

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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**Holy Family &
St. Irene Parishes**
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November 26, 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.

CONCORD - CARLISLE CATHOLIC PARISH CENTER

70 Monument Square

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 Gospel for this weekend's **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, is one of the most vivid parables Jesus spoke. The parable notes we will not be judged on the knowledge we have accumulated, or the fame we have acquired, or the fortune we have gained. **We will be judged on the way we have listened and been present to others, and in the ways we serve Christ in and through others.**

The lesson is crystal clear - God will judge us according to our reaction to those in need. This means being willing to be present and helpful to the people we meet every day - to the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the stranger, the prisoner – to Christ himself!

Over the past several weeks, we have joined with other parishes throughout the archdiocese in responding to a request from Cardinal Sean to conduct a drive for winter clothing and other basic needs for the growing number of homeless, especially immigrants who have recently arrived in our communities. **The response to the Cardinal's request has been tremendous!**

And now, as we make the turn this weekend into the holiday season, we focus on a longtime tradition within our parishes as we undertake our annual **Christmas Outreach**. I am sure this, too, will be a success as we help to make 'the season bright' for those who otherwise may not experience the joy of this special time of year.

A central teaching of our faith is that **we are blessed so that we can share these blessings with others.** God gives us all we have so we can share our gifts and talents, our possessions and wealth, with others. As the wise saying goes, **"All that we have is God's gift to us. All that we become and all that we do with what we have, is our gift back to God."**

May these coming weeks be filled with many joys, surprises, and blessings for you and your loved ones. And may all your days be even more special as you share them in service to others.

God bless you...

Fr. Frank Silva

2023 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Update as of November 12, 2022

Holy Family Parish, Concord - \$25,085.

St. Irene Parish Carlisle - \$19,825.

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.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS' AVAILABLE!

This year we are happy to make available the **"Little Blue Book"** for your journey through Advent and the Christmas Season. A limited number of copies are available while supplies last. The books can be obtained at the church entrances. **Happy Advent!**

ADVENT TEEN BIBLE SERIES

Teens in the parish are invited this Advent Season to take part in a special Bible Series just for them!

The series will explore the use of the good gifts God gives to use and how we sometimes make "gods" out of the gifts themselves. The Bible Series will be held at the **Catholic Parish Center on Wednesdays (beginning November 29) from 7:00-8:00 pm. For information, visit: cc-catholic.org/youth-ministry**



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!**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative

Holy Family & St. Irene's Parishes

Throughout the years, the parishioners of Holy Family in Concord and St. Irene's in Carlisle have undertaken a variety of projects in hopes of promoting a joyous holiday season. These outreach projects have addressed the needs of many people who may not have the resources for themselves or their families enabling them to share in the

happiness of this special time of year.

With your interest and support, we can keep alive the great traditions observed by our parish communities in reaching out to others in the true spirit of the holiday season.

We invite you to consider providing a gift card or making

a monetary donation to any of the following projects or agencies. Your donations can be dropped off or mailed to our parish offices. It is also possible to make donations electronically on our collaborative website. To assure that your generosity will assist recipients in time for Christmas, we ask that you submit your donation no later than December 17. Thank you.

Please indicate on the 'memo' line of your check the agency or project for which your gift is intended. Make checks payable to Holy Family or St. Irene's Parish. Thank you!

GIVING TREE - Holy Family Parish
to assist local individuals and families
(children and teens)

Gift Cards - especially local shops (clothes,
children's toys, etc.)



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Financial donations



BOSTON HEALTH CARE for the Homeless
Gift Cards - CVS, Supermarkets, Target, etc.



CONCORD PRISON OUTREACH
Financial donations

GIVING TREE - St. Irene's Parish
to assist Carlisle's Council on Aging and
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Gift Cards - Walmart, Target, Supermarkets, etc.



OPEN TABLE- Concord/Carlisle Community
Gift Cards - Area Supermarkets



LAZARUS HOUSE in Lawrence
Gift Cards - Walmart, Target, Supermarkets, etc.



PINE STREET INN, Boston
Gift Cards - Target, Walgreen's,
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PRAYER & WORSHIP



Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

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

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.

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)
Bob & Mary Poirier Memorial

Monday, Nov. 27 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**
Frank & Josephine Amendolia Memorial

Tuesday, Nov. 28 |

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

Wednesday, Nov. 29 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Nov. 30 | St. Andrew

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

Friday, Dec. 1 |

- 12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Dec. 2 |

- 9:00 am **St. Irene**
- 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
Mass for the People
- 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
Alan Shaw Memorial

Sunday, Dec. 3 | 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
James McMahon, Phillip Moreau Memorial
- 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
Francis J. Arena Memorial
- 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Gregory)
Clara & Timothy Galvin, Richard Gentile



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, Diane Stack.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
MON Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4
TUES Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
WED Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19
THU Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22
FRI Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
SAT Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
SUN Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

FAITH FORMATION



November 26, 2023 | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery – that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all – even the least among us – are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

INVITATION Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.

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1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Due to early publication deadlines for the weekly bulletin resulting from the Thanksgiving holiday, the report on Weekly Offertory Collections for November 18-19 will not be available until next weekend.

Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

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--- 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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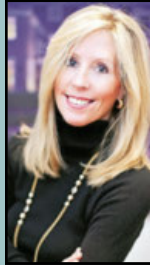
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