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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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October 22, 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

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12 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

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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

Our Concord/Carlisle Collaborative is pleased to welcome **Bishop Peter Nworie Chukwu of the Diocese of Abakaliki in Nigeria, Africa**. Bishop Peter will celebrate this weekend's 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday at St. Irene's Church. The bishop's presence provides us the opportunity to thank him for the ministry of **Father Joseph Ogazie** who offers weekend assistance to our parishes while also serving as the Catholic Chaplain at the Tewksbury State Hospital.

Bishop Peter is with us as we observe **World Mission Sunday**. When I was a boy in grammar school, I was fascinated by the missionary priests who would visit my parish school each year. I was intrigued by the stories they shared about their work in places like Africa. The missionaries would always conclude their visits encouraging us to make sacrifices and to pray that the people they served would come to know Christ and be baptized. God must have heard our prayers!

Africa's 236 million Catholics already make up roughly 20% of the global Catholic population, but they are also the fastest-growing Catholic region in the world. By 2050, it is estimated that African Catholics will make up 32% of the Catholic Church.

How blessed we are to see the fruits of our prayers with the continuing growth of the Church in Africa and other mission lands. I humbly ask Bishop Peter and Father Joseph to encourage their people to pray for us -- as brothers and sisters in the Lord -- that we may see a "re-evangelization" in our own country that will continue to make known Christ's gospel message.

God bless you all...

Fr. Frank Silva

MASS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are the "Holy Oils"?

Answer to last week's question:

Ambry - The Ambry (or Aumbry) is a box in which the holy oils are kept in Catholic churches. It is either affixed to the wall or inserted in the wall of the sanctuary." It is often located near the baptismal font especially in churches with a distinct Baptistry.



By Baptism, Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. The **World Mission Sunday Collection** supports the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America. **The funds gathered are distributed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, visit www.propfaithboston.org.**

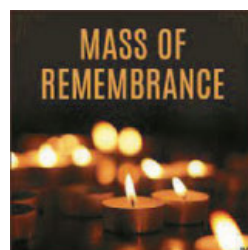
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

**COLLABORATIVE
FAMILY MASS**

Sunday, October 29



A **Collaborative Family Mass** is scheduled for next **Sunday, October 29, at 9:30 am**. The Mass will be offered in **St. Bernard's Church (Holy Family Parish, Concord)**. Children are invited to assist at the Mass as: Greeters, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, and members of a special choir. Parents with children interested in participating in the Mass in any of the roles mentioned above should **contact Maria Rosen at the Parish Office or email: mrosen@cc-catholic.org**. All are welcome! Refreshments will be available in the lower hall of the church after Mass.



Sunday, November 5

Holy Family, Concord

at 9:30 am

St. Irene, Carlisle

at 11:00 am

With the **Month of All Souls (November)** on the horizon, plans are being finalized for the celebration of our annual **Masses of Remembrance** as noted above. Those for whom funerals were conducted this past year in our parishes, will be mentioned in the **Litany of the Deceased** offered during the Masses. Parishioners with **immediate family members who died this past year** and for whom funerals were observed elsewhere, are invited to submit their names for inclusion in the Litany. **Please notify the parish office no later than this Tuesday, November 1.**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



All are Welcome!
TRUNK or TREAT!
Saturday, October 28
1:00-3:00 pm
St. Irene Church
Parking Area

Decorate your car & hand out candy, bring your kids to trick-or-treat, or simply join us for some great fun! Hope to see you there!! If you are attending and/or wish to assist with the event, please notify Maria Rosen at mrosen@cc-catholic.org

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES -

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

The Nineteenth Annotation Retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola is being offered in a group "Zoom format" setting for Catholic adults. The Exercises extend over the course of twenty-three weeks and are loosely aligned with the liturgical year. The sessions will begin on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 and conclude April 17, 2024 with **Mary Ann McLaughlin** and **Deacon Dan Burns** directing the Spiritual Exercises. **For additional information, call 617-686-2287 or email: maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com.** The number of participants will be limited.

