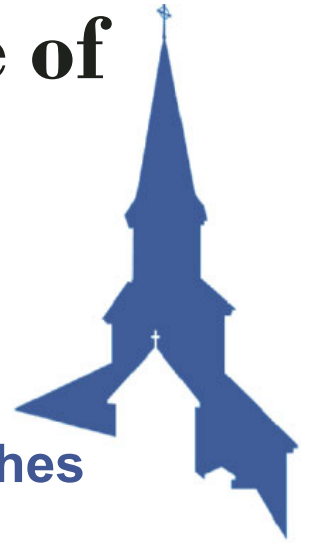


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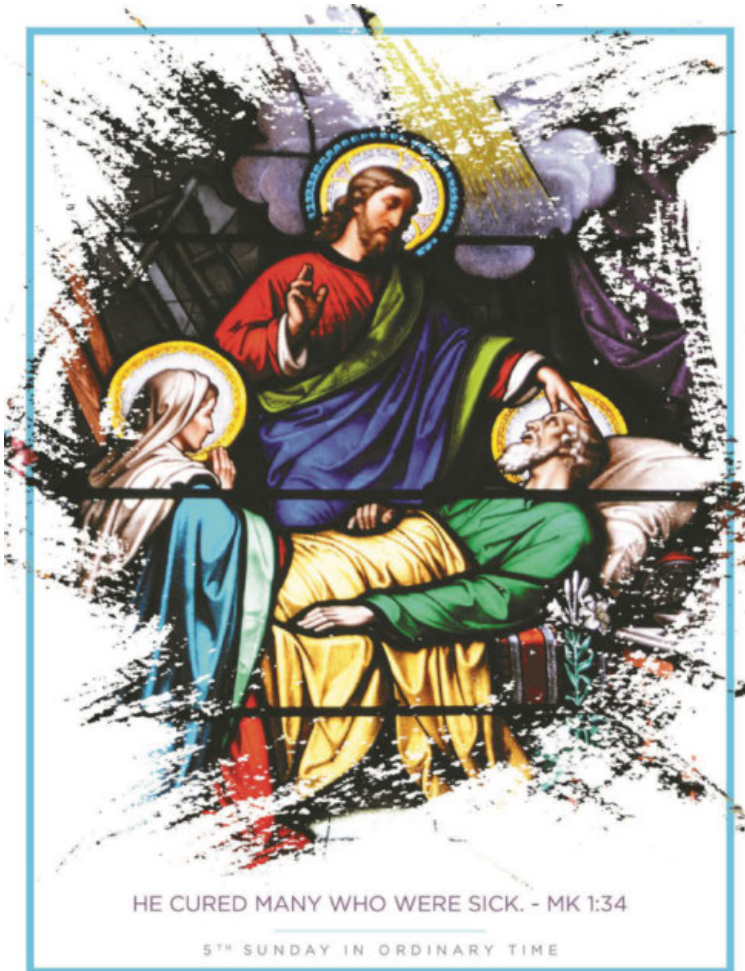
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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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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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**

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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

As I announced at our Sunday Masses last weekend, upon observing my 75th birthday this May, Cardinal Sean will grant me "Senior Priest" status. With this designation, I will be resigning as Pastor of the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative.

Does this mean I will be going into 'retirement'? The answer to that question is "yes and no." Those who are parents have a sense as to how this works. Once you become a mother or father, you remain a parent regardless of the age of your child. Your parental vocation is forever. The obligations you have as a parent may change as your child grows and matures, but you will always be a "mom" or "dad." A priest, too, does not ever retire from his vocation. His vocation as a priest is forever!

However, as a "Senior Priest," I would not be assigned as a Pastor but would be available to assist in a parish or other church-related setting. There I could offer Mass, provide the Sacraments, and engage in ministries in which I would be interested and willing to assist. Where I reside would also be my choice (a parish, a family home, Regina Clergy (our archdiocesan residence for senior priests), etc.). Over the coming months, it is to these matters to which I will be giving thought and prayer before my designation as a "Senior Priest" becomes effective sometime in the spring.

Presently, of course, I continue with my commitment to the day-to-day obligations as Pastor of our collaborative. In doing so, I am fortunate in having a fine and dedicated clergy and lay staff along with a core of many faith-filled parishioners engaged in service to our parishes. Whomever the Lord intends to succeed me as Pastor will be blessed to have their assistance.

The appointment of a new Pastor for the Concord-Carlisle Collaborative remains with Cardinal Sean. Before submitting names of priests to the Cardinal for his consideration as Pastor, the Clergy Personnel Board will review information about our parishes and, most likely, will conduct a visit to the collaborative for a meeting with Pastoral and Finance Council Members and staff. As this process gets underway, your prayers will be much appreciated.

For now, join with me as we draw close to observing the grace-filled Season of Lent and look forward to celebrating the Paschal Mystery of our Lord with a joyous Easter!

God bless you all...

