

# The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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**October 29, 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**

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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

People of faith and goodwill everywhere remain deeply concerned about the volatile situations in the Mideast and Europe. **It remains important for us to continue to pray and promote peace and justice for all of God's children.**

As the situation in other parts of the world remains uncertain, **Cardinal Sean** is asking parishioners in the Boston Archdiocese to be ready and willing to assist in addressing **"a major humanitarian and societal crisis"** that is looming on our home front. This involves **"the fate of immigrants arriving daily in Massachusetts, and in need of basic shelter and compassionate care and welcome."**

In a letter he recently sent to priests, the Cardinal noted there are 7,000 families (approximately 20,000 individuals) being cared for in state-sponsored shelters. That number will grow to 7,500 families by the end of this month. The **Boston Archdiocese** is committed to working closely with agencies in the State to address the short and long-term needs for housing and supportive services. Some assistance has been provided through **Catholic Charities, St. Mary's Center for Women & Children, and the Archdiocesan Planning Office for Urban Affairs.**

**The Cardinal is asking all parishes in the Boston Archdiocese to assist in a collection of winter clothing and necessities for those in need.** These items include: **winter coats, boots, and socks.** The following basic necessities are also welcome: **diapers, toothbrushes (adult & child size), toothpaste, soap, deodorant, mouthwash, combs, lotion, shampoo, washcloths, and Kleenex tissues.**

This effort will involve the **Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society** which manages a storage facility and has the resources to collect and distribute items directly to those in need. **Your donated items can be dropped off at Mass on Sundays, left weekdays at the Catholic Parish Center in Monument Square, or brought directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin located at St. Irene's Church in Carlisle (the clothing bin is emptied every day!).**

While we may not be able to address every local or foreign crisis situation, let us be certain to do our best in what we can with the resources and blessings God has given us.

God bless you all...

Fr. Frank Silva



### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

#### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 1

9:00 am - St. Irene, Carlisle

12:00 pm - Holy Family, Concord

7:00 pm - St. Irene, Carlisle

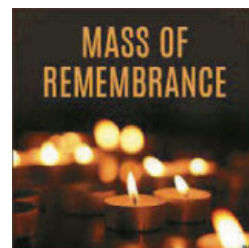
**Sunday, November 5**

**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 are welcome to submit names for inclusion in the Litany of their **immediate family members who died this past year** and for whom funerals were observed elsewhere. **Please notify the parish office no later than this Tuesday, November 1.**

### MASS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**What are the "Corporal, Purificator & Pall"?**

**Answer to last week's question:**

**Holy Oils** - Used in the celebration of the sacraments, the Holy Oils are: **Sacred Chrism** (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders); **Oil of Catechumens** (Baptism); and, **Oil of the Sick** (Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick). The Holy Oils are blessed and/or consecrated each year by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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**.

## UPGRADING YOUR TECH?

### WE ARE, TOO!

Our collaborative's **Faith Formation Ministry** can use and will happily accept donations of **working DVD players** (with the remote control included) and **CD player "boom boxes"**. Please contact **Tony Carbrelo**, our **Youth Ministry Coordinator**, at **tcarbrelo@cc-catholic.org** for more information.

## WHAT JUST HAPPENED IN ROME?

### *And what does it mean for us?*



The historic **first session** of the **Synod on Synodality** recently concluded at the Vatican. **Sebastian Gomes**,

Executive Editor for **America Magazine**, will provide a presentation on the significance of the synod's session next **Sunday, November 5 from 12:30-2:00 pm at the Holy Cross Cathedral (1400 Washington Street, Boston)**. A light lunch is included! **Register and secure your seat by using the QR code provided here.**



## 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.**

## 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.**

## 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 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.** Please note - the number of participants will be limited.



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. 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

## Monday, Oct. 30 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

## Tuesday, Oct. 31 | All Hallow's Eve

9:00 am **St. Irene**

## Wednesday, Nov. 1 | ALL SAINTS DAY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 am **St. Irene**

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

7:00 pm **St. Irene**

## Thursday, Nov. 2 | All Souls' Day

9:00 am **St. Irene**

## Friday, Nov. 3 | St. Martin de Porre

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

## Saturday, Nov. 4 | St. Charles Borromeo

9:00 am **St. Irene**

4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Ogazie)  
Mass for the People

5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Chuck)  
Deacon Alfred Murphy Memorial

## Sunday, Nov. 5 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)  
Mass of Remembrance



*Our prayers and best wishes to the recently baptized and welcomed into the faith community...*

**Vivienne Elizabeth Arpino**

*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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

**MON** Rom 8:12-17/ Lk 13:10-17

**TUES** Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21

**WED** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**THU** Wis 4:7-14/ Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

**FRI** Rom 9:1-5/ Lk 14:1-6

**SAT** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/ Lk 14:1, 7-11

**SUN** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

# FAITH FORMATION



October 29, 2023 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Sometimes I stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. I've even stopped using social media, which at least made me smile when seeing photos of friends and family welcoming little ones or celebrating big milestones. Which brings me to today's Gospel: Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and I feel that there's little, if anything, I can do for people outside of my social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of my struggles with compassion fatigue, a friend recently reminded me of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more – whatever that may be.

**MEDITATE** When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart, and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your *neighbor*..." (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" – and what he asks of us is to love our *neighbor*. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us – our neighbor and community – because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

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## Brother Francis - All Souls Day

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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 October 22, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$3,493.	\$2,667.
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Propagation of the Faith	\$800.	\$637.

### --- 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](mailto: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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