



St. Irene Church

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9th, 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

Francesca Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 9 at 11 am

David Isabelle

1st Anniversary Mass

Saturday, February 15 at 5 pm

Roland Isabelle

Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 16 at 8 am

World Marriage Day

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

The Pastor's Corner

By St. Irene's Parochial Vicar

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends us out to be the "Light of the Earth." This reminds me of the story of the stars I have shared many times with you. In this story, my Grandmother Rose told us, her grandchildren, that each one of us had two guiding stars. These stars shine brightly when they're proud of us, or hide themselves when we do not behave well. Her story always motivated us to work harder and be nicer, striving to make our stars the brightest ones in the night sky.

On my recent trip to Rwanda, I met with Catherine, an ambitious young woman from Washington, DC, and a graduate of Fordham University, who now works for an international organization dedicated to empowering entrepreneurial women in developing countries. Catherine and I first met in 2006 at Georgetown Visitation Prep High School in Washington, D.C. where Catherine was a student. I was a guest speaker in her class, and the topic of my talk was "Providing for the Youth Orphaned by the Genocide in Rwanda". At the conclusion of my talk, I shared with the students my Grandmother's story of the guiding stars and told them that, after the genocide, this story inspired me to make my stars proud by ministering to

the orphans of Rwanda. I strove to be a bright star in their lives. I invited and challenged each student in Catherine's class to try and be a bright star to somebody, anybody.

I was surprised to see that, eight years later, with a Master's degree in Public Policy, Catherine is traveling the rolling hills of Rwanda, being a bright star to entrepreneurial women who want to make their lives, and their families' lives, better.

"You are the Light of the World". Where do you want to shine today? Out there, someone is looking up, hoping to find his or her bright star. Will you be one?

— Fr. Romain Rurangirwa

Congratulations

Rhea Christine Wonders, Brianna Lynn Fallon and William Stearns Brooks were recently baptized at St. Irene Church. Congratulations to Rhea, Brianna and William. Welcome to St. Irene Parish!

Religious Education

Religious Education News

Classes will be held on Sunday, February 9th for grades 1-5 and Monday, February 10th 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. Classes will resume for grades 6-8 on Monday, February 24th and on Sunday, March 2nd for grades K-5.

The 8th grade classes will be Hosting both the 8 & 11am Masses on Sunday, March 2nd, 2014.

The Peer Leadership Group will be Hosting the "Mardi Gras" celebration for grades K-5 on March 9, 2014.

The 6th, 7th & 8th grades will be having their Mardi Gras Celebration on Monday, March 3, 2014. This special 2 hour class will begin with Mass and then followed with a Pizza Party and "Lenten Stations" in the Parish Hall. Please note the **SPECIAL START TIME OF 6PM** for Mass. Pick up will be at the usual time of 8pm.

Confirmation

On Saturday, February 22nd the Level I Confirmation Candidates will be serving at Lazarus House.

Parish Happenings

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@StIrenes.org for more information.

Save the Date! New Parish Directory

St. Irene Church along with Lifetouch Photography will be creating a new photo directory this spring. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

Friday, April 11th from 2 - 9 pm

Saturday, April 12th from 10 am - 5 pm

Friday, May 9th from 2-9 pm

Saturday, May 10th from 10 am - 5 pm

More information will be provided soon.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, February 16th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory increased by 49.4% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12 has increased by 18.9%. Thank you for your continuing support.

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.

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.

Area Events

Armagh Coffee House

Holy Family Church

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical entertainment, 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.

Discovering God's Will & Finding Peace

How to Follow God's Will, Deal with Pressure and Find Freedom

When: Sunday, February 23, 2014

Registration: 9:30 am, Program 10:00 am

Presenter: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS

Where: Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham

The day will focus on how we can discern what God's will is in our own life. We then reflect on how we can follow that plan and how it will bring us true freedom and deep peace. We will discover how that reduces stress and pressure and allows us to experience union with God's love and goodness.

The day includes lunch and Mass

Offering: \$45

For more information on this or other program offered at the Espousal, visit www.espousal.org.

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Inquire or apply online at www.sjdar.org. You may also contact our Admissions Office at (978)453-4114 to request an admissions brochure. Tours and shadow days available by appointment. Financial aid available for new families applying to Kindergarten - grade 7. To learn more about Bright Spots Financial Aid please call us.

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School is a Pre K (K1) – 8 Catholic, independent school offering classes in Religion, Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, K1-8 French, Art, Music, Computers, Physical Education as well as accelerated classes. The school and classrooms are outfitted with state of the art technology; we offer extensive athletic programs, extra-curricular activities including our newly added LEGO Robotics Club and an Extended Day Care Program.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$7,736
Offertory YTD	\$31,521
Monthly	\$60
Monthly YTD	\$2,415

The second collection next Sunday 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.