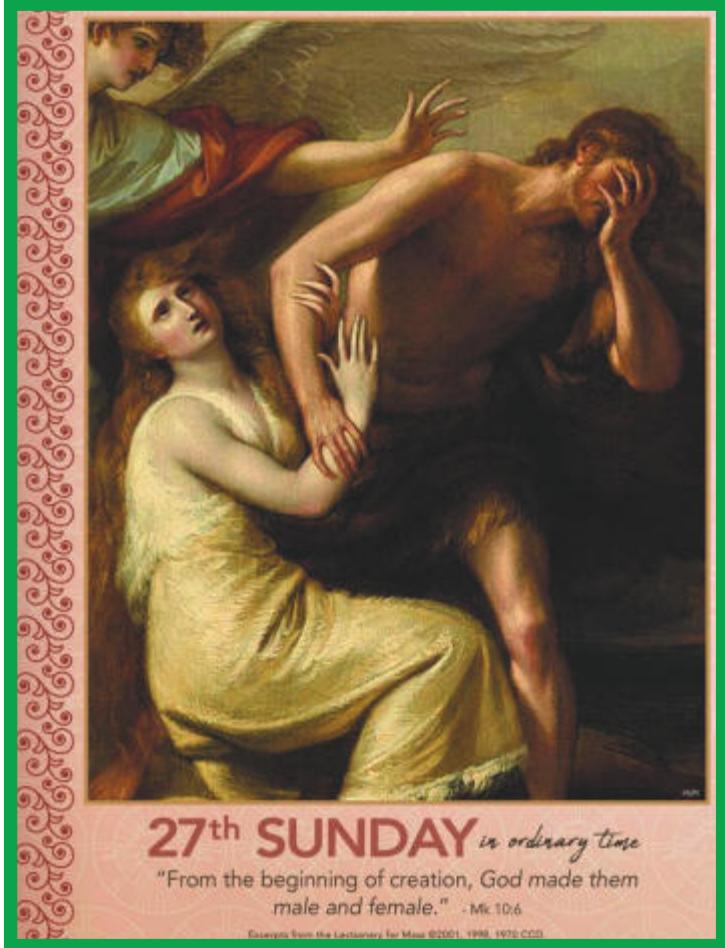


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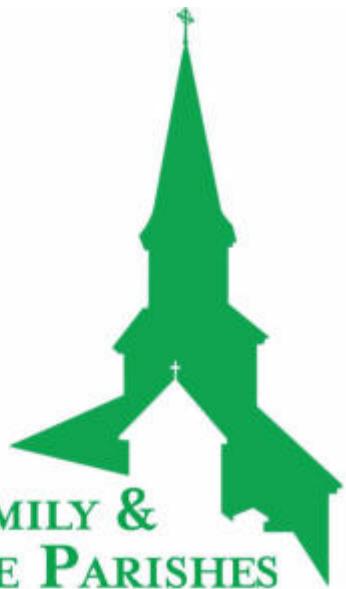
"From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mt 10:6

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We are most happy to welcome new members to our community and invite new members to introduce themselves to a member of the Parish Staff. We want to know and serve you. We pray that you will also become involved in your parish by joining us with your prayers, presence, talents, and financial support according to your means.

Parish registration forms are available in the churches and by contacting one of our parish offices. Registered parishioners are asked to notify the parish office of any address changes.



HOLY FAMILY – CONCORD MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:00 pm

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- Fax: 978-371-0853
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- www.cc-catholic.org

ST. IRENE – CARLISLE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 11:00 am

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 9:00 am

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

This weekend, with the ordination to the diaconate of seven men for service in the Boston Archdiocese (two of whom are our own - **Frank de Alderete and James Rice**), you may find it helpful to note the following pertaining to those called to be deacons.

There are three groups, or "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters (priests), and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." Of course, all members of the Church are called by Christ to serve and, therefore, the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, presbyters, and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs.



