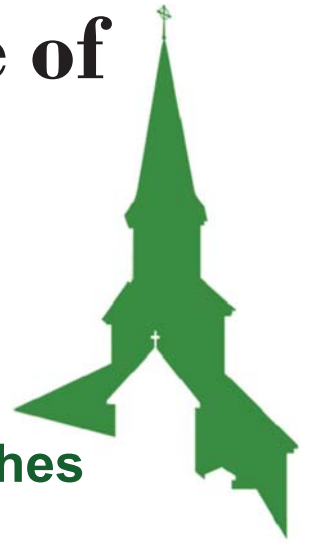


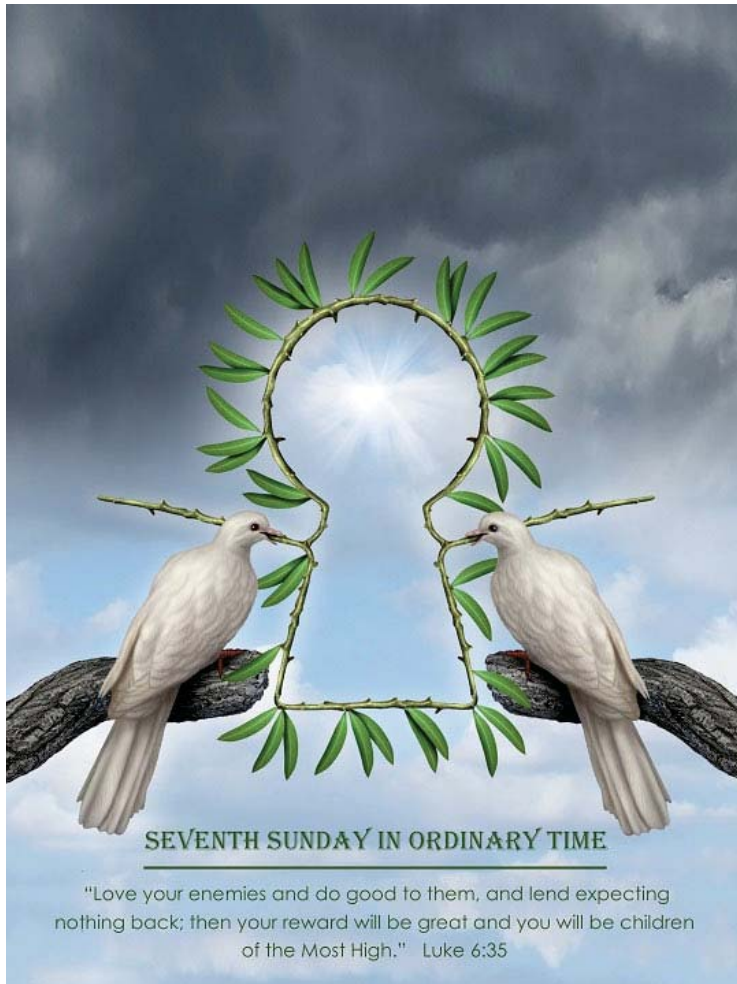
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FEBRUARY 23, 2025



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High." Luke 6:35

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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HOLY FAMILY PARISH - CONCORD

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

ST. IRENE PARISH - CARLISLE

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

From Fr. Dave:

REPEATED LETTER from Last Week

OF MANY THINGS COMING SOON . . .

- I will be receiving the Archdiocesan report of the Audit of Holy Family Parish and Saint Irene Parish on February 20 th. Both the Parish Council and Finance Council will be getting this report. And it will be available to be read in the parish office. The report is about 40 pages long.
- Even with the great assistance of Fr. George Collins SJ, helping with one weekend Mass, the Mass schedule needs to change. I want to hear from you and get your input. So, we will be having Listening sessions 2.0, four times:
 - A. Wednesday Feb. 26 after the Noon Mass in Saint Bernard's Church
 - B. Thursday Feb. 27 after the 9AM Mass in Saint Irene Church
 - C. Saturday Mar. 1st after the 5:30PM Mass in Saint Bernard's Church
 - D. Sunday Mar. 2nd after the 11AM Mass in Saint Irene's Church**This will also be an opportunity to address false rumors popping up. Please plan on attending one of these sessions.**
- There will also be a parish survey being conducted to get your input starting in early March.
- For the Holy Season of Lent we will have a special flier listing all the Lenten activities and Holy Week Easter schedules. Sadly, because of the 250 celebrations in April all the Holy week services will be held at Saint Irene's Church. Three Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at Saint Bernard's Church.
- Finally, once again, our collaborative will be devoting our financial help during Lent to building water wells in Africa. Members of our Environmental Committee will be speaking at all Masses the first weekend in March to explain the program.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Dave

