

The Catholic Collaborative of CONCORD-CARLISLE



MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Family Parish – Concord

(St. Bernard's Church – 12 Monument Square,
Concord, MA)

- Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 9:00 AM
- Friday: 9:00 AM

St. Irene Parish – Carlisle

(St. Irene's Church – 181 East Street, Carlisle, MA)

- Sunday: 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM
- Monday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

- 1st Monday: St. Irene, Carlisle | 6:00–7:00 PM
 - 3rd Monday: Holy Family, Concord | 6:00–7:00 PM
- Other times by appointment — call 978-369-7442

PRAYER CHAPEL

Monday–Friday | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Join us for Silent Exposition & Adoration every Friday
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Please sign-up by contacting
Sally-Ann Limpacher
sallyannq@gmail.com

Parish Center – 70 Monument Square, Concord, MA

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

70 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Phone: 978-369-7442

Website: www.cc-catholic.org

Email: parishlife@cc-catholic.org

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Unable to attend Mass due to surgery, illness, or disability? We can bring Communion to you.

Contact: Linda Bentley – 978-505-8028 or

Barb Ewen – 978-505-9625

FAITH FORMATION

70 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Phone: 978-369-7442 x 224

Email: Faithformation@cc-catholic.org

Divine Mercy Sunday



We have seen the Lord.

John 20:25

He is Risen

Welcome to our Collaborative!

You are welcome here, just as you are

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church

No matter your family or marital situation

No matter your personal history, age, income, background, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity

No matter how you see your own holiness or worthiness or where you find yourself on your spiritual journey

Collaborative News

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

With this most ancient Easter greeting, I warmly welcome you to the Concord–Carlisle Collaborative this Easter Sunday. At the heart of our Catholic faith stands the mystery we celebrate today: Jesus Christ, born, crucified, died, and risen. His Resurrection is the source of our hope and the center of our identity as a community of faith.

What transformed the frightened apostles into bold proclaimers of the Gospel? Their encounter with the Risen Lord. Seeing Him alive turned their fear into courage and their despair into hope. For fifty days, the Church celebrates this great mystery, through the story of the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene announcing the Good News, Jesus walking with His disciples on the road to Emmaus, and sharing meals with his friends. The Resurrection changed everything, and it continues to change us today.

This joyful season is also a time of gratitude. I am deeply thankful for the countless volunteers who are the unsung heroes of parish life. From those who prepare our churches for worship and care for our sacred linens, to those who beautify our sacred spaces inside and out; from those who serve in our parish offices to those who bring Holy Communion to the homebound, your generosity is a blessing.

I am grateful to the volunteers who teach our children, manage our website and social media, and support the life of the parish in so many ways. Special thanks to our music ministers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, hospitality ministers, and ushers for their faithful service at our liturgies. I also thank our Pastoral and Finance Council members for helping set the direction of our parish and for being attentive stewards of our mission.

My sincere gratitude goes to our dedicated staff, who serve our collaborative each day with professionalism, generosity, and a true spirit of ministry. You help our parish flourish, making me look good:)!

Most of all, I thank you, the faithful members of Holy Family Parish at Saint Bernard Church and Saint Irene Church. Your presence, your prayers, and your witness strengthen this community. Your invitations to friends and neighbors to gather around Word and Table help our parish continue to grow.

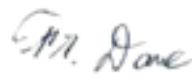
Easter is also a time of invitation. If you are seeking to grow in faith or to serve the community, I warmly encourage you to become involved in parish life.

Whether joining an existing ministry or helping to begin something new, there is always a place for you here.