CONVALIDATION CELEBRATION



Married couples desiring holy matrimony in the Catholic Church are invited to **convalidate** their marriage on **World Marriage Sunday to be observed on February 11, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston.** Bishop Mark O'Connell will serve as the celebrant of the ceremony. A **convalidation ceremony** is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter into a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. **For more information, contact any of our parish priests or deacons who will be pleased to assist you with the convalidation process.**

DEACON INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Boston Archdiocese is forming a new class of candidates for the Diaconate. The next group of candidates to be admitted into formation sessions will begin classes in September 2024. Men interested in exploring this ministry are invited to participate in a series of **Inquiry Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate.** Information about the application process, as well as a Discernment Day of Prayer, will also be offered. **To receive more information, contact the Archdiocesan Diaconate Office at 617-746-5843.**

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.**

PROJECT RACHEL

The **Project Rachel** ministry in the Boston Archdiocese extends an invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing Retreat** to be held on **November 11 from 9 am to 5 pm.** Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. **For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.**



This month **Open Table** is looking to stock their pantry with **hot or cold cereals -- including gluten-free options.**

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!**

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, Oct. 21 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Bishop Peter Chukwu, Nigeria)
 William Meehan, Jr. Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Dennis Picard Memorial

Sunday, Oct. 22 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Mark McKenna Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Chuck)

Monday, Oct 23 | St. John of Capistrano

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Oct. 24 | St. Anthony Mary Claret

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Donald Clance Memorial

Wednesday, Oct 25 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Oct 26 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Jeffrey Ward Birthday

Friday, Oct. 27 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Oct. 28 | Sts. Simon & Jude

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Gregory)
 Arthur LaPointe Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Judith Melillo Memorial

Sunday, Oct. 29 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Ted, Philip, Alison, Helen & Edward Murphy Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Arturo Nunez Anniversary

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.



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, Bob 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.



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

Marc D. Padellaro

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN IIs 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

MON Rom 4:20-25/ Lk 12:13-21

TUES Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Lk 12:35-38

WED Rom 6:12-18/ Lk 12:39-48

THU Rom 6:19-23/ Lk 12:49-53

FRI Rom 7:18-25a/ Lk 12:54-59

SAT Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

SUN Ex 22:20-26/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

FAITH FORMATION

"I HAVE CALLED
YOU BY
YOUR NAME."
(Is 45:4)

October 22, 2023 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

It strikes me that our readings today are about "belonging." It may seem like a simple concept, but in practice its meaning and ramifications run deep. Picture a young child coming home after a day at school or child care: He or she may even audibly let out a sigh of relief at the familiar surroundings, the presence of Mom and/or Dad, and all that they hold dear. Is it so different for us? We are God's, we belong to him. In the first reading God tells Cyrus, "I have called you by your name." And Jesus says to repay "to God what belongs to God." How do we do that? We, who have been called by name by virtue of our baptism, do this by putting God first in our lives. By loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And by giving him not the leftovers, but the first fruits of our talents, our treasure, and our time. Spend some time in prayer with God today and listen to the words he writes upon your heart.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We have been chosen by God to spread his Good News in the world. We are his witnesses. Sound intimidating? I took comfort in the words from Saint Paul in the second reading: "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." Is it always a "piece of cake" to be Christ's disciples in the world helping to build his kingdom here on earth? No, certainly not. But the knowledge that we are beloved and valuable in the sight of God, coupled with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit, fortifies us for the task. Are we up to the task? Yes. We belong to God now and forever. Let us strive to act like a child of God in all things, and deepen our reliance on the Holy Spirit when things get tough.

WITNESS Today's Gospel acclamation, from Philippians, says: "Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life." There is so much darkness in the world. Make an effort to be the "light" in someone's life this week, whether it be a spouse, a child, a parent, or a co-worker.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of October 15, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$4,632.	\$2,901.
Electronic Giving	\$3,296.	\$1,333.
TOTAL	\$7,928.	\$4,234.

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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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