October 3, 2021 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I'm struck by phrases in today's first and second readings: The prophet Ezekiel is told that those to whom he will be sent are "hard of face and obstinate of heart"; and Saint Paul aptly describes a "thorn in the flesh" as having been given to him. He even refers to this thorn as "an angel of Satan." These are descriptive images! So, I wondered, What do these images look like in practice? The Gospel gives us a clear example: those who grew up with Jesus refuse to see him as a prophet. At one time in my life, I might have said to myself: "Wow, I can't believe people of his own time would reject Jesus!" However, as I grow older, I'm conscious not only of more physical aches and pains, but the "thorn in the flesh" of patterns I'm not particularly proud of - cynicism, pessimism, even hard-heartedness and a closed mind. The "they" in today's readings hits closer to home and strikes me more as "we" than it used to. And yet, as Saint Paul reminds us, we can bring our imperfections to God and pray for grace to give us strength in our weakness, hearts open to God's love, and ears ready to hear the Gospel and be transformed by Jesus.

REFLECT For a more intentional look at whatever thorns might be in your side, and what weaknesses those contribute to, consider doing a retreat. Attend an in-person retreat at a local retreat house, or look into online options for a guided retreat at home.

But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important.

Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting. Such will be the case for Deacon Frank de Alderete (assigned by Cardinal Seán to the Holy Rood Collaborative (St. Mary and St. John Parishes in Chelmsford, and St. Margaret Parish in Lowell) and Deacon James Rice (assigned by the Cardinal to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham).

Our prayers and best wishes go out to the new deacons of the Boston Archdiocese, especially to Deacons Frank and Jim. And, as they were encouraged at their ordination when they made promises of obedience and respect to the Cardinal and his successors, "May God, who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfillment."

Fr. Frank Silva

GO ➔ EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus returned to his hometown, he was not exactly greeted like a "hometown hero." His contemporaries could see him only as a carpenter, and not the Messiah: "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith." We know that Jesus went on to perform the mightiest of deeds - dying and rising from the dead. And yet, even today, he would be "amazed at our lack of faith." Today's Gospel and the other readings encourage us to do a check-up of our spiritual health and pray for the grace to continue to grow in faith. We can also pray for others who may be questioning or have lost their faith, inviting them to consider coming to church with us or simply offering to pray with and for them.

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled "*An Act relative to end of life options*".

"The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death."¹

Here are some facts to consider before you take action:

- 1) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.
NOTE- That diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6 month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual (who could be depressed or fears being a "burden") may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
- 3) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

How can your voice be heard?

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.
- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Public Health who will be considering these bills.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.



¹ Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS CALENDAR

Saturday, October 2 | The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 am SI † Salvator Curcio (Memorial Mass)

4:00 pm SI † Ed Schwarz, Jr. (Memorial Mass)

Sunday, October 3 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF † Christopher R. Johnson (Memorial Mass)

10:00 am HF † Mass of Thanksgiving – Diaconate Ordination

11:00 am SI † Mass for the People

5:00 pm HF † Jean Norton (Memorial Mass)

Monday, October 4 | St. Francis of Assisi

12:00 pm HF † Mary A. Morina (Monthly Mind Mass)

Tuesday, October 5 | B1. Francis Xavier Seelos

9:00 am SI †

Wednesday, October 6 | St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

12:00 pm HF † Jean Norton (Memorial Mass)

Thursday, October 7 | Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am SI †

Friday, October 8 |

12:00 pm HF †

Saturday, October 9 | Sts. Denis & John Leonardi

9:00 am SI † Margaret Frazier (Memorial Mass)

4:00 pm SI † Kurt Kelly (Anniversary Mass)

Sunday, October 10 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am HF † Leon Jr., Mary Moreau & Pamela Moreau Healy (Memorial Mass)

10:00 am HF † Dr. Tom Griffin (Memorial Mass)

11:00 am SI † Mass for the People

5:00 pm HF † Michael F. Marchionna (Memorial Mass)



MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSIONS

A weekly 5:00 pm Sunday Mass in Holy Family Parish is now offered as we continue to reevaluate the Mass schedule to determine other necessary changes.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12:00 pm
(Holy Family, Concord); and,

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9:00 am
(St. Irene, Carlisle).

NOTE: The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) will be available from 9:30-10:30 am following the Saturday morning Mass.