On behalf of our staff, Parish Council, Finance Council, and Faith Formation volunteers, I wish you a joyful and holy Easter season, fifty days of celebration in the light of the Risen Christ. Please take a moment to read the rest of the bulletin for opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate together.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pax Christi,



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

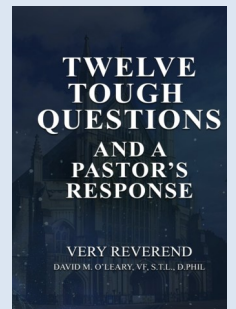
Pastor

NEW BOOK FROM OUR PASTOR

Twelve Tough Questions and a Pastor's Response

by Very Rev. David O'Leary

**Where do pets go when they die?
Why still be a Catholic amidst all
the scandals in the Church?
What's the difference between
Catholic and Christian?**



In *Twelve Tough Questions and a Pastor's Response*,

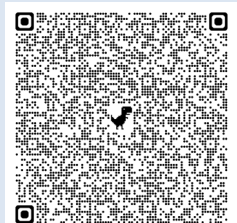
Fr. Dave thoughtfully engages the real questions people are asking today—with honesty, compassion, and without judgment or clichés.

This book is an invitation to:

- ◆ Reflect deeply on your faith
- ◆ Wrestle with life's biggest questions
- ◆ Grow in understanding and relationship with God

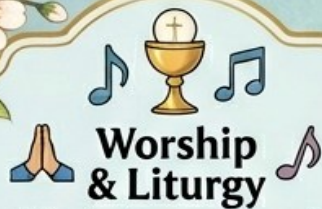
Whether you're searching, struggling, or simply curious—this book is for you.

Scan here to order on Amazon



Collaborative News

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU THIS EASTER!



Worship & Liturgy

Help lead our community in prayer and worship.

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Ushers



Faith & Spiritual Growth

Grow deeper in your relationship with Christ.

- Bible Studies
- Adult Faith Formation
- Prayer Groups: Saturday Faith Prayer Group, Women's Scripture Study Group, Adoration, Millions of Monicas, Cor (Knights of Columbus)
- SELAH (Young Adult Ministry)
- Walking with Purpose
- OCIA (Becoming Catholic)



Service & Outreach

Put your faith into action by serving others.

- St. Vincent de Paul
- Friends From Afar Migrant Ministry
- Prison Outreach
- Parish Service Projects
- Knights of Columbus - Parish Nurse & Pastoral Wellness Ministry
- Environmental Ministry
- Rosie's Place (women's shelter)
- Open Table (food pantry)



Family, Youth & Community

Build friendships and strengthen family faith.

- Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Family Events
- Parish Social Gatherings
- Vacation Bible School



Parish Life & Support

Support the life and mission of our parish.

- Hospitality Ministry
- Facilities & Event Volunteers
- Office Volunteers
- Communications & Engagement Team

★ Featured Opportunities



Lectors Needed!

Proclaim the Word of God at Mass. Training is provided.



Art & Environment Committee

Help create a cohesive visual atmosphere that complements the liturgical season.



Communications & Engagement Team

Help strengthen parish connections and engagement.



Get Involved Today! We would love to help you find the right place to serve and grow.

Call the Parish Office: 978-369-7442

Visit: www.cc-catholic.org

Email: parishlife@cc-catholic.org

Scan the QR code to sign up or learn more!



Even if you attend only occasionally, you are always welcome here. Come and be part of our parish family!

Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11 |
 4:00 pm **Holy Family**
 Madden, Michael Jr. Memorial

Sunday, April 12 |
 9:00 am **Holy Family**
 Arlene Hartwell Memorial
 11:30 am **St. Irene**
 5:00 pm **St. Irene**

Monday, April 13 |
 9:00 am **St. Irene**

Wednesday, | Please note that, beginning April 1, the Communion Service will no longer be offered.