Fr. Dave

Pastor

Very Reverend David O'Leary, VF, S.T.L., D.Phil.



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Tuesdays, 7PM Starting February 25th, 7PM, Saint Irene's hall and continues for the Tuesdays in March, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

For those who want to be full members of our Catholic Family, those who were not Baptized into the Catholic Faith or Baptized in another Christian Church.

Please call Fr. Dave O'Leary to sign up for these sessions.



MASS
LECTORS

EUCARIST
MINISTERS

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and those who want to learn of these great ministries of service.

Join us for the next Evening of Reflection, Training and Up-dating of Procedures:

- Wed, February 26th, 7PM in Saint Bernard Church

CONCORD-CARLISLE CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE		
ASH WEDNESDAY		
HOLY FAMILY PARISH	March 5th	ST. IRENE PARISH
SCHEDULE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12:00 pm Mass• 7:00 pm Mass Ashes will be distributed at all services.		SCHEDULE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 am Mass• 4:00 pm Children's Service Ashes will be distributed at all services.
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Prayer for our Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative

Gracious God, Creator of all, we ask your blessing on our Concord-Carlisle Collaborative. Send forth the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit upon our communities. Help us to welcome and extend hospitality to all people, especially to those who are hurting, afraid, alienated, and alone.

Help us to reflect Jesus' love and joy in all we do, so that our neighbors, families and friends may be so moved that they will join us around the altar in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We pray this in the name of the Holy Family and through the intercession of Saint Irene and Saint Bernard and under the guidance of Mary our Mother,

Now and forever more.
Amen.

Collaborative News



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Concord Council #287, Concord MA
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St. Irene Parish Round Table, Carlisle MA
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Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Monument Hall, 62 Monument Sq., Concord MA.

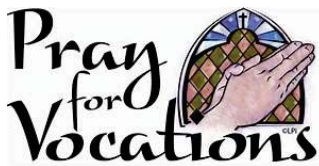
- 18 Feb, 6-8pm, Cor Mtg. Monument Hall
- 15 Mar, 5-9pm, St. Patrick's Dinner, Monument Hall

Sobah Camel Recovery Meetings

We meet Monday - Friday from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at 62 Monument Square in Concord to help with all anxieties in all stages of AA recovery.

- Monday - Big Book
- Tuesday - 12 Steps
- Wednesday - Living Sober
- Thursday - Optional Reading
- Friday - Speaker Meeting

Please feel free to email January any questions you may have at: JanuaryG1988@yahoo.com



Millions of Monica's Upcoming Dates

- May 2 - 7 pm - St. Irene, Carlisle
- June 6 - 7 pm - St. Irene, Carlisle



The Women's Scripture Study is welcoming new members to join our group on Mondays, at 10 AM, in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Center at 978-369-7442 to leave your contact information, and we will be in touch with details. Thank you.

NURSE JEAN CAN HELP...

Parish Nursing and Health Ministry is a Parish-based ministry, which cares for the whole person — body, mind, and spirit. This ministry arises from the needs of our Community. Contact Jean today!!!

978-369-7442 x 235 or jgifford@cc-catholic.org

You can find Nurse Jean from 10 am - 2 pm in the New Year!

Concord - Fri, Feb. 28
Carlisle - Wed, Feb. 26

Nurse Jean's Tips from the Heart

Tips for those winter days.

