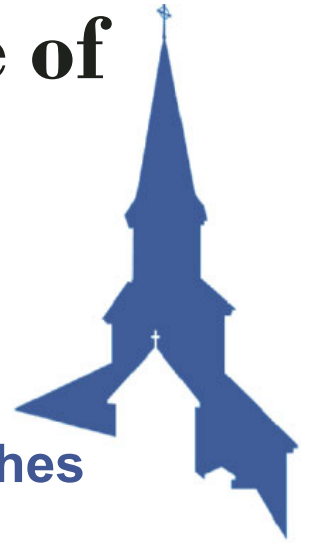


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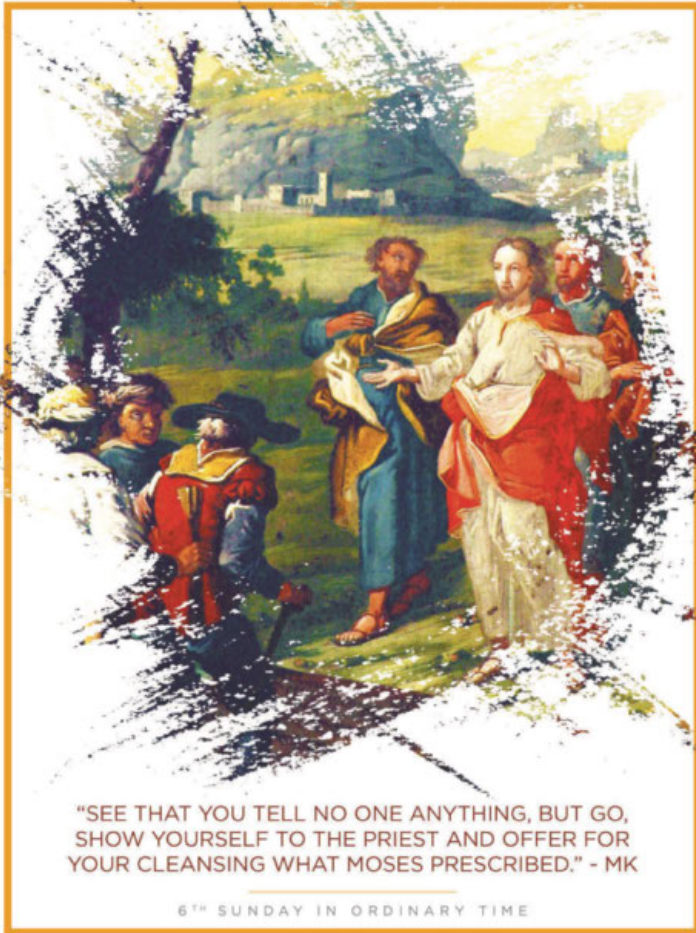
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We happily welcome you to our community. We invite new members to introduce themselves to a member of our Parish Staff. We wish to know and serve you. We also pray you will become involved in our faith community by joining us with your prayers, presence, 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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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

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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.*

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION CATHOLIC CHARITIES

At all Masses and Services on Ash Wednesday, a special collection will take place for **Catholic Charities Boston** — one of the largest social service non-profit organizations in Massachusetts with over 70 programs helping to serve our neighbors, regardless of religion, race, gender, age, disability, or ethnicity. Please be generous.



**March 5-7 at 7:00 pm
St. Irene's Church, Carlisle
Plan now to join us!**



STATIONS of the CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT at 7:00 pm

St. Irene's Church, Carlisle

Feb. 16 *, March 1, & March 15 *

St. Bernard's Church (Holy Family), Concord

February 23, March 8, & March 22

* Preceding the Stations of the Cross, St. Irene's Women's Club will host Soup & Bread from 5:30-6:45 pm in the St. Irene Church Hall. All are welcome!

2024 LENTEN PROJECT

Water Needs of the Diocese of Abakaliki



Among the customary devotional practices that help to enrich our lives of faith during Lent, we are also encouraged to undertake special projects of sacrifice that benefit the poor and needy, locally and beyond.

Our special parish project this Lent will be to provide funds to construct water wells for two communities in the diocese of Abakaliki in Nigeria, Africa (Fr. Joseph Ogazie's home diocese). A member of our Collaborative's Environmental Ministry, which is helping to coordinate this effort, will provide a brief presentation about this project at all Masses this weekend. Stay tuned for additional details!!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE



Throughout the Lenten Season, **Confession** will be available every **Friday** before the Stations of the Cross from **6:00-7:00 pm** and every **Saturday** following the 9 am Mass from **9:30-10:30 am**.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

Available this weekend!

Many have found the value of taking a few minutes of quiet time every day throughout the 50 days of the Lenten Season. A great way to do this is by using the **Little Black Book** for your prayer and reflection.

A limited supply of these books is available — they go fast! So be sure to take home your copy today!!

Collaborative News

PASTOR'S COLUMN

As you read these words, I will have recently returned from making my annual retreat. The days spent in prayer and renewal with my brother priests was a most special time. Thank you for the prayers you offered for us and know you held a particular mention in our prayers and Masses as well.

The time of year has arrived for all Christians to **'go on retreat'** as we embrace the disciplines of **LENT**. You will note in this bulletin the opportunities provided -- as individuals and as a community -- to make the Lenten Season the period of spiritual renewal it is meant to be. Do your best in applying yourself to our traditional Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Believe me...they work and will draw you closer to appreciating God's mercy (his very love) for you.

