



St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

Happy Mother's Day

We extend our best wishes to all the mothers of our parish for a Happy Mother's Day.

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

Mother's Day Mass

Saturday, May 11 at 5:00 pm

Claire Mariano

Anna Mariano

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 am

Nhan Pham - Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 12 at 11:00 am

Robert, Louise & Charles Park

Memorial Mass

Monday, May 13 at 9:00 am

Debra Jarvis - Memorial Mass
Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 am

Alexandra Cooney

Memorial Mass

Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 am

James & Mary Devlin

James & Margaret Bell

Memorial Mass

Friday, May 17 at 9:00 am

Ann Canzano - Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 pm

Donna Malek

Mass of Healing and Support

Sunday, May 19 at 8:00 am

Binh K. Tu - Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am

Mass Schedule Change

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on May 26th. Effective the week-end of June 1st/2nd the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 8th.

The Pastor's Corner

Congratulations to our young people who will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday. It is a joyful day for our children, their families and also for the parish. The Holy Eucharist is the great gift Jesus gave to us at the Last Supper. He is the bread of life that nourishes our spirit. He promises us that if we eat the bread, we will live forever. That is the reason we gather each week to celebrate God's love for us and to receive the Lord Jesus into our hearts so that we may live each day as His disciples.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

First Communion – Saturday, May 18

First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 18 at 10 am. **There is no 9:00 am Mass.**

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.

No Adoration on May 14 Tuesday Evening Adoration

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

Banns of Marriage

1st Publication

John Shaw and Krista Callan

Daily Bible Readings

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

Religious Education

Peer Leadership Bake Sale Sunday, May 19 after 11am Mass

The Peer Leaders will be having their annual bake sale to support their service projects during the next academic year. This will include donations to Catholic Charities and the Lowell Transitional Assistance Center.

Parish Happenings

A Special Thank You

We would like to thank Mary Ellen Bakken for her years of volunteer work making our church even more beautiful. After several years of taking care of the plants, flowers, arrangements, banners, seasonal decorations and assisting in the gardens, Mary Ellen is stepping down from this ministry. We are truly grateful for her dedication to St. Irene's.

Therefore, we are seeking a team of volunteers to take up this ministry. If you are able to assist, please either email the rectory office email: info@stirenes.org or call (978) 369-3940. Mary Ellen is working on a binder to pass along to the new volunteers.

Night of Reflection ~ May 20

The Bishop Ruocco Council Knights of Columbus is holding a Night of Reflection at St. Benedict Abbey, Harvard, MA on May 20 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. This will include vespers, dinner, and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$20. There currently are some openings for more attendees, either Knights or non-Knights. Please email Tony Cotroneo or Paul Flanagan at KofC@Stirenes.org if interested.

RSVP and payment by May 12.

Baby Items Needed ~ May 4 - 12

Each year the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council holds a collection of needed baby items for the Archdiocesan Pro-Life office in Natick. This year we are joined by our new St. Irene Respect Life Ministry in this endeavor. Our shared vision is supporting life at all stages. We affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support to expectant mothers.

The crucial items requested by the Pro-Life office are: Boy & Girl NEWBORN outfits (not 0-3months, this is not the same as newborn), Boy & Girl Onesies – 3-6 month long sleeve and 6-9 month long sleeve, thermometers, teethers, rattles, bottle brushes, and toys (no buttons or plastic eyes). Please do not cut tags off any clothing. By state law we must give clothing and all items NEW with original sales tags attached. A bassinette will be in the back of the church on the weekends of May 4-5 and May 11-12 for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Opus Sanctorum Angelorum 3 Day Mission

St Irene's Parish, 187 East St., Carlisle is hosting a three day Mission beginning on Sunday May 25th with Holy Mass at 5 :00 PM and Conferences through May 28th. The Mission will begin on Sunday, with Adoration and confession at 4:00 PM.

Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC National Director of the Mission on The Angel Apostolate will be the presenter. This Apostolate teaches about the Angels and their importance in our lives.

The Apostolate Mission is for the Sanctification of the Holy Priesthood.

For information: Barbara 978-453-7446 or Paula 563-508-8319

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.

Thank You Weekend ~ May 18 & 19

We invite **everyone** to come to the parish hall after Mass the weekend of May 18th and 19th to say "Thank You" to our clergy. Father Tom has been our shepherd for over 30 years and will be retiring on June 1. Father Romain has been St. Irene's Parochial Vicar for over 11 years. We are still awaiting word on his placement and will inform the parish as soon as we are able. Please keep our priests in your prayers. We will also be thanking Deacon Dean for his years of service.

Refreshments will be served after all of the Masses - Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ Thursday, June 13

On Thursday, June 13 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 years of age and in good general health to donate.

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

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

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.

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/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Area Events

Carlisle Community Trails Day Challenge

The Carlisle Conservation Foundation and Carlisle Trails Committee challenge Carlisleans of all ages to collectively walk all the trails in Carlisle in a single day. All Carlisle individuals, families, neighborhoods, school classes & community groups are invited to get together and claim one of the 26 trail walks posted on our *Carlisle Community Trails Day Challenge* event website and then walk the trails on Sat., May 18 (rain date Sun., May 19).

For more information and to sign up for a Walk, please go to the event website: **carlisletrailsday.org**. Enjoy free coffee and juice all day at Clark Farm Market for all walkers. Please join the community for post-walk celebrations at Kimballs from 3-4:30 and/or Ferns from 5-6:30.

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**.

Financial Information

Catholic Appeal 2019

The 2019 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at St. Irene's. So far, 63 parishioners have participated, and we have raised **\$30,550 (given and pledged)** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,253**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese.

With **\$6703** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. As a gentle reminder, if we do not achieve the goal set for our parish, we must make up the difference. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at **bos-toncatholicappeal.org** or complete a pledge form at the back of the church.

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.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

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/Peer Leaders

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.