Friday, April 17 |
 9:00 am **Holy Family**

Saturday, April 18 |
 4:00 pm **Holy Family**
 For the People

Sunday, April 19 |
 9:00 am **Holy Family**
 Kathleen Gallagher Memorial
 11:30 am **St. Irine**
 Fr. James P. Byrne Memorial
 5:30 pm **St. Irene**
 Ilona Dsouza Memorial

SCHEDULING A MEMORIAL MASS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Memorial Masses may be scheduled up to 30 days in advance of your preferred date. To request a Memorial Mass, schedule a Mass intention, or add a name to the parish prayer list, please contact the Parish Center Office on weekdays between 10:00am and 3:00pm, call 978-369-7442, email parishlife@cc-catholic.org, or submit a *Contact Us* form through our parish website. We are honored to assist you in remembering your loved ones in prayer.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Apr 12	2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
MONDAY Apr 13	Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
TUESDAY Apr 14	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
WEDNESDAY Apr 15	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
THURSDAY Apr 16	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2+9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
FRIDAY Apr 17	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
SATURDAY Apr 18	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
SUNDAY Apr 19	3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Pilot Bulletins



Readings To-Go!
 Divine Mercy Sunday
 April 12, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!



Michael Lombard, Leo Boyle, Ray Snay, Joan Quigley, Mary Taylor, Juana Castro, Ignacio Casimiro, Dr. Norton, Kina Castro, Michael Castro, Cristina Nunez, 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, David Mello, Raimonda Beqari. **Note:** If you or a loved one is in need of prayers due to illness, please contact the parish office to request inclusion on our prayer list. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless we are notified that continued prayers are needed.

Prayer & Worship

2026 Lenten Appeal – Thank You for Your Generosity Water Project for the Lunyiko Community & Friends From Afar

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our 2026 Lenten Appeal.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are blessed to share that we raised a total of **\$15,869.97**, surpassing our original goal of \$12,500!

Your support will help provide clean, life-giving water to the Lunyiko Community in Kenya through our partnership with The Water Project. Any funds raised beyond our goal will go toward supporting the Friends From Afar Scholarship Fund, continuing to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Because of you, we are able to bring hope, health, and opportunity to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and faith in action.

Connect With Us on Social Media

Follow Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on parish news, reminders, and upcoming events.

We look forward to sharing the life of our parish with you!

Outdoor Stations of the Cross - Eagle Scout Project in St. Bernard Church Parking Lot

Ethan Astrofsky, who has grown up in Holy Family Parish, is a member of Scout Troop 132 Concord. For his Eagle Scout Project, he is building and installing an outdoor Stations Of The Cross prayer space along the eastern edge of the parking lot. It will be a space open to anyone who wishes to visit in times when the Church is unavailable. The project will be completed before the end of April.

Ethan's fundraising goal is \$1,000, and you can make an offering through GoFund Me to purchase the materials needed. The fund is called *Support Ethan's Eagle Scout Stations of the Cross Project*. Any extra funds will be donated to the Holy Family Parish.



What's Happening in Youth Ministry?

Small Groups - teens who have completed Confirmation are encouraged to join a Small Group for community, fun, and faith growth. More information is at: cc-catholic.org/small-groups

Summer Mission Trip - We are going to the NY Adirondacks Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28 to serve others in need and experience leadership development, community building, and prayer experiences. More information is at: cc-catholic.org/summermissiontrip

Mission Opportunities - we are looking to offer more local opportunities for mission (service) experiences, but are lacking adult leaders to facilitate these opportunities. Contact Tony if you are interested.

Peer Ministry - teens who have received Confirmation, or are about to receive Confirmation, are invited to join our Peer Ministry Leadership group. We will be on-boarding several new Peer Ministers this spring. More information and online interest form are at: cc-catholic.org/peer-ministry

Faith Formation

SPRING ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Join us this April for a meaningful and inspiring series exploring hope—from both a spiritual and psychological perspective.

THE THEOLOGY & ✨ PSYCHOLOGY OF HOPE

📅 TUESDAYS: APRIL 14, 21 & 28 | 🕒 7:00–8:15 PM
📍 SAINT BERNARD'S LOWER CHURCH HALL



FR. DAVID
will reflect on
THEOLOGY OF HOPE



DR. ANTHONY SCIOLI, PhD
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST & AUTHOR
will explore the
PSYCHOLOGY OF HOPE



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Faith Formation

CONCORD-CARLISLE COLLABORATIVE 2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Growing in Faith, Together in Christ



WHEN: Registration opens on
Monday, April 6th.



