

St. Irene Church



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 13, 2018

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 12 at 5:00 pm

Louise Park
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 13 at 8:00 am

Nhan Pham
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 13 at 11:00 am

Debra Jarvis
1st Anniversary Mass
Monday, May 13 at 9:00 am

John Nelson
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, May 14 at 9:00 am

Suzanne Kendall Johnson
5th Anniversary Mass
Thursday, May 17 at 9:00 am

Ursula and Anna Kocemba Slosky
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 20 at 8:00 am

Binh K. Tu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 20 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

I congratulate our young children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It is a joyful day in our parish but also a happy and memorable day for our children and their families. The Holy Eucharist is the great gift that Jesus left us at the Last Supper. He tells us that His body is real food and His blood real drink. He is the bread of life that nourishes our spirit. He promises us that whoever eats this bread will live forever. What a motivation that should be for all of us to gather each week to celebrate Mass and receive the Lord Jesus into our hearts and to be strengthened by this spiritual food to live each day as His disciples.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

First Communion

We congratulate the following children in our second grade class who received their First Holy Communion this weekend:

First Communicants

Nolan Barth
Abigail Cooper
Aliee Deignan
Paige DiPerna
Michael Evans
Jack Fardig
Caroline Ferrari
Christopher Flannolly
William Flannolly
Luke Gittings
Nathan Guilmette
Ethan Hubbard
Noah Larizabal
Kevin Lorentzen
Julia Melhenny
Autumn Phillips
Nicholas Prag
Ashley Ready
Brendan Regan
Anna Rossini
Peter Rossini
Charlotte Stevens

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

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.

Religious Education

Religious Education and Confirmation Registration 2018/2019

Registrations for the 2018/2019 Religious Education and Confirmation Program are available now on the St. Irene website. Please make sure to return with payment by June 30 in order to receive discounted price. Thank you.

Parish Happenings

Baby Clothing Collection May 12-20

The Knights of Columbus worldwide is committed to supporting life at all stages. The original goal of the founder of the Knights of Columbus was to provide support for widows and orphans in the late 1800's. The Knights support charitable causes worldwide today as well as continuing support for families through a top-rated life insurance program.

The Knights both affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support for expectant

mothers. The St Irene Knights of Columbus Council supports the Right to Life goal by holding a yearly drive to collect needed items for expectant Mothers.

This year, as we did last year, we will be collecting needed items for the Archdiocesan Pro-Life office in Natick, MA. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life effort also has offices in Brockton and Brighton where they provide needed items to expectant mothers as well as crisis counselling and newborn nursing care. This year they have a critical need for Newborn sizes. They need Newborn outfits for boys and girls and Newborn Onesies for boys and girls. They also would like Dr. Brown bottles (4 oz and 8 oz) and Dr. Brown pacifiers. They request the same brand (Dr. Brown) bottles and pacifiers as premature babies especially need the same nipples. Lastly they could use Sleep n' Plays (small sizes). By state law all items must be new with original sales tags attached. A bassinette will be in the back of the church on the weekends of May 12-13 and May 19-20. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Peer Leaders Bake Sale – May 20

Peer Leaders Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, May 20 after the 11 am Mass. We are raising seed money for our recipe book. Please purchase a few items. Thank you.

Puerto Rico Update

Several months ago, the St. Irene community raised money to help the hurricane victims in two parishes on the island of Puerto Rico. We have recently received notes and pictures from the two churches with updates.

The Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo in the town of Utuado said they have started reconstruction of the parish, whose roof was lost in the hurricane. The other parish, Parroquia Inmaculado Corazón de María in the town of Las Marías, reports that they have used the funds along with other donations to buy food, personal hygiene products, beds, appliances, and construction materials for members of the community. Both parishes expressed much gratitude to our parish, and sent us many blessings.

Women's Club News

For members of the Women's Club, our annual banquet will take place at Princeton Station, North Chelmsford on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. If you haven't already done so and wish to attend, please contact the Women's Club at Womensclub@StIrenes.org by end of day, Monday, May 14th.

Caring 4 Cameroon

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the parishioners of Saint Irene's for your support at our bake sale for Caring 4 Cameroon on Sunday, April 29th. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$619.50, this money will assist students who otherwise would not be able to attend Saint Andrew's School in Naona, Cameroon for the 2018-2019 school year. We are very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful and caring community.

Sincerely,
Kiley Pietropaolo, Emma Tonies and Michael Zacharchuk

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 7

On Thursday, June 7 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.

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 email at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

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.

Area Events

Blessing of the Bikes - June 2 10:00 am

St. John the Evangelist, N. Chelmsford

This is a popular tradition in which riders of motorcycles receive a blessing for safety throughout the coming season. ALL MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND THEIR 'BIKES' are invited for a blessing by Fr. Brian Mahoney on Saturday, June 2nd at 10 am in the St. John Parking Lot, 115 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford.

Financial Information

2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated May 4

So far, 50 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$21,995** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,577**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston. With **\$15,582** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at **bostoncatholicappeal.org** or complete a pledge form available in 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

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.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
April	\$27,245	\$2587	\$600
Year to Date 2018	\$105,371	\$12,140	\$925
Year to Date 2017	\$103,625	\$11,380	\$42,979