Fr. Frank Silva

THROAT BLESSING

**In honor of St. Blaise,
Bishop and Martyr,
the Blessing of Throats
will be offered following
all Masses this weekend.**



Ash Wednesday

To begin your planning for Lent, we offer you the following schedule of services for Ash Wednesday. A more complete schedule of Lenten services and devotions will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

9:00 am - Mass at St. Irene Church, Carlisle

12:00 pm - Mass at St. Bernard Church

Holy Family Parish, Concord

4:30 pm - Liturgy of the Word

at St. Irene Church, Carlisle

7:00 pm - Mass at St. Bernard Church

Holy Family Parish, Concord

***The Blessing and Distribution of Ashes
will take place at all the above.***

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?



If you are heading to warmer climates this winter season, we ask that you please continue with the faithful financial support of your parish even while you are away from home. A way to do so safely and securely is through electronic / automatic giving. This can be arranged by clicking on the Donate Online tab found on our collaborative website (www.CC-Catholic.org), or by contacting the parish office for details. **Thank you for your support and safe travels!**

Collaborative News



A special welcome to the newest members
of our Catholic faith community!

Charlotte Jean Browne
Connor Daniel Browne
Mason Everett Sullivan

Please keep the above children, their parents,
godparents and families in your prayers.

FIAT

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to their next **Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 pm**. The month's topic will be "Learning about Religious Life as part of a Contemplative Community, Monastic Community, Apostolic Community and Missionary Community." If you are interested in attending, please **contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or call 617-746-2025** for more information and the link to the meeting.

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WITH GRATITUDE...



Our **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** expresses gratitude to all who made contributions to the Christmas Giving Tree. Your generous donations support continued efforts to provide direct assistance to our neighbors in need for housing, utilities, food, clothing, and

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*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



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, Feb. 3 | St. Blaise

9:00 am **St. Irene**
4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
Grace Alpert Memorial
5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
Millie Arena Anniversary

Sunday, Feb. 4 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
Mass for the People
9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
Nancy Mara Memorial
11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Chuck)
Virginia Motte Memorial

Monday, Feb. 5 | St. Agatha

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Feb. 6 | St. Paul Miki & Companions

9:00 am **St. Irene**
Arturo Nunez Anniversary

Wednesday, Feb. 7 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Feb. 8 | St. Jerome Emiliani

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

Friday, Feb. 9 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Feb. 10 | St. Scholastica

9:00 am **St. Irene**
4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Gregory)
5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
Mary Burtis Anniversary

Sunday, Feb. 11 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Silva)
Brendan Joseph Driscoll Anniversary
11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano)
Mass for the People

— 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!

IN MEMORIAM

Kindly remember in your prayers the following for whom Funeral Services were observed recently...

John Moriarty
Robert McHugh
William H. Harkins, Jr.

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



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



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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
MON 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56
TUE 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13
WED 1 Kgs 10:1-10/ Mk 7:14-23
THU 1 Kgs 11:4-13/ Mk 7:24-30
FRI 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
SAT 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
SUN Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Faith Formation



February 4, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Why me? It could be a flat tire, a lost job or a serious illness. When inconvenient, unpleasant or even downright horrible things happen, it is understandable to wonder why God allows it. I know that is what goes through my head in extreme adversity. God can do all things, so why wouldn't he change "this thing" for me? In the Gospel, we see Jesus curing Simon Peter's mother-in-law of her illness, but many of us don't have our prayers answered like that. Instead, we may relate more to Job in today's first reading when he says life is a "drudgery" and he "shall not see happiness again." The reality is that God's ways are not our ways, so we can't know why some people endure hardship while others receive miracles. But we can change how we respond to those hardships when they arrive. Just as this passage from Job is understood better within the context of the whole book, discrete events in our lives are part of something larger than ourselves. Praying with Scripture, including reading more of Job, can help us understand how God is molding, refining, and yes – always loving us.

PRAY Offering up our sufferings and difficulties is a way to participate in the redemptive work of Christ. It is a simple way to pray and can keep our focus on God throughout the day. There isn't any one specific prayer for doing this. Instead, when something unpleasant or painful happens, take a moment to acknowledge it and give it to the Lord. It can be as simple as saying, "Lord, I am happy to endure this for the benefit of others." You may want to insert a specific intention or offer it for the souls in purgatory. It's not always easy – especially when your suffering is great – but give it a try this week.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we are tempted to feel like Job is a good time to embrace the age-old practice of "offering it [suffering] up." As a child, my parents explained that offering it up meant I was telling God I would happily suffer in exchange for it helping someone else. What does this really mean? Everything stems from our being united to Christ in our baptism and being participants in his priestly, prophetic and royal office. We offer ourselves, our whole being, including our worship, praise, joy, gratitude, bodies and even sufferings to God as sacrifice. So, to "offer it [suffering] up" is a powerful way of taking a bad situation and allowing it to be used for something good; to give our inconvenience, pain and grief to the Lord and ask him to unite it to Christ's suffering for the good of others. It is a redemptive act, a form of love-in-action. St. Paul is a great example of someone who suffered gladly, and in today's second reading he shares that "to the weak [he] became weak, to win over the weak."

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Peter 4:10

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Electronic Giving:	\$2,771.	\$2,291.
TOTAL:	\$7,512.	\$6,028.

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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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