



St. Irene Church

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Presentation of the Lord February 2nd, 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

Edna Moschini

22nd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, February 2 at 8 am

Julie Riley

2nd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, February 2 at 11 am

Thomas F. O'Connell

1st Anniversary Mass
Monday, February 3 at 9 am

Arthur Gormley

Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, February 4 at 9am

Francesca Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass
Sunday, February 9 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

I find the reports from the Vatican about Pope Francis to be fascinating and exciting. The Cardinal who heads the Pope's Council of Cardinals, Cardinal Oscar Maradiaga stated: "I'm firmly convinced that we are at the dawn of a new era in the church, just as when Pope John XXIII opened its windows fifty years ago to let in fresh air." The Cardinal went on to say that Pope Francis wants to lead the church in the same direction that he is moved by the Holy Spirit. That means that priests and bishops should go out to the people instead of waiting for more people to come to them and also priests and bishops should live a simple life. The Cardinal noted that the October Synod of Bishops would tackle social issues such as surrogate parenthood, childless marriages and same-sex partnerships which were not even visible on the horizon at the last family synod in 1980. The Cardinal said "We have traditional doctrine and the traditional teaching will continue but pastoral challenges require timely answers. They can't any longer come from authoritarianism and moralism." The Cardinal concluded that the cardinals who elected Pope Francis in March knew "much had to change in the church." It is indeed an exciting time to be a Catholic!

— Fr. Tom Donohoe

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@Stlrenes.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!

Thank You

We thank the fourth grade students for hosting the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses last weekend. Great job!

First Friday

February 7th is the First Friday of February and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

World Marriage Day

Next Sunday, February 9th is World Marriage Day. We will have renewal of marriage vows and presentation of flowers at all Masses next weekend.

Religious Education

Religious Education News

Classes will be held on Sunday, February 2nd for grades K-5 and Monday, February 3rd for grades 6-8.

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, February 16th, Monday, February 17th and Sunday, February 23rd due to the Winter Vacation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2nd graders. They received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last Saturday.

Parish Happenings

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 dis-

cuss 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 eucharist@Stlrenes.org by January 28th so we can plan for the dinner.

Women's Club

Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an "Hors d'oeuvres & Wine" tasting evening on Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 pm in the church hall (weather permitting). Come see our "Culinary Chefs" prepare and serve their special "tidbits" all the while enjoying a glass of wine and friendly conversation. As always desserts are always appreciated to complete the evening. Please email Jean Morin at womensclub@Stlrenes.org for more information.

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@Stlrenes.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@Stlrenes.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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 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.

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. St. Irene's online calendar can be found on our website at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 22% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12 has increased by 18%. 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.

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.

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 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

Armagh Coffee House

Holy Family Church

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical enter-

tainment, which will take place on Saturday, February 15, 7:30 pm at the Armagh Coffee House in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be local artist Peter Janson a member of the Performing Arts Department at UMass, Boston. Coffee House admission is \$15 and children under 12 \$5. For more information, contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Archdiocese of Boston is currently searching for an experienced Chief Financial Officer. The CFO will be responsible for all financial aspects of the Society including donated goods, operations and charity programs. As the only Finance individual he/she will be responsible for all accounting and finance functions. Please forward resume and salary requirements to: hr@svdpboston.org by February 28, 2014.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Friday, March 7 at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden St., Concord. This year's worship service was written by Christian women in Egypt. A light luncheon in the Parish Hall will follow.

Each year the service focuses on a different culture and a specific theme. Through music, stories and prayer, this year's global, ecumenical observance is designed to create an understanding of the concerns and needs of the women and children of Egypt.

The World Day of Prayer committee invites participation by attending the service or additionally by taking part as readers. Attendees are asked to furnish sandwiches or dessert to complement the luncheon menu. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the church office at (978)369-4837.

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.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$4,796
Offertory YTD	\$23,775
Monthly	\$2,355
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The second collection for the Church in Latin America amounted to \$942 this past week.

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.