By now, some parishioners may have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting early support for the **2024 Catholic Appeal**. I hope you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift. One of the most meaningful ways for us to further the impact of the parishes, schools, and ministries in the Boston Archdiocese — and move **"Forward in Faith"** — is by supporting this annual appeal.

God bless you...

Fr. Frank Silva

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE RULES for Ash Wednesday and Lenten Fridays

"Fasting" is the word used when the amount of food eaten is limited. **"Abstinence"** is when you completely give something up, like meat, for a set period of time. Both "fasting" and "abstinence" play a role during Lent.

Catholics age 14 and older do not eat meat on **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays during Lent**, including Good Friday.

On **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, Catholics **age 18 to 59** also limit the amount of food they eat. Only one full meal, and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, are eaten. The best rule of thumb is to make sure your meals are smaller than what you would eat on a normal day and to avoid snacks. Exemption is allowed for pregnant women and those who need regular meals for medical reasons.

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:

Men's Weekend – March 7-10

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

Boston Cursillo – www.bostoncursillo.org

2024 HOLY FAMILY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Oops! Holy Family parishioners who contributed through the online platform WeShare during 2023 may have noticed an inconsistency in their giving statement due to a problem exporting fund information into the donation letters. Apparently, a portion of the year did not download into our database, and due to the volume we did not notice the inconsistencies. We apologize for this error. You can at any time download your 2023 giving history through your personal account in WeShare, which are acknowledged and used for tax purpose, or you can contact the office and we will download the information and send it to you.



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. 10 | St. Scholastica

9:00 am **St. Irene**
4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Gregory)
Roman Bembenek Memorial
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

Monday, Feb. 12 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Tuesday, Feb. 13 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**
Estelle Judd & Paul Ricard Memorial

Wednesday, Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday

Blessed Ashes distributed at the following times...

9:00 am **St. Irene**
12:00 pm **Holy Family**
4:30 pm **St. Irene** (Service of the Word)
7:00 pm **Holy Family**

Thursday, Feb. 15 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**
James, Hazel & Kevin Thompson Memorial

Friday, Feb. 15 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, Feb. 17 | Founders of the Servite Order

9:00 am **St. Irene**
4:00 pm **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)
Walter Miles Memorial
5:30 pm **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano / Deacon Chuck)
Mass for the People

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Ogazie)
Nate Lindgren Anniversary
9:30 am **Holy Family** (Fr. Stano)
11:00 am **St. Irene** (Fr. Silva)

— 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 offered recently...

Robert Rush

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	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
MON	Jas 1:1-11/ Mk 8:11-13
TUE	Jas 1:12-18/ Mk 8:14-21
WED	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THU	Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25
FRI	Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
SAT	Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32
SUN	Gn 9:8-15/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Faith Formation



February 11, 2024 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 | Mk 1:40-45

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

The leper in today's Gospel was not only severely ill, but he was also barred from practicing his faith. Because he was considered unclean, he could not enter the temple to worship. It is no wonder he did everything in his power to find Jesus and beg him for healing. And heal him Jesus did, both body and soul. According to commentary on this passage from the USCCB, "In curing the leper, Jesus assumes that the priests will reinstate the cured man into the religious community." It seems to me that this Gospel is about faith, and about love. The leper had great faith that Jesus could heal him, and the great love of Jesus for this man moved Jesus to go against mosaic law by touching and healing him. When we read the Scriptures we are reminded over and over again how much God loves us. Let us allow this knowledge to sink into our hearts and change us. When we begin to reflect God's love to those around us, we will find that our lives are filled with his peace. Give it a try: Love as Jesus loves.

ACCOMPANY How do we love as Jesus loves? Accompany another. Perhaps there is someone in our lives with whom we can walk alongside on their journey of faith. It need not be intimidating; as Christian disciples we already possess the tools we need to accompany: listen, love, share and pray.

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The Gospel is about Jesus' love, and it's also about great faith. Faith is a theological virtue that involves believing in God and everything he has said and revealed. It is a free gift from God, and with the help of his grace, faith is the foundation of our personal and communal relationship with our Triune God. As God's children baptized into the Body of Christ, we can root everything we do in faith so that all of our actions point to God and to building his kingdom. How do we do this? It's hard to say it much better than Paul does in his letter to the Corinthians today: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

Week of February 4, 2024

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In	\$12,351.	\$3,278.
Electronic Giving:	\$3,198.	\$225.
TOTAL:	\$15,549.	\$3,503.

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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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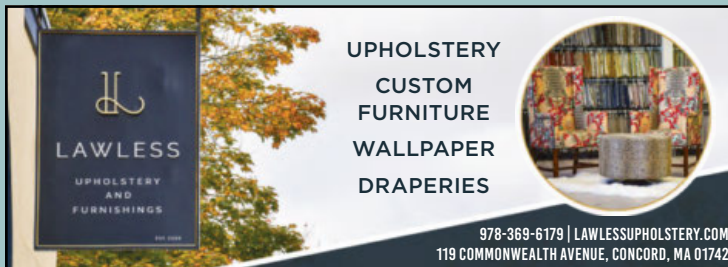
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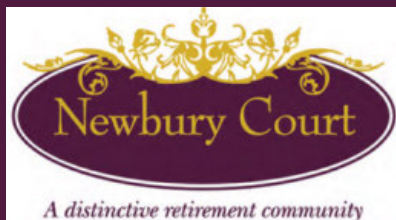
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