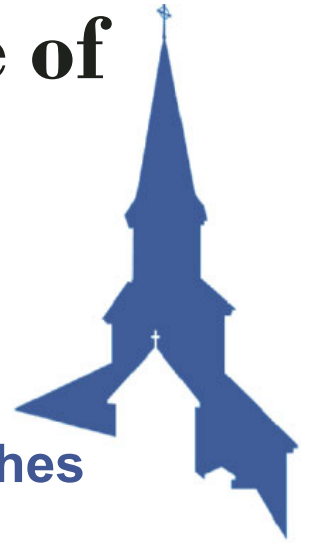


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JANUARY 21, 2024

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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**70 Monument Square
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**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's Church
12 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742**

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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's Church
181 East Street, Carlisle, MA 01741**

Collaborative News

PASTOR'S COLUMN

A couple of months ago, Father Nick and I provided **reflections on the parts of the Mass**. We appreciated the comments received from a number of parishioners about our presentations and the opportunity to clarify the significance of what, why, and how we celebrate the Mass – **the central liturgical service of our Catholic faith**.

Our presentations stressed the important **role of the congregation** in the celebration of Mass by promoting the **active participation of all** by means of acclamations, responses, and songs – as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes. Several questions surfaced from our presentations concerning the appropriate **times for kneeling at Mass**, in particular, during the Communion Rite.

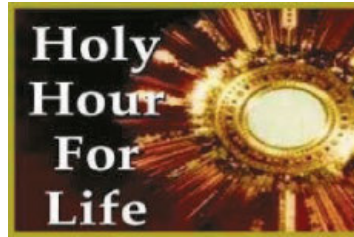
Kneeling is the ultimate **posture of submission and surrender**. In the Catholic Church we genuflect and kneel to indicate – by bodily attitude – total submission of our minds and hearts **to the true Presence of Christ**. It is an exterior manifestation of the reverence inspired by His Presence, especially in the **Holy Eucharist**. Being a posture of adoration, kneeling has been part of the Communion Rite for many centuries. By kneeling after the Lamb of God is sung or recited, the congregation prepares for the moment in which the priest presents to them the Sacrificed Lamb as he proclaims, *“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world...”*.

The **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** states, *“The faithful kneel after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop has determined otherwise.”* (GIRM 43) As is the case in most dioceses in our country, our Bishop (Cardinal O’Malley) has not determined otherwise. Thus, the expected posture following the conclusion of the Lamb of God is that the faithful kneel.

At the moment the priest is about to hold up before the congregation our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist and proclaim, **“Behold the Lamb of God,”** it seems most fitting we be on our knees before the Lord for such a proclamation of faith. In the **Book of Revelation**, when the Lamb of God (Christ) is presented before the throng of heaven, all fall down in worship before him. **The Mass is a participation in this heavenly liturgy.**

God bless you...

Fr. Frank Silva



This Sunday
January 21
5:00-6:00 pm
Forgiveness and Healing
St. Bernard’s Church at
Holy Family Parish

As part of the Archdiocesan observance of the **National Day of Prayer and Penance**, we will pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death; for those who have been wounded by abortion; for those facing death; and for increased holiness in the Church. Please join us. All are welcome!

The service is organized by **Boston Deacons for Life** in collaboration with the **Office of Diaconal Life and Ministry & the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next weekend’s special collection supports the **Church in Latin America (CLA)**. The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other.

See www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

COLLABORATIVE FAMILY MASS



Our next **Collaborative Family Mass** is scheduled for next **Sunday, January 28, at 9:30 am**. The Mass will be offered in **St. Bernard’s Church (Holy Family Parish, Concord)**. Children are invited to assist at the Mass as: Greeters, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, etc. Parents with children interested in participating in the Mass in any of the roles mentioned above should **contact Maria Rosen at the Parish Office (ext. 230)**.

Collaborative News

2023 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Update as of December 31, 2023

Holy Family Parish, Concord - \$126,235.

Goal: \$150,000.

St. Irene Parish Carlisle - \$83,495.

Goal: \$105,000.

Thanks go out to all parishioners who have made donations thus far to this year's Grand Annual Collection. Contributions-to-date reflect just over 80% of the budgeted goals for each parish.

If you have yet to do so, please make your contribution soon to the Grand Annual Collection knowing it will be much appreciated. Thank you!

Donation materials for the Grand Annual can be obtained at the church entrances, by contacting the Parish Office, or by clicking on the "Donate Online" tab at CC-Catholic.org.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Communion Ministry to the Homebound



If you know of a parishioner who is not able come to Mass due to illness or other issues, please call the Parish Office with their contact information. Our **Homebound Ministry** is a group of dedicated volunteers who visit the homebound on Sundays (twice a month) to offer

Holy Communion, prayers, and conversation. For additional information, contact Barb Ewen at beconcord@aol.com or Linda Bentley at linda.m.bentley@comcast.net

WHEN ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL...

