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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." – Mt 25:21

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November 19, 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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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

The **Boston Archdiocese** and all of our parishes, schools and agencies are joining the United Nations this weekend in recognizing the **World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence**.

Child abuse is a far too frequent occurrence in our society. The numbers are staggering, and the lifelong impact can be profound. We must do all that is possible to intervene - preventing abuse, interrupting and reporting it when it is happening, and helping heal those who have been abused.

Within the Boston Archdiocese, we do this by screening and training our clergy, volunteers, and employees, and by training our youth how to recognize and respond to risks and get help when something is wrong. The archdiocese also provides targeted pastoral care for those who were abused by clergy or other representatives within the

church to assist them with healing. Within our Concord-Carlisle Collaborative, we are fortunate in having our Faith Formation Directors, **Maria Rosen and Tony Carbrelo**, as trained coordinators for our **Child Abuse Prevention Team**.

We ask everyone to join these efforts through prayer, and with kind and compassionate outreach to those who are impacted by abuse, and with full participation and support in our abuse prevention efforts.

To learn more about how you can help, please contact the **Pastoral Support and Child Protection Office** of the Boston Archdiocese at **617-746-5995** or go to **www.BostonCatholic.org**.

God bless you all...

Fr. Frank Silva



This Weekend - Special Collection RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS FUND

Parishes in the Boston Archdiocese will conduct the annual collection this 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.**



Clothing Drive



This Sunday (November 19) we conclude our special collection of winter clothing and necessities for those in need, particularly the homeless and recent immigrants. Items can be dropped off in church at weekend Masses, or at the **St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Bins** 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. We are grateful to the parish members of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and the **Knights of Columbus** for their assistance with the clothing drive.

Thank you for supporting this most special project!



TURKEY TRUCK -- 30th ANNIVERSARY!

Our annual **Turkey Truck** - benefitting the **Crossroads Family Shelter** in East Boston - takes place **this Sunday, November 19**. Monetary donations are also **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.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

2023 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

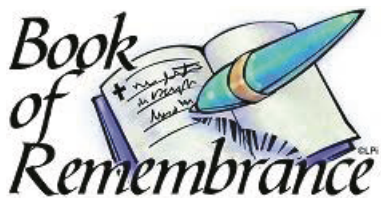
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Holy Family Parish, Concord - \$7,815.

St. Irene Parish Carlisle - \$4,025.

A word of appreciation to those who have made donations thus far to this year's Grand Annual Collection. Your support is important and needed in furthering the ministry of Christ and his Church in our parishes and beyond.

Donations to the Grand Annual can be made by calling the Catholic Parish Center or by going to our collaborative's website at www.cc-catholic.org and clicking the 'donate online' tab.



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.**

WHEN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL

...be sure to **identify yourself as a Roman Catholic** to assure you will receive the pastoral care services afforded to Catholic patients. Many hospitals provide pastoral care services -- this may include the opportunity for Catholics to receive Holy Communion if they so desire.

And, of course, if you are anticipating being hospitalized for whatever reason, or you are facing a serious health situation, know that the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is available by contacting one of our parish priests.



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 Catholic Parish 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.

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. 18 | Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and 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)
 Drago Family Memorial

Monday, Nov. 20 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**
 Matthew Whaley Memorial

Tuesday, Nov. 21 | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Robert, Ann & Joan Keefe Memorial

Wednesday, Nov. 22 | St. Cecilia

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Nov. 23 | Thanksgiving Day

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**

Friday, Nov. 24 | St. Andrew Dung-Lac

NOTE: Time & Place change for today's Mass.

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**

Saturday, Nov. 25 | St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Ellen Roberts Anniversary
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
 Samuel Pietropaolo, Sr & Yolanda Coppola
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
 Eric Davis Memorial

Sunday, Nov. 26 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

Mass will be offered on

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 at 9:00 am at St. Irene's Church in Carlisle.

Please note that our parish offices are closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

MON 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Lk 18:35-43

TUES 2 Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10

WED 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Lk 19:11-28

THU 1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19:41-44

FRI 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ Lk 19:45-48

SAT 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40

SUN Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

FAITH FORMATION



November 19, 2023 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

WITNESS The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of November 12, 2023

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$4,378.	\$1,632.
Electronic Giving	\$3,201.	\$2,340.
TOTAL	\$7,579.	\$3,972.

--- 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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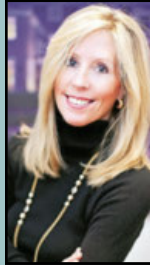
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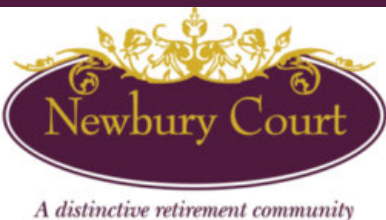
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