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 Fr. Frank or Fr. Bill or leave your name and contact info and they will contact you to arrange a convenient day and time.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

...the sick of our parish family:

Joan Bauer, Tommy Dolan, Liam Sullivan, Ben Niose, Pat Morris, Brian Morris, Margaret Kennedy, Larkin Humphrey, Louie Richardson, George Parmann Ploetz III, Nancy A. Rahul, Jane Murphy, Marina Williams, Kenny Trot, Michelle Taylor, Paul Ploetz, Bill Conde, Joan Quigley, Leelu Felix, Taylor Family, Juana Castro, Apolonio Casimiro, Toni and Bill Sawyer, Claire Carl, Nancy and Doug McCool, Ian Hickey, Kate Norton, DR Norton, Kathleen Dowen, Jon Symko, Yolanda Iturbide, Paul Flanagan, Michael Bissanti.

SCHEDULING MEMORIAL MASSES

To accommodate the large number of requests for a Memorial Mass, a family may schedule only one Memorial Mass no more than 30 days in advance of the desired date. All Masses are scheduled by contacting our parish offices during weekday office hours - 10 am-3 pm. Please call: Holy Family at 978-369-7442, St. Irene at 978-369-3940.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER 3, 2021

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| SUN | Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 |
| MON | Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 |
| TUE | Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42 |
| WED | Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4 |
| THU | Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13 |
| FRI | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26 |
| SAT | Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28 |
| NEXT SUN | Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 |

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1) **Registration for Fall Religious Education Classes** - Grades K-10 - is now live at cc-catholic.org! Registration may be done online on our parish website or with the forms (e)mailed to families enrolled in classes last year. Children of the adults who volunteer regularly as a catechist will receive a "reduced fee" as a very small way of saying, "thank you" for your dedication and service.

2) **CATECHISTS NEEDED!!** Religious Education begins Sunday Oct 17 and we are still in need of Catechists for all grades! You do not need to have children in the program to volunteer. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Godparents, Friends are all welcome. No experience necessary. We will provide all of the material and training. Please contact Maria mrosen@cc-catholic.org (grades K-8) or Mark mcallahan@cc-catholic.org (grades 9-10) for more information.

3) **Confirmation Kickoff** for all Level I & II candidates (and at least one parent) will be Sunday, October 3 from 6pm-7pm at Holy Family. The calendar and details for how the program will run will be distributed and all of your questions answered!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week's special collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection provides support to the Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people for ministry and the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity and prayers will assist the Holy Father and the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

For information on these collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/ppc
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.org

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the many parishioners who expressed interest in our ministry and who generously donated to our efforts at all Masses last weekend. Thank you for your support and please continue to keep St. Vincent de Paul and the neighbors we serve in your prayers.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus have a shared mission to support life from conception to natural death. To celebrate Respect Life Month, we are hosting a special drive to support **"Mothers in Need."** We are specifically supporting Moms from the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC), which offers loving, free, and confidential support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The PCC journeys alongside women to let them know they are not alone, and provides education, counseling, and material assistance. Services are free, thanks to the generous support of individuals and local churches. The PCC kindly requests the following items for their soon-to-be and new mothers:

- TOILETRIES (toothpaste, soap/body wash, shampoo, conditioner)
- FALL/WINTER MATERNITY CLOTHES (new or very gently used)
- PERSONAL CLOTHING ITEMS (underwear, bras, socks, light bathrobes in new condition)

Donations may be placed at the back of the gathering space from Saturday, October 9 - Sunday, October 24 (by noon). Thank you for generously supporting Mothers in Need and their unborn children.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."

Jeremiah 1:5

ROSARY FOR LIFE



The Respect Life Ministry invites you to join us at St. Irene Church on Thursday, October 7, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for a special rosary recitation. In the presence of our Lord, we will begin at 7pm with Eucharistic Adoration, pray the rosary with special meditations and prayers for life, and conclude with Benediction.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

— 1 Peter 4:10

Weekly Offertory Collection

September 26, 2021

Holy Family St. Irene

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| Electronic Giving | \$7,004. | \$1,756. |
| TOTAL | \$11,695. | \$5,513. |

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INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on the second (HF) and third (SI) Sundays of the month. Participation in a pre-Baptism session is required for parents presenting their children for the Sacrament. 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.

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.

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