thursday, October 12 by email to aj.regan@verizon.net or cinreynolds@comcast.net

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

for children and youth



Faith Formation Sessions are underway for children and youth (K through High School). These sessions also include preparation for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration details will be found on the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative website (cc-catholic.org) or by contacting the Parish Office Center.

Wish to assist with our faith formation sessions (catechist, volunteers, etc.)? Contact Maria Rosen (mrosen@cc-catholic.org) or Tony Cabrello (tcarbrello@cc-catholic.org) for details.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION /

SERVICE WORK

Several teens and adults from our parishes recently served dinner at the **Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence**. Joined with the center's other volunteers, 125 people were fed! Our collaborative's **Youth Ministry** has restarted **Mission Opportunities** for the teens in our parishes. Various experiences will be offered on a monthly basis throughout the year engaging in a variety of the works of mercy. **For more information, please visit:** https://cc-catholic.org/youth-ministry.



Join us this **Sunday, October 8,** as **Holy Family's Hospitality/Events Team** provides coffee and donuts **following the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses in St. Bernard's Church**. Be with us for what we hope will become a monthly opportunity for parishioners to mix & mingle and catch up on recent events.

SEASONS OF HOPE

If you have experienced the death of a loved one and are searching for meaning and consolation, you are invited to join "Seasons of Hope." This bereavement group will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm from October 4 through November 15 at the St. Michael Parish Center (90 Concord Road, Bedford). For more details or to register, email pat@bedfordcatholic.org.

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



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20 Lexington Rd., Concord

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or call 978-369-5250

RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS; CONFRONTING SOCIAL BIAS

All are welcome to participate in a discussion on ways to prevent and address social bias in Concord. The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Carlos Hoyt at Concord Academy on Thursday, October 12 from 6:00-8:30 pm. This event is sponsored by the Racial Justice Action Group from First Parish in Concord and the Commission on Institutional Change. For questions, contact Jane Blumberg at jane_blumberg@me.com or call 508-269-9742



This month **Open Table** is looking to stock their pantry with *Gluten-Free* foods, such as baking mixes, boxes of pasta, or boxed side dishes.

Your food donations for **Open Table** can be placed in the food collection bins located at the entrances to our churches. **Thank you!**

Please help comply with Health Department guidelines. **Open Table** can only accept **unopened, non-perishable food** that has not expired. Kindly check the "use by" date before donating. **Thank you!**

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

AMASS SCHEDULE

Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, Oct. 7 | Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am **St. Irene**

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

5:30 pm Holy Family (Fr. Ogazie)

Mass for the People

Sunday, Oct. 8 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Holy Family (Fr. Silva / Deacon Chuck)

John Salvo Memorial

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

Deacon Alfred Murphy Memorial

Nan Stutz Anniversary

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

Aubrey Herbert Memorial

Monday, Oct 9 | Columbus Day -

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

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Thomas R. Rutowski Memorial

Tuesday, Oct. 10

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Kenneth & Rita Valcourt Memorial

Wednesday, Oct 11 | St. John XXIII

12:00 pm Holy Family

Thursday, Oct 12 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Friday, Oct. 13

12:00 pm Holy Family

Albert Kennedy Anniversary

Saturday, Oct. 14 | St. Callistus I

9:00 am **St. Irene**

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

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

John P. Fitzgerald Memorial

Sunday, Oct. 15 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Holy Family (Fr. Ogazie)

Mass for the People

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

Anne F. Evans Memorial

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.

IN MEMORIAM

In your prayers, kindly remember the following for whom a Funeral Mass was recently offered...

Helen M. Geary

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

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Columbus Day (October 9) is a holiday.

Mass will be offered on Monday, October 9
at 9:00 am at St. Irene's Church in Carlisle.

Please note that our parish offices are closed in observance of the holiday.



Tommy Dolan, Liam Sullivan, Ben Niose, 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, Boutwell, Jerrie Jahnke, Roy & Glenna Leduc, Jack Bondurant, Cristina Nunez, Ray Snay, Kent Carlson, Rick Iodine, Christie Bezrah, Arleen and John Balcius, Maura & Crystal Cabral, Maclellan Family, Alexandra Anastos, John Martin, Lily Kuivinen, Joseph and Matthew Smith, Julian Casimiro, Ted, Mary & David Snow, Justin Martel.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

MON Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/ Lk 10:25-37

TUES Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

WED Jon 4:1-11/ Lk 11:1-4

THU Mal 3:13-20b/ Lk 11:5-13

FRI Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Lk 11:15-26

SAT Jl 4:12-21/ Lk 11:27-28

SUN Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or

22:1-10

FAITH FORMATION



October 8, 2023 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Vineyards were important to the socio-economic structure and well-being of the ancient near east peoples. It would be disastrous for someone to plant and then cultivate a vineyard only for it to be overrun by wild grapes. It would have to be destroyed in order for it to be replanted and recover, which would be financially impossible for most people of that era. So when Isaiah prophesies about God's plan for his vineyard - that is, his people, Israel - it is attention-worthy for its radical nature. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord's care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow, and they have devolved into idolatry and disobedience. So the Lord will bring his vineyard to ruin. Here's the good news contained (but unspoken in these verses) in that prophecy, however: The Lord will "start over," with a new covenant. And the Word which he sends forth in his Son will be the vine from which all other branches will arise and flourish. Though he will be killed for his message as prophets and messengers before him were, the Son in his victory over death will be the one who gives us the inheritance other tenants have sought. As Jesus himself says in today's Gospel "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." And on this cornerstone is built our salvation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to love here on our earthly home – fragrant flowers, beautiful sunsets, and compassionate people. Still, it can be a place of great pain and sadness at times. It can be easy to feel angry and resentful when we encounter the imperfections of the world – when we experience heartache, loss, disappointment. Although working in the Lord's vineyard can be both joyful and heartbreaking, it is up to us to do our best to help it produce fruit until it is time to head to our heavenly home. It is our inheritance, as Christ has made us coheirs with him. St. Paul encourages us to "Have no anxiety at all." Surely, that is easier said than done, but the great Apostle tells us that by our prayers and petitions, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PRAY When we pray to God, we should follow the example of the saints who came before us. St. Paul notes: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Our prayers are a time to make requests of God but also should be used for thanksgiving. As St. Paul directs, we should make note of all those things that are true, just, lovely, or otherwise worthy of praise

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAIT



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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1 Peter 4:10

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Week of October 1, 2023

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TOTAL	\$5,018.	\$2,333.
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--- 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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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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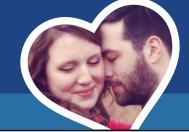
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