

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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November 12, 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

I am pleased to inform you that **Cardinal Sean** recently made a parish appointment of someone who remains in the heart and prayers of many in our Concord-Carlisle Collaborative. The Cardinal has assigned **Father Bill Robinson** as the Administrator of **St. Peter's Parish in Cambridge**.

It was upon his ordination in 2019 that Father Bill joined me in coming to Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes as we undertook pastoral duties for the new Concord-Carlisle Collaborative. Father Bill was with us for three years as he 'learned the ropes' of priestly ministry – providing valued assistance through much of the challenging times of the Covid pandemic. He left us in June 2022 and was assigned to a Team Ministry position for the St. Margaret Mary and St. Denis Parishes in Westwood.

We congratulate Father Bill on his new position and pledge our continued remembrance of him in our prayers. Father Bill's new address is:

Rev. William H. Robinson
St. Peter's Parish
100 Concord Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138

Being less than two weeks into our **2023 Grand Annual Collection**, it is not possible to provide a full accounting of donations received at this point. But we have been receiving mail-in and electronic contributions daily and hope to have an initial report available by next weekend.

As mentioned 'from the altar' and in the information mailed to parish households, **our Grand Annual Collection is very important in helping our parishes to stay ahead of expenses for operations, maintenance, and the like.**

Those in need of information about the **Grand Annual Collection – including the annual parish finance report** – can obtain those materials at the church entrances or by calling the Parish Office Center.

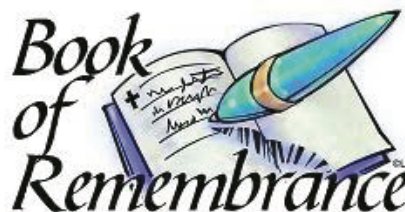
God bless you all!

Fr. Frank Silva

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.



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 of the church. **The souls of the deceased will hold special mention in our prayers and Masses offered during this Month of All Souls.**

Next Weekend - Special Collection RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS FUND

Parishes in the Boston Archdiocese will conduct the annual collection next weekend for the **Retired Religious Sisters**. Since 1988, this collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators, health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. **For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Clothing Drive



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, as well as basic necessities such as diapers, toothbrushes (adult & child size), toothpaste, soap, deodorant, mouthwash, combs, lotion, shampoo, washcloths, and Kleenex tissues.**

Through Sunday, 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. Please mark your donation bags with the label: Homeless & Migrant Crisis.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday, November 18, from 10 am -12:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus will have a truck available in the parking lots of our churches to receive donations for this special collection of winter clothing and necessities.

Thank you for supporting this special effort!

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 this 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.

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 all that is needed to assist with this important ministry. **Those interested are welcome to attend a meeting with Fr. Nick this Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm in St. Bernard's Church (Holy Family Parish) to re-familiarize you with the purpose and procedures for Eucharist Ministers.**

SATURDAY A.M. 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!**

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.**



Open Table's "Most Wanted" items through the Holiday season are Baking Supplies. The list includes: Cooking Oil, Flour, Sugar, Baking Powder, Baking Soda, Brown Sugar, Salt, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ginger, Chocolate Chips, etc.

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. 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

Monday, Nov. 13 | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Nov. 14 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Robert, Louise & Charles Park Memorial

Wednesday, Nov. 15 | St. Albert the Great

12:00 pm **Holy Family**
 Dn. Alfred Murphy Memorial

Thursday, Nov. 16 | St. Margaret of Scotland

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Orion Adey Memorial

Friday, Nov. 17 | St. Elizabeth of Hungary

12:00 pm **Holy Family**
 Andrea Redmond Memorial

Saturday, Nov. 18 | Dedication of the Basilica of

Sts. Peter & Paul

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)
 Julia and John Navarro Anniversary
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Mass for the People

Sunday, Nov. 19 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Celia Mezick Memorial
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Chuck)
 Gladys McDonald Hoag Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)



IN MEMORIAM

Kindly remember in your prayers the following for whom Funeral Masses were offered recently...

William F. Miles

Thomas Proia

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



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 Balcus, 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 Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

MON Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6

TUES Wis 2:23—3:9/ Lk 17:7-10

WED Wis 6:1-11/ Lk 17:11-19

THU Wis 7:22b—8:1/ Lk 17:20-25

FRI Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37

SAT Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8

SUN Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Mt 25:14-30

FAITH FORMATION



November 12, 2023 | Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." *We have hope!* We have hope for our family, for our friends – for our very selves! – that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

PRAY The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of November 5, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$6,517.	\$3,522.
Electronic Giving	\$10,524.	\$1,257.
TOTAL	\$16,041.	\$4,779.

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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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