

St. Irene Church



181 East Street, Carlisle MA 01741
(978) 369-3940 • info@StIrenes.org
Visit our website at www.StIrenes.org

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015

Happy Easter

This is the day the Lord had made. Today we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Today we sing Alleluia. Praise the Lord. We extend to all of you our best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter. May the peace, love, and joy of Easter be your today and throughout the year.

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

Gioi Vu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 5 at 11 am

Rwanda Mass of Commemoration

Tuesday, April 7 at 6 pm

Catherine Flannery

Memorial Mass

Friday, April 10 at 9 am

Dale Troppito

Funeral Mass

Saturday, April 11 at 10 am

William Burns

1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 12 at 8 am

Lois McKinley

5th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 12 at 11 am

Children's Liturgy

Grade 5 will host both the 8 & 11am Masses on Sunday April 12th.

The Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the greatest feast day of the church year – Easter Sunday. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. Alleluia! This feast is so important that we celebrate the day of Easter for an octave – eight days. And we continue to celebrate resurrection and new life for Jesus and for ourselves for a whole season of forty days. On Easter Sunday we are blessed with holy water as we renew our baptismal promises. Easter is the beginning of a new life for all of us – purified by our Lenten observances to renew our spiritual life in Christ Jesus. That is why we joyfully proclaim – Christ the Lord is Risen. Alleluia.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

Easter Flowers

Edward and Edna Andrews
Raymond Briere
William L. Burns
Cabral Family

Leonora and Tristao Correia
Alice Harrington Critch
Helen and Raymond Critch
Joseph and Violet Forest
David Isabelle
Roland Isabelle
Kurt Kelly

James and Helen Lee
George F. MacCormack
Ponte Family
Constance Schick
Ted Semrad

Nicholas and Louise Sherman
Sebastian Slosky
Ursula Kocemba Slosky

Deceased Members of

Clericuzio Family
Ferreira Family
Silva Family

Easter Gift

The Pastor and the staff of Saint Irene's wish you and your families a Happy and Holy Easter Season. In keeping with the Easter Season message of Hope and Redemption we have a very special Easter Gift for each family. These gifts are being distributed at each of the exits from the church. The gift contains information on how to provide us with feedback about the gift. We hope you will enjoy it and look forward to hearing back from you.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

A special Prayer Service commemorating Divine Mercy Sunday will occur on Sunday April 12th at 2:30 pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Litany in Praise of the Divine Mercy.

There will also be healing service and the availability of Divine Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and celebrate the beautiful gift of God's Mercy communicated to us through the Apostle of Divine Mercy St Faustina.

Religious Education

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, April 5th for grades K-5 due to Easter Sunday. Please note grades 6-8 **WILL HAVE** classes on Monday, April 6th. Classes for grades K-5 resume on April 12th.

Second Graders

The first of two First Communion rehearsals will also take place on April 12th. All second graders need to attend.

Confirmation

Level 2 Classes will meet on Sunday, April 12th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

Rwanda Mass of Commemoration

Dear Friends,

*"There's a grief that can't be spoken
There's a pain goes on and on
Empty chairs at empty tables
Now my friends are dead and gone
...
Here they sang about tomorrow
And tomorrow never came."*

These lyrics from "Empty Chairs At Empty Tables" (Les Miserables) hit my heart whenever I hear the song and I know I am not the only one. We who lived through the Genocide and survived without our families are always reminded of the emptiness the Genocide left around us but we live in hope and faith.

I invite you to join me and other Rwandans to help us commemorate and celebrate the lives of those we lost, to relive their hopes and to share, in communion with them, our faith. The Mass of Commemoration will be celebrated at St. Irene Church on Tuesday April 7 at 6:00 pm. After mass, stay with us in the parish hall as we gather to share stories about our grief and our resilience. *Desserts are welcome.*

"God will rejoice over you with gladness. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals." (Zeph 3:17)

Toto Corde, Fr Romain

Spring Fashion Show & Tea

Tickets for the Spring Fashion Show & Tea, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be on sale after the Masses on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12. The event will be on Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 and we encourage you to purchase them early since this is a popular event. If you have any questions please email Womensclub@Stlrenes.org.

Caring Friends Request

The Caring Friends Network, our parish ministry devoted to helping others in need, is urgently requesting household items, **in addition to super market gift cards**, for a parish family that recently emigrated from Uganda. Items specifically needed include men and women's shoes and clothing, toiletries, bedding, towels, bureaus, fans, room air conditioners, laptop computers, and a refrigerator. New or used items in good condition are all appreciated. We would also appreciate any volunteers with a small truck who would assist with moving some of the larger items.

Small items can be dropped off in a bin located in the church vestibule. For delivery of larger items and any questions you might have, please contact Michelle Christensen at Caring@Stlrenes.org. This is a terrific way to help a needy parish family and a great way to clean out old items you don't want that will find a much needed new home.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$11,445 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 40 donors and families.

If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church or for more information visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection total as of this past weekend is \$93,500 towards our goal of \$100,000. 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Sunday, April 12 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a 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**. CORI forms are due by April 20th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

We will not be meeting on Tuesday, April 7th due to the Rwanda Mass.

Going forward, 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@Stlrenes.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 new 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.

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.

Easter Collection

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection. Thank you.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 27% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$7,671
Offertory last year	\$6,039
Offertory YTD	\$78,027
Offertory YTD last year	\$80,461

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD \$8,415

This week's single Easter collection will be for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust only.

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.