



St. Irene Church

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Feast of Christ the King November 23, 2014

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

George MacCormack
Memorial Mass
Saturday, November 22 at 5 pm

Howard A. Powers
Memorial Mass
Sunday, November 23 at 11 am

Kevin Phillips
Monday, November 24 at 9 am

Jose Dias
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, November 25 at 9 am

Kelly Phillips
Thursday, November 27 at 9 am

George Gould
20th Anniversary Mass
Friday, November 28 at 9 am

Emile Dumont

3rd Anniversary Mass
Saturday, November 29 at 9 am

John Hiltz

5th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, November 29 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Next Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is the day to give special thanks to God for all his blessings. For most of us, it is a wonderful family celebration. For many years my mother would invite my sisters, their families and myself to a wonderful turkey dinner in Lowell. We would squeeze thirteen people around the table in our small apartment in Lowell. It was a wonderful family day of thanksgiving.

Here in Carlisle, we have a great tradition dating back about forty years of an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on the eve of the holiday. This year the service will be held at Saint Irene Church on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 pm. We invite you to join us for a beautiful way to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. It is good for us to remember the reason for this holiday – to pause to give thanks to God for all his blessings.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at St. Irene's on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life is at the front of the Church so that you may record the names of your family members who have died. We will offer Mass for them on All Souls Day and on other days in November. We will also pray for them at Mass daily in November.

Christmas is fast-approaching, and the St. Irene's Music Ministry welcomes parishioners ages 5-105 to come and sing with the Choir at the Christmas Masses. We look forward to having you join us!

Christmas Children's Choir

All children in Grades K through 6 are invited to join the Children's Choir for Christmas! Rehearsals will take place in the church from 6:15-7:00 pm on the following Mondays: 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22. Our choir will sing at the annual Christmas pageant on Sunday, December...and the 4:00 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve. No experience is necessary! For more information, please e-mail Cypriana at music@StIrenes.org.

Young Adult / Adult Choir

All parishioners in grades 7 and up (to age 105!) are invited to come and sing at the Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (5:30, Midnight, and/or 11:00 AM). Rehearsals will take place in the church from 7:15-8:30 on the following Mondays: 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22. No experience is necessary! For more information, please e-mail Cypriana at music@StIrenes.org.

Young Adult Contemporary Mass

The next Contemporary Mass will take place on Sunday, November 30th at 5:00 pm. All teens/young adults are invited to come and sing and/or play at this Mass. We will meet

in the church at 4:00 pm on this day to rehearse, then stay to participate in the Mass. No experience is necessary! If you wish to play an instrument, please e-mail me so I can have music ready for you – music@StIrenes.org. We look forward to having you join us!

Religious Education

There will be no classes for grades K-5 on Sunday, November 30 due to Thanksgiving weekend.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Level 2 will be meeting this Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in your forms that are now due.

Parish Happenings

Grand Annual collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to \$27,600. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Children's Christmas Party December 7th 12:00 – 2:00 pm

The annual children's Christmas party will follow the 11 am Mass on December 7th. Please join in the fun with holiday arts and crafts, pizza, music and a visit from Santa. Tickets are available after Masses. Children 3 and under are Free, 4-12 \$5 and Adults \$7.

Women's Club Christmas Gifts for Soldiers

Each year St. Irene's Women's Club sends Christmas gifts to our deployed men and women serving our country. We are once again collecting small but welcome gifts for the soldiers. There is a detailed information sheet at the back of the Church for those who would like to donate. Items will be picked up by the Women's Club on Dec. 7th for Christmas delivery. Please consider a small remembrance for our deployed soldiers serving you and our country.

Thanksgiving 2014 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. For many years they have relied upon St. Irene's Parish to provide food baskets to families in need. In conjunction with the Peer Leaders and Project 351, all food basket donations will be matched by an in-kind contribution by Walmart.

Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated. Detailed information can be found at the back of the church. Boxes have been provided by Olympia Movers of Watertown and can be found in the closets at the back of the Church. Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 23rd. We are in need of volunteers to drive the donated meals to Catholic Charities the morning of Monday, November 24 at 9:30 am. ***If you own a large SUV, enclosed truck or minivan, please consider helping deliver.*** We are in need of 6 vehicles in order to fit around 60 boxes of food. Please email Debbie Boulé at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer.

Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, November 15th through Sunday, December 7th; please put your contributions in the box located in the church vestibule. Donations do not have to be in sets. Adult volunteers will assemble the gift bags. Each gift bag will contain a bar of deodorant soap (4-5 oz.), toothpaste (5.8 - 6 oz.), white envelopes #6 3/4 (6 1/2" x 3 5/8"), a pad of WHITE paper (6" x 9" or 5" x 8", 100 pages, no wire), a pair of white CREW socks (no tube socks, knee highs or "tennis" socks), a bottle (plastic) of shampoo (12-15 oz.), a stick deodorant (no roll-ons, 2.5 oz. or larger), and a holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, no religious cards), signed with first names only. Handmade cards are especially appreciated. If you would like to assemble gift bags, make cards, have any questions or want to make a cash donation, email Jean Donnelly at prisongifts@stirenes.org. Thank you.

Keeping Christ in Christmas Cards

The Saint Irene Knights will be selling Catholic themed Christmas cards after Masses starting the weekend of November 8th. Please consider buying your cards to support the great charitable work the Knights do in our community.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. First Tuesdays of the month include periods for silent prayer, recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and finish at 9:00 pm. All other Tuesdays include the Liturgy of the Hours, silent prayer, the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude at 8:30 pm. Please email Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@StIrenes.org for more information.

Wednesday Morning Adoration

Every Wednesday morning, the Holy Mass is followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until 12 noon. During this time Fr. Romain is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Adoration is concluded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Benediction. Come by anytime and spend some time with Jesus.

Family Prayer for Vocations Icon

St. Irene's has a beautiful icon of Christ the High Priest which will go each month to a family wishing to host it to pray for religious vocations as well as discern God's will in their lives. The kit includes the icon, a stand, a votive candle, a booklet of prayers, questions to help your family discern what God may want them to do with their lives, some scripture references, and more. Also included is a prayer card listing the current seminarians, so you can pray for them by name if you wish. Please join us in this beautiful initiative to pray for priestly vocations and to guide and bless us all in our vocation in life. To sign up please contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

Caring Friends Network

If you know of a parishioner who is in need of a meal, a ride to church or a Get Well or Sympathy card, let us know. We have volunteers who have signed on to help a fellow parishioner in need. Please contact: caring@StIrenes.org.

Library News – Advent Book Displays

Advent books for both adults and children are on display downstairs in the library. Please keep the books out for no longer than 3 weeks, so that all may enjoy them.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 5% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Retired Religious Sisters Collection

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to Sisters who have served the Church of Boston so generously for so many years. Your contribution makes a difference. Please visit www.retiredreligious.org for more information

Area Events

Dispel Our Darkness - Saint Mary's, Chelmsford Advent Parish Mission December 8, 9 & 10

Fr. Bill Brown, O.M.V will be facilitating our three day Parish Mission. The Parish Mission is a special moment of grace for each of us to renew our faith and love in Jesus Christ and rediscover the beauty of our call as Catholics to put our faith in action. Each night of the Mission we will focus on a different symbol, theme and grace to develop in our lives. A community dinner will begin our mission and hospitality will be served at the end of each evening. Please come and invite your friends, neighbors, and reach out to someone new and bring them too! Bibles, Advent candles & wreaths will be available to purchase at Monday eve-

nings community dinner. Call 978-256-3541 for more information.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$6483
Offertory YTD	\$279,148

The second collection last week for the Grand Annual Collection amounted to \$27,600.

This week's second collection will be for the Retired Religious Sisters.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Resident:

Reverend Augustin Vondou

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

Confirmation Coordinator:

Sheila Zacharchuk

Religious Education

Grades K-5: Sunday 9:00 – 9:50 am
Sunday 10:00 – 10:50 am
Grades 6-8: Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Youth Ministry

Sundays, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Baptism Catechesis

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms

Sundays, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.