Be sure to identify yourself as a Roman Catholic to receive the pastoral care services afforded to Catholic patients. Many hospitals provide pastoral care services -- which, in some cases, includes the opportunity for Catholics to receive Holy Communion if they so desire.

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.

CURSILLO

An opportunity to deepen your faith.

The **Cursillo** is a "little course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Cursillo is designed to help Christians renew and strengthen their love of Jesus growing in faith, knowledge, and personal holiness.

Boston Cursillo Weekends are held at The Notre Dame Spirituality Center (30 Jeffrey's Neck Road in Ipswich, MA).

Dates for upcoming Cursillo Weekends are:

Women's Weekend – February 8-11

Men's Weekend – March 7-10

For information call: Chris Graf at 617-332-5548

Boston Cursillo – www.bostoncursillo.org

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:

A Workshop to Empower Parents

On **Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm**, parents are invited to join a **Zoom panel discussion** on how parents can best support and care for their children and themselves in the midst of mental health concerns. Panelists will be **Dr. Mookie Manalili**, a Catholic psychologist from Boston College; retired psychologist and pastor, **Father Jim Ronan**, and mental health clinician, author, and parent **Suzanne Muldoon**. The panel will address diagnoses, recommendations, and how faith impacts healing. This complimentary workshop is sponsored by the **Archdiocesan Family Life**. For questions, call **Emily Elliott** at 617-746-5756. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/MHMtoParents>



Open Table's "Most Wanted" items this month is soup to warm up our clients during the cold Winter months. The following items can be used: **Beef Stew; Clam Chowder; Hearty Vegetable, Chicken, and Beef Soups; Chili; Canned Pasta Meals; Corned Beef Hash; Broth (Veggie, Chicken & Beef).**

Food donations for Open Table can be placed in the food collection bins located at the entrances to our churches. Thank you!

Prayer & Worship

MASS SCHEDULE

Note: Priest celebrants' schedules are subject to change.

Saturday, Jan. 20 | Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
 Michael Bembenek Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Nancy Hackworth Memorial

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Chuck)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 John Fitzgerald Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)

Monday, Jan. 22 |

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Jan. 23 | Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, Jan. 24 | St. Francis de Sales

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Jan. 25 | Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 Ellen Ward Healing

Friday, Jan. 26 | Sts. Timothy & Titus

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Jan. 27 | St. Angela Merici

9:00 am **St. Irene**
 4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)
 Tara Keegan Memorial
 5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
 Walter Miles Memorial

Sunday, Jan. 28 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
 Mass for the People
 9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva / Deacon Gregory)
 Sally Lanagan Memorial
 11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
 Joseph C. Ksycewski Memorial

— 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!

Mass Intentions

Arranging to have Mass offered for a deceased person is an ancient and commendable practice. The 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.



Joan Quigley, Taylor Family, Juana Castro, Ignacio Casimiro, DR Norton, Kina Castro, Michael Castro, Cristina Nunez, Ray Snay, Julian Casimiro, Juliauna Williams.

PLEASE NOTE:

We have begun to update the names mentioned in the above prayer listing. You can request to have a family member's name mentioned in the listing by calling the parish office on weekdays between 10 am - 3 pm.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20
MON 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/ Mk 3:22-30
TUE 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Mk 3:31-35
WED 2 Sm 7:4-17/ Mk 4:1-20
THU Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Mk 16:15-18
FRI 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Mk 4:26-34
SAT 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4:35-41
SUN Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

Faith Formation



January 21, 2024 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Sometimes I feel like I need a Jonah in my life: someone who will come along and shake things up; someone who will nudge me and say, *hey, you're doing it wrong!* No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It's easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what's important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God's words, by the end of the first day of Jonah's anticipated three-day trek across the city, "the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth." For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren't irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. Who has the Lord placed in our lives in the role of Jonah? How has he blessed us with the ability to receive, and repent where necessary?

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9) is a wonderful way to ask God for this favor. Make it part of your morning or evening prayer for the next week. "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't seem to have obvious prophets like Jonah nowadays, but that doesn't mean God has left us without guides. We have the Church, Christ's body on earth, and the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus selected his first followers: men who would become the Twelve Apostles, anointed to spread his word and speak in his stead even after Jesus left the earth. We know that there were other followers: men, women and children who became his disciples; Jews and Gentiles who were baptized. We are part of that apostolic tradition, each one of us baptized into the common priesthood "exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace – a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit." (CCC 1547) The call to holiness can be hard to hear in the din of today's busy and secular world, but it is not impossible. We can pray for the grace to hear how God is asking each of us to live out his commands and proclaim the Good News to the world.

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Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of January 14, 2024

	Holy Family	St. Irene
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Electronic Giving:	\$3,266.	\$2,390.
TOTAL:	\$7,053.	\$4,483.

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By making your contribution electronically on a regular basis, you help our parishes to better manage current expenses and determine a realistic yearly budget. You can register for the **Online Giving** option on our collaborative's website (www.CC-Catholic.org) or by contacting the parish office for details. Thank you!

Sacrament & Administration 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 a day and time.

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