

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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November 5, 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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Office Hours: 10 am - 3 pm - Monday - Friday

Holy Family Parish - Concord

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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

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

Over recent days, a mailing was sent to all registered parish families with information concerning our **2023 Grand Annual Collection**. A letter from me about the importance of the Grand Annual and a **Financial Report for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year** were included in the mailing.

Parishioners who did not receive the information about the Grand Annual are encouraged to contact the Parish Office by phone or email and the materials will be sent to them. You may also find the materials available this weekend at the church entrance.

On reviewing the financial report for this past year, I noted the challenge we face in keeping to a balanced operating budget. **It is becoming necessary to use monies held in reserve for other purposes to meet our financial obligations.** Given the present times, I realize this may be a situation a number of families and individuals are also facing. However, I continue to trust in your goodwill and the generosity you have shown previously in helping to meet the increasing costs of maintaining the facilities and sustaining the programs supporting the mission of our parishes and the Church.

In recent months, a **Collaborative Finance Council** was formed to serve our two parishes. With this new council in place, we will continue to address the financial obligations and concerns of our parishes. And I once again express my gratitude to the members of the former Holy Family and St. Irene's Finance Councils for their oversight and advice.

As your means allow, I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider a generous gift to this year's Grand Annual Collection.

God bless you all!

Fr. Frank Silva

MASS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Answer to last week's question:

The Pall is a square of linen stiffened with starch, cardboard, or plastic that is set upon the chalice to protect the Sacred Blood of Christ from being contaminated by dust or insects. The term is also used for the white cloth placed over a casket at a funeral. The Corporal and Purificator, as noted previously, are also white linens used at Mass to ensure no fragments of the Sacred Species are lost.



In recognition of
Veteran's Day,
our Parish Offices
will be closed on
Friday, November 10.



Cardinal Sean has encouraged all parishes in the Boston Archdiocese to assist in a special **collection of winter clothing and necessities** for those in need, particularly the homeless and recent immigrants. **The items most needed include: winter coats, boots, and socks, along with basic necessities such as diapers, toothbrushes (adult & child size), toothpaste, soap, deodorant, mouthwash, combs, lotion, shampoo, washcloths, and Kleenex tissues.**

Through November 19, donated items can be dropped off in church at weekend Masses, or on weekdays at the Catholic Parish Center in Monument Square. The St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bins are located at St. Irene's Church in Carlisle and at 166 Commonwealth Avenue in West Concord.

Thank you for supporting this special effort!



In Catholic tradition, the **Month of All Souls** is observed throughout November. These days invite us to intercede in a particular way for those who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven.

We invite you to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance** placed near the sanctuary in the church. **The souls of the deceased will hold special mention in our prayers and Masses offered during this Month of All Souls.**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.**

COMMUNION MINISTER TRAINING

Parishioners are able to support their faith community in a significant way by serving as an **Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist** either during Mass or to someone who is Homebound. A once-a-month commitment is often all that is needed to assist with this important ministry. Those interested are welcome to attend a meeting with Fr. Nick on **Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 pm in St. Irene's Church or on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm in St. Bernard's Church (Holy Family Parish)** to refamiliarize you with the purpose and procedures for Eucharist Ministers. Thank you!

TURKEY TRUCK -- 30th ANNIVERSARY!



It is time for our annual **Turkey Truck** benefitting the **Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston**. Frozen turkey donations are preferred due to lack of storage space. **Turkeys will only be collected at the Sunday morning Masses on November 19. Monetary donations are most welcome and can be made by using the QR code provided.** We thank you for your generosity in helping to make this Thanksgiving a special holiday for those in need.



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 tcarbrello@cc-catholic.org** for more information.

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.

SATURDAY MORNING 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!