- Continue the acts of kindness.
- Be careful shoveling the snow.
- Before bedtime, reflect on 4 positive things you did during the day.
- Most of all, "be kind to yourself"

If I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to call, email or visit. (Wed. St. Irene 10-2pm, Fri. Holy family parish center 3rd floor 10-2pm)

Be well, Nurse Jean

Jean Gifford RN, BSN, PMH-BC



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Please note: This is an Amazon Wish List. All orders placed using the Amazon wish list will be delivered directly to the Shelter; donations will not be accepted at the Parish Office.



Open Table's "Most Wanted" items for the month of February are: Thick Hearty Soups and all broths. 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

Saturday, February 22 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

4:00 pm **St. Irene**

Mass for the People

5:30 pm **Holy Family**

Sunday, February 23 |

8:00 am **Holy Family**

Mary Kemp

Memorial

9:30 am **Holy Family**

Frank Ricciardone

Memorial

11:00 am **St. Irene**

Monday, February 24 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Francis J. Arena

Memorial

Tuesday, February 25 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, February 26 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

John Forde

Memorial

Thursday, February 27 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

Friday, February 28 |

12:00 pm **Holy Family**

Saturday, March 1 |

9:00 am **St. Irene**

4:00 pm **St. Irene**

Mass for the People

5:30 pm **Holy Family**

Roland Paulino

Memorial

Sunday, March 2 |

8:00 am **Holy Family**

9:30 am **Holy Family**

11:00 am **St. Irene**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Spending time in Adoration is spending time in the presence of the real God. Adoration is starting in the fall, Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm at the Parish Center. All are welcome!

No sign-up is needed.

ADORERS NEEDED Do you have an hour in your week to sit with Christ and receive the blessings of Eucharistic Adoration? We need volunteers present during the duration of adoration. If so, please email sallyannq@gmail.com or call the parish office.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Joan Quigley, Taylor Family, Juana Castro, Ignacio Casimiro, DR Norton, Kina Castro, Michael Castro, Cristina Nunez, Ray Snay, Julian Casimiro, Juliauna Williams, Jace Williams, Jonathan Miller, Ted and Mary Snow, Joseph Donnelly, Lucrecia Choto, John Barbadoro, Gert Sullivan, Greg Symko, Henry Johnson, Julian Perez, Randi Tartaro, JoAnn Pozericky, Vanessa Duffy, James Walter, William Hutchinson, David Mello, Fatos & Raimonda Beqari.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Feb 23	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
MONDAY Feb 24	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
TUESDAY Feb 25	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
WEDNESDAY Feb 26	Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
THURSDAY Feb 27	<i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
FRIDAY Feb 28	Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
SATURDAY March 1	Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME March 2	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Pilot Bulletins



Faith Formation



February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

Written by
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DISCIPLE

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

"Love your enemies" may be one of the most oft-quoted verses of Scripture. We tend to think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because *God* loves his "enemies" – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him *while they were crucifying him*. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – "God loves and forgives *me*" – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father's heart.

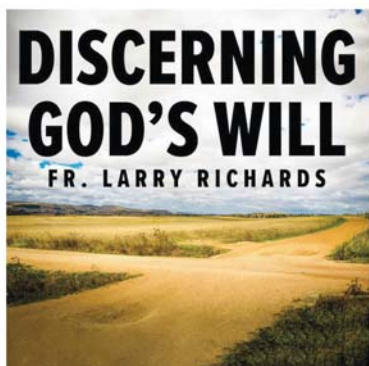
PRACTICE

This week, go out of your way to find opportunities to love even when it's difficult. Do your best to be conscious of your intentions, even in the moment, by asking God for the grace to love generously and by offering your act of love to him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God's call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What's required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even when it's difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.



Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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Weekly Offertory Collection

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
Peter 4:10

Week of February 16, 2024

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church :	\$1,264.	\$1,090.
Electronic Giving:	\$2,261.	\$1,270.
TOTAL:	\$3,525.	\$2,360.



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)
Saturdays - 1:00-2:00 pm (Holy Family, Concord)

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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We seek to provide support to individuals and families in the Concord-Carlisle community who are in need of short term assistance and support possibilities.

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