

St. Irene Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28, 2017

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

Thanh Pham

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 am

Karekin Shahinian

48th Anniversary Mass

Monday, May 29 at 9:00 am

Ethel Isabelle

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, June 3 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 4 at 8:00 am

Phuc Tu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

On Monday we celebrate one of our special holidays – Memorial Day. It was originally called Decoration Day established in the nineteenth century to encourage people to decorate the graves of the men and women who had served our country in the Civil War. Through the years we have honored all the men and women who have served our nation in many conflicts. Here in Carlisle we will celebrate this day with an assembly at the school and a procession to the various monuments around town. We still continue the custom of decorating the graves of our loved ones on this holiday. It is a special way to remember and honor those we have loved in life and who have passed on to eternal life.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

First Friday

Next Friday, June 2 is the First Friday of June. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

Banns of Marriage

First Publication

Anthony Messina and Genevieve Callaghan

April and May Baptisms

Josephine Olive Burns, Cameron Nicholas Persico, Claire Marie von der Heydt and Annaleigh Grace Kennedy were baptized recently at St. Irene Church.

Congratulations to Josephine, Cameron, Claire and Annaleigh and their families. Welcome to St. Irene Parish.

Low-Gluten Altar Bread is Available

If you have Celiac Disease and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant priest prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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.

Religious Education

Religious Ed. Registration 2017-2018

Religious Education registration forms are due by June 30, 2017. Forms can be found at: http://stirenes.org/docs/2017-2018_registration_form_rel_ed.pdf.

Confirmation

Registration forms for Confirmation are due both Level 1 and 2 by June 30. There is a late fee of \$100 for registrations after June 30. Forms can be found on St. Irene's website at: http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html.

Parish Happenings

New Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have recently received a new wheelchair as part of a K of C international program that encourages Councils to provide these types of items to our parishes, to ensure their availability when needed. The chair can be found in the right side closet of the main church entrance. If you have occasion to use it, please ensure that it is returned to this location. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 8

On Thursday, June 8th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 and in good general health to donate.

Donors can now use RapidPass, **on the day of the blood drive**. This allows you to complete your pre-reading and donation questions online from your home or office; reducing the time you spend at the blood drive by up to 15 minutes. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. Please bring your RapidPass with you to your appointment. To use RapidPass visit: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

Parish Library

Please return all Advent and Lenten books. The library is open whenever the church is open but not during religious education classes.

All CORI forms are due!

The Archdiocese requires a **yearly** criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to **children, youth, elderly or the disabled**. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you have any questions. Please return to the rectory office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

College Planning

If you and your family are starting a college search please check St. Irene's website for a list of many Catholic colleges in the US at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Area Events

Vacation Bible School - Billerica

The Catholic Community of Billerica is pleased to announce that Vacation Bible School will be held June 26-30. Children from surrounding parishes are welcome to attend.

Registration forms for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 next fall can be downloaded from our website: reled.billeriacatholic.org. Registration forms are due June 12th.

This collaborative VBS will be held at St. Theresa Hall located behind St. Theresa Church in Billerica Center and run Monday through Friday - 8:45 am to 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions, or need information, please contact Deb Fergus at DebFergus@parish-mail.com or 978-667-3733.

Emmaus Ministry Retreat

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause is offering a one-day retreat. Please join us. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

At St. Matthew Parish, Windham, NH

One-Day Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, June 17 from 9:30am-7:30pm

Pre-registration required. For more information or to register please call Peg Donahue-Turner: (603) 898-4818, Genevieve Baudin, Ashleigh's Mother: (603)490-8049 or see www.emfpg.org

Financial Information

Increased Offertory Campaign

We sincerely thank the individuals and families who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% from parishioners to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

2017 Catholic Appeal Update

Congratulations! St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2017 Catholic Appeal assessment of \$37,349, collecting \$38,440. The Archdiocese would like us to reach a goal of \$40,678. We are truly grateful to the 56 parishioners and families that helped us reach our assessment. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese.

On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support.

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish provides Online Giving - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy - just visit our website, www.stirenes.org, and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support of St. Irene Parish.

Catholic Relief Services

This week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people.

Seminarians

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. Please support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood.

- Last weekend the Monthly collection amounted to \$2,223.
- The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.
- Next weekend the second collection is the Seminarians Collection.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

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

Please contact the rectory.

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

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.