



St. Irene Church

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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2014*

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Robert McCormack

2nd Anniversary Mass

Saturday, January 18 at 5 pm

Roy, Betty & David Hudson

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 19 at 8 am

Pasquale Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 19 at 11 am

Amy Caruso

Memorial Mass

Monday, January 20 at 9 am

Marie Riccio

3rd Anniversary Mass

Saturday, January 25 at 9 am

Armand Antolini

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 26 at 8 am

Sarah J. Moore, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 26 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

The Boston Globe called it a "50 year milestone." Cardinal Sean O'Malley preached last Sunday at the Sudbury United Methodist Church to commemorate the historic visit by Cardinal Richard Cushing fifty years ago when Cardinal Cushing discussed the Second Vatican Council's efforts towards Christian Unity.

Cardinal O'Malley recalled the cold winter day when he was a child and the pipes in his house burst. As his father went to call a plumber, his mother sang out, "Be sure to call a Catholic." Cardinal Sean went on to say that today the split between Catholics and Protestants has been replaced by a 'new polarity' between believers and nonbelievers. That should encourage greater cooperation among Christians he noted. "The call to Unity is an imperative!"

Sunday was the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Cardinal Sean and the pastor of the church made the sign of the cross on each person's forehead with water and said "Re-affirm your baptism and be thoughtful." I was reminded of my trip to the Holy Land last April with Cardinal Sean and thirty priests when we went to the River Jordan and Cardinal Sean renewed our baptism promises and blessed us with water from the Jordan. It was a powerful experience.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins next Saturday, Jan. 18. While acknowledging our differences, we still need to pray together for unity among all Christians.

-- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 26th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 4th Grade Religious Ed students will host both Masses.

2014 Holy Hour for Life

The 2014 Holy Hour for Life is Tuesday January 21 at 7:30 pm at St. Irene Parish. This is in advance of the National Day for Prayer for Life in Washington DC and the 41st anniversary of Roe v Wade. Holy Hours will be held throughout the Archdiocese in support and prayer for those traveling to Washington from Boston. We will have adoration and prayer to promote the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Come and join us in prayerful witness to life.

Religious Education

Religious Education News

There will be NO Religious Ed Classes on January 19/20th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 26th and Monday, January 27th. The Fourth grade classes will host the 8 am and 11 am Masses on January 26th, 2014.

Second Grade Dates to Remember

The First Reconciliation Service is on Saturday, January 25th (snow date: February 1st). Students need to meet and sit with their class at 10:45 am in the Church. Reconciliation Service begins at 11:00 am. A luncheon will follow for students and their families in the Parish Hall.

There will be a 2nd Grade Parents First Eucharist Meeting on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Happenings

10th Annual Trivia Night

Come on out for the 10th Annual St. Irene's Team Trivia Night on Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Snow date is one week later on February 1) Bring your own team (max. 8 per table), or come on your own and we'll seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. Enjoy 60 stimulating questions, com-

plimentary food and beverages, door prizes, and awards - all for \$5 per person.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend or contact Tim and Jean Butler at 978-692-7122 or TriviaNight@stirenes.org. Seating is limited, so tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

Children's Choir is Back for More Fun!

The choir was such a success at Christmas that we have decided to continue the choir through First Communion weekend in May. The Children's Choir will sing at the monthly Children's Liturgies (11:00 am), on Easter Sunday, April 20th (11:00 am), and at the First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 am. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:00. There will be no rehearsals during February or April vacation weeks. All children in grades K through 6 are welcome to join! For more info, please contact Cypriana at music@StIrenes.org. I can't wait to see you again!

Attention Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Those Who Would Like to Serve!

Please join us Tuesday, Feb. 4th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm for an evening of fellowship, sharing and prayer. After an informal meal in the Parish Hall, we will break out into groups to discuss various aspects of our ministries. There will be time to answer questions, discuss how we serve our St. Irene community and bring up any suggestions or concerns. Afterwards, there will be Adoration and Benediction upstairs in the church. Spouses are invited. Please RSVP to Linda Tonies at eucharist@stirenes.org by Jan. 28th so we can plan the food.

St Irene Online

We have recently upgraded St Irene's web site (www.stirenes.org) and also added a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail, please contact: feedback@stirenes.org - thank you.

Way of St. James with Fr. Romain ***April 25 – May 5***

Come and join Fr. Romain Rurangirwa and Kristen Walker on a pilgrimage to The Way of St. James, El Camino, Spain this spring. The trip begins on April 25th and concludes on May 5th. The tour departs from New York and will include visits to Madrid, Foncebadon, Iron Cross, O Cebreiro, Sarria, Portomarmin, Palas de Rei, Arzua, Arca do Pino, Monte do Gozo and Santiago de Compostela. For more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/pilgrimsplace/.

American Red Cross - Thank You

Thank you St. Irene's for hosting the January blood drive. The efforts of St. Irene Church are greatly appreciated and its support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Sam Barrows, American Red Cross

Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. First Tues-days 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 contact Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@StIrenes.org for more information.

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 contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org or 978-692-3315.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council's next meeting will be Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to \$104,184.01. If you have not yet contributed, you may send your donation in to the rectory. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Catholic Appeal Update

We have exceeded our goal for the 2013 Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all the supporters who made this happen. We truly appreciate your donations. Our parish campaign goal was \$32,187 and we have raised \$33,727 from 91 donors and families. Visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/ for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

Area Events

Holy Family Speaking Series ***Wednesday, January 22***

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA will be hosting psychiatrist Kathryn Rapperport as part of an ongoing series called *My Life, My Faith, and My Career*. She will be speaking on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 pm in the lower level of Holy Family Church located at 12 Monument Square in historic Concord Center. A donation of \$5-10 is deeply appreciated.

St. Margaret School

Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26 – Feb. 1

Partnering with parents, Catholic school education provides a learning environment that promotes academic success and the development of faith, values and a moral compass. St. Margaret School, a K1-8 Catholic school in Lowell, invites you to join us for our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week at our Open House on Sunday, January 26. The theme for the 40th anniversary of the event is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service” – highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community service.

We welcome you to visit our Open House during Catholic Schools Week to learn what a Catholic school education has to offer. Open House and registration are from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Please contact Roselyn Scales at (978)453-8491 for more information. St. Margaret School is located at 486 Stevens St. Lowell, MA.

Ste Jeanne d’Arc School

Ste Jeanne d’Arc School in Lowell, MA was recently named a National Beta School of Distinction by the National Beta Club. This award is given in recognition of the school’s commitment to academic rigor and dedication to preparing students for college and career readiness. The National Beta Club is committed to recognizing and promoting high academic achievement, rewarding and nurturing worthy character, improving student leadership skills and encouraging service to others. Ste Jeanne d’Arc is also a 2010 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School.

Ste Jeanne d’Arc School is a Pre K (K1) – 8 Catholic, independent school offering accelerated classes, K1-8 French program, state of the art technology, extensive athletic programs, art, music, extra-curricular activities including our newly added LEGO Robotics Club and an Extended Day Care Program.

We are accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Tours are available by contacting our Admissions Office at 978-

453-4114, or come to the Open House on March 21st.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory increased 18.5% from last year. Thank you for your continuing support.

Financial Information

Offertory \$7,381
Offertory YTD \$12,804

The second collection this week is the monthly collection.

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:

Frank de Alderete

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

Sunday 6:00 – 8:15 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.