WHO: ALL PARENTS of K-12 students.

WHAT: Register or re-register your child for the
2026-2027 Faith Formation year.
REGISTER EARLY.

REMINDER: Faith formation is ongoing.
Children who are completing their First
Communion this year, should register for
Level 3 Faith Formation.

TO REGISTER: Please visit our website at cc-catholic.org

www.cc-catholic.org

Church contact info: (978) 369-7442

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Week of March 29, 2026

	Holy Family	St. Irene
In Church & Mail In:	\$5,901.25	\$3,579.00
Electronic Giving:	\$2,071.00	\$1,385.00
Clergy Trust	\$550.00	\$500.00
Holy Land Shrine	\$300.00	\$260.00

Week of April 5, 2026

	Holy Family	St. Irene
Easter/Clergy Trust:	\$13,635.25	\$5,804.00
Good Friday/Holy Land:	\$2,408.00	\$25.00

TOTAL: \$24,865.50 \$11,553.00

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Supporting our parish has never been easier! Visit our website at www.cc-catholic.org and click on the Donate Online tab to set up your weekly or monthly contributions. You can also make your offering by simply scanning one of our QR codes. For more information, please contact Gerry Armstrong at 978-369-7442 x227 or finance@cc-catholic.org



Holy Family



St. Irene

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community! Your support is deeply appreciated and needed.

PLANNED GIVING

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support the Catholic Collaborative of Concord-Carlisle (Holy Family and St. Irene Parishes).

Please help us cover our increased operating costs by considering a direct gift of securities or mutual funds. You can reduce or eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer.

For more information about donating Stock and/or Mutual Funds, please contact your financial advisor. To make a Stock and/or Mutual Fund electronic donation to The Catholic Collaborative of Concord-Carlisle (Holy

Family and St. Irene Parishes), please visit www.bostoncatholic.org/finance-office and complete the Stock and/or Mutual Fund Donation (Online Form). If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Murphy at the Archdiocese of Boston at 857-504-7204.

GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

103 families have contributed **\$99,650.00** to Holy Family, and **50 families** have contributed **\$65,250.00** to St. Irene.

Parish Nurse

Nurse Jean is available to support your health and well-being — body, mind, and spirit.



Office Hours (10 AM–2 PM)

Holy Family (Concord) — Fridays April 17, & 24
St. Irene (Carlisle) — Wednesdays April 15, 22, & 29

Note:

Weekly Walk

Wednesdays at 1 PM, St. Irene parking lot.

Tips from the Heart

Happy Easter!

- Spring is time for new beginnings.
- Enjoy those graduations, retirements, new jobs and life milestones.
- Go for that much-needed walk. Continue preparation for the garden.
- Continue the acts of kindness,
- If feeling overwhelmed there is support (988).

BE KIND TO YOURSELF.

If I can help, please email, call or visit.

Be well,

Nurse Jean

jgifford@cc-catholic.org , 978-369-7442 x235

PARISH INFORMATION



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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you been attending Mass or felt drawn to the Eucharist? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) offers a welcoming path into the Catholic Church for all ages and backgrounds.

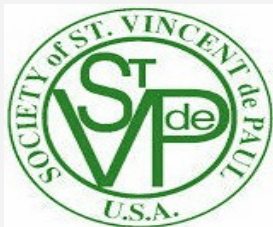
To learn more, contact Marie Noel at 978-369-7442 or faithformation@cc-catholic.org

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

For more information go to:

www.svdpcconcordcarlisle.org
or call 978-341-3151



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Serving Holy Family (Concord),
St. Irene's (Carlisle), and Hanscom
AFB

Website: KofC287.org Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays of each month,
6:00–8:00 PM
Monument Hall, 62 Monument Square, Concord

Pastor

Fr. Dave O'Leary
doleary@cc-catholic.org

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Fr. George Collins, S.J.
Fr. John P. Murray, S.J.

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Chuck Clough
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