



St. Irene Church

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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 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

Armand Antolini

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 26 at 8 am

Sarah J. Moore

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 26 at 11 am

Dorothy Holland

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 28 at 9 am

Edna Moschini

22nd Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 2 at 8 am

Julie Riley

2nd Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 2 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

We welcome Father Romain home after his trip to Rwanda. Father Romain went to visit Rwanda to ask his bishop to extend his time at Saint Irene's. His bishop has extended his stay here for three more years, until July 2017. This is wonderful news for us at Saint Irene's. We are most fortunate to have two talented priests, Father Romain and Father Augustin, to assist me in providing for the spiritual needs of our people. Many churches today have only one priest to serve hundreds, even thousands of families. We are blessed not only to have three priests but also two deacons; Deacon Dean and Deacon Charles to minister to the needs of our parish.

-- 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.

Save the Date! ***Young Adult Mass***

Our monthly Young Adult Contemporary Mass is Sunday, February 2nd at 5:00 pm. If you plan to join us and sing or play an instrument, please e-mail us at music@StIrenes.org so we will have your music ready. We will meet to rehearse in the church at 4:00 pm on that day and hope you will join us!

Religious Education

Religious Education News

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 Date to Remember

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

Parish Happenings

Butare Junior Seminary

During my trip to Rwanda in January I visited the Butare Junior Seminary (This is the same school whose Biogas Plant Saint Irene Parish so generously funded.). There are about twenty kids from very poor families who cannot afford tuition and have trouble getting the necessary school supplies.

Throughout the year some Saint Irene parishioners started donating money for these children. I brought a check for \$4,060.00 from Saint Irene's to the school. This money paid the tuition costs for 9 children for one year of school. The Principal of the school, the Treasurer and *even my Bishop* appreciated your outpouring of goodwill and support. On behalf of the Bishop, the school and most importantly the children, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all who donated through personal donations, pancake breakfasts and bake sales. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated.

Father Romain

Calling All Current and Potential Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors!

Please join us Tuesday, February 4th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm for an evening of fellowship, sharing and prayer. Following an informal meal in the Parish Hall, we will discuss various aspects of our ministries. Afterwards, there will be Adoration and Benediction upstairs in the church. Spouses are welcome. Please RSVP to Linda Tonies at eu-charist@StIrenes.org by January 28th so we can plan for the dinner.

Children's Choir Sings Again!

The Spring season of the Children's Choir has started, so please come and join us! The Children's Choir will sing at the monthly Family Masses, on Easter Sunday, and at the First Communion Mass. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, from 6:15-7:00. All children in grades K through 6 are welcome to join! For more information, please contact Cypriana at music@stirenes.org. I can't wait to see you again!

Keep Calm, Join the Choir!

Did you know that singing in a choir is a great way to reduce stress and improve your well-being? If you love to sing or have never sung but are curious to try, come join us on Thursday evenings and check it out! The adult choir meets in the church to rehearse every Thursday from 7:15-8:15 pm. For more information, please contact Cypriana at music@stirenes.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

The 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 or call 800-206-8687.

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 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 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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 2.6% from last year. Thank you for your continuing support.

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.

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.

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.

Area Events

Holy Family Speaking Series Wednesday, January 29

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA will be hosting attorney and parishioner Jennifer Braceras as part of an ongoing series called *My Life, My Faith, and My Career*. She will be speaking on Wednesday, Jan. 29 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 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.

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 26 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Church in Latin America

This week’s second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. It funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.

Financial Information

Offertory \$5,085
Offertory YTD \$17,889

The monthly collection amounted to \$2,250 this past week. The second collection this week will be for the Church in Latin America.

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.