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!**

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

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)
 Michael Fitzgerald Memorial
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Mass of Remembrance
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
 Mass of Remembrance

Monday, Nov. 6 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Nov. 7 | Election Day

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Shannon Lally Memorial

Wednesday, Nov. 8 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Nov. 9 | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Frank & Stasia Wojtas Memorial

Friday, Nov. 10 | St. Leo the Great

Note: Veteran's Day Holiday Observed

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Saturday, Nov. 11 | St. Martin of Tours

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
 Michael Bembenek Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Francis Jay Flynn, Jr. Memorial

Sunday, Nov. 12 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Gregory)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Joe Riccio Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
 Mildred Lober Memorial

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass offered for a person who is deceased is an ancient and commendable practice. A Mass is offered to pray for a person that he or she may be at peace in heaven. Since each Mass is of infinite value, requesting a Mass to be offered is of tremendous benefit for the person prayed for, as well as for the family, knowing their intention is joined with the prayer of the Church.

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 Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
MON Rom 11:29-36/ Lk 14:12-14
TUES Rom 12:5-16b/ Lk 14:15-24
WED Rom 13:8-10/ Lk 14:25-33
THU Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
FRI Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8
SAT Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Lk 16:9-15
SUN Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

FAITH FORMATION

"The greatest among you must be your servant."
(Mt 23:11)

November 5, 2023 | Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We all want to feel special and be noticed. We see it in Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in the garden after the snake promises "your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods." (Gen 3:5) The scribes and the Pharisees in today's Gospel certainly appear to fall into this category of wanting to be noticed: "All their works are performed to be seen," Jesus says. To be clear, we ARE each unique children of God: chosen by him and called by name. We are "wonderfully made" by the Lord (Ps 139:14), and that alone makes us valuable beyond measure. The problem arises when we begin to see our value as something we are responsible for on our own. We no longer give glory to God and acknowledge him as the fount of all good things. Instead, we are tempted to take credit for ourselves – that was the error of the scribes and the Pharisees, and it is one against which we should guard ourselves.

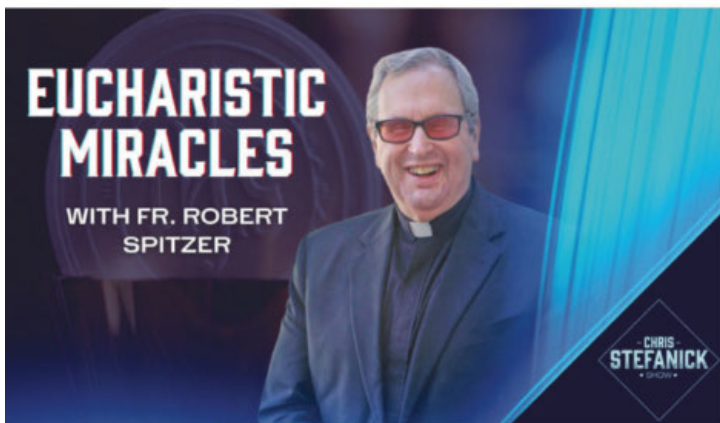
PRAY The *Catechism* calls humility the "foundation of prayer." (CCC 2559) Let us pray this week for the humility to do God's will without any praise or recognition. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know what the Lord wants from us and to joyfully fulfill that call even if it means working in the shadows where no one will notice.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's readings are instructive and, frankly, a good reminder that as God's beloved children baptized into Christ, we are called to a higher standard. What is this higher standard? First, it entails "[giving] thanks to God unceasingly," as St. Paul said in today's reading. It also involves practicing what we preach in a way the Pharisees do not. At the heart of Jesus' message today is telling us, his followers, how we are meant to live. We are to follow Jesus' words and strive to imitate his actions with humility and love. Does this mean loving unconditionally? It does. Does this mean not seeking places of honor but rather having a servant's attitude? It does. Are these postures and attitudes that come naturally to us as human beings? As descendants of Adam and Eve? Perhaps not. But if we wish to make Jesus the master of our lives, let us discern where we can be serving others better and putting our energy into the work of building God's kingdom.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of October 29, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$3,493.	\$2,667.
Electronic Giving	\$4,443.	\$1,343.
TOTAL	\$7,936.	\$4,010.

--- 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!

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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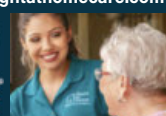


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