

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019

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

David Ward

Special Intention

Friday, May 24 at 9:00 am

Giuseppina Tamarro

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 26 at 11:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Ann Canzano

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 pm

Donna Malek

Special Intention

Sunday, May 19 at 8:00 am

Binh K. Tu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am

Jane Fleteau

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00 am

Norman Edgerton

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 22 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

I certainly have mixed feelings this weekend as I say good-bye to all of you when I have served as pastor for almost thirty-one years. It has been a joy and blessing for me to be your pastor for so many years. That is why it is difficult to retire. At the same time I am now ninety-two years old and it is time to move on. I thank you for your support over these many years. This has been a wonderful parish and I leave with many wonderful memories.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

John Shaw and Krista Callan

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.

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.

The readings for Sunday, May 19:

ACTS 14:21-27

PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

REV 21:1-5A

JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

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

Peer Leadership Bake Sale

Sunday, May 19 after 11:00 am 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

Thank You Weekend ~ May 18 & 19

This weekend we are celebrating and thanking our clergy at St. Irene.

Following each of the Masses this weekend, we invite EVERYONE to join us in the parish hall so we can come together to thank our clergy, share memories and wish them well. Downstairs, we ask that you sign each of the THANK YOU books designated for Fr Tom, Fr Romain and Deacon Dean.

The books will also be available at the back of the church next week and Memorial Day weekend so everyone has an opportunity to sign them and leave messages of thanks and good memories.

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

Respect Life News

The next meeting of the Respect Life Committee will be Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Following the meeting we will have a Holy Hour for Life at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Amy or Cindy at respectlife@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.

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 at: info@stirenes.org or call (978) 369-3940. Mary Ellen is working on a binder to pass along to the new volunteers.

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.

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.

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.

Opus Sanctorum Angelorum 3 Day Mission

St Irene's Parish, 187 East St., Carlisle is hosting a three day Mission beginning on Sunday May 26th 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

Parish Calendar Meeting

The parish will have the annual calendar meeting Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

Area Events

Summer Family Festival

Holy Family Parish, Concord
Sunday, June 2 ~ 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Holy Family Youth Ministry invites you to join them in an opportunity to say hello to our new pastor and parochial vicar. The festival will include: face painting, a bouncy house, goodie bags, music, hotdogs and chips, and more.

The cost is \$10/per family. Please sign up online by May 30 at <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/10c0f45aba82fa46-summer5>. Holy Family Parish is located at 62 Monument Square, Concord.

Vacation Bible School

Holy Family Parish, Concord
August 5 – 9, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Our 2019 VBS theme is ROAR: Life is wild; God is good. Cost: \$40 for campers and free for volunteers. Includes: All activities, crafts, T-shirt and the best week you'll have all summer! For more information, please visit: <https://www.holyfamilyconcord.org/faithformation/programs-for-youth/vacation-bible-school/>.

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 Update

We are happy to report that our generous parishioners have contributed \$30,650 to date to the 2019 Catholic Appeal. The proceeds of this fundraising are used to support diocesan ministries on the central level and at the parish level.

Our parish assessment for contributions to the Catholic Appeal is \$37,253. With contributions to date, this means that we need \$6603 to meet our goal. If you have not already had a chance to contribute, we would like to ask you to think about it today so that we can finish up the Catholic Appeal for this year before summer.

You can make a contribution in one of two ways:

1) Make an online contribution by going to www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Using your credit card, you can make a one-time contribution or elect a 10-month contribution schedule of smaller amounts.

2) Make a check payable to "Boston Catholic Appeal" and drop it in the collection basket. We will forward your check to the Catholic Appeal office.

In each instance, be sure to indicate that you are a parishioner of St. Irene's.

We want to thank everyone for your generosity in supporting not only our own parish, but also in providing the necessary support for the Archdiocesan ministries which, in turn, support us all. God bless.

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.

The second collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

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.