



St. Irene Church

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23rd, 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

Patricia Indresano Boretti

Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 23 at 8 am

Frances Lucas

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, February 25 at 9 am

Lisa Trebino

10th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 2 at 11 am

Save the Date – Young Adult Mass

The date of our next Young Adult Contemporary Mass is Sunday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. If you would like to sing or play an instrument at this Mass, please join us in the church at 4:00 for a rehearsal. For more information, please e-mail Cypriana at Music@stirenes.org. We look forward to having you join us!

The Pastor's Corner

In recent years, I have taken my annual vacation in Florida during the winter. For many years, I would go to Florida with a group of priests for a golf week. Those weeks were a wonderful combination of vacation, priestly fraternity and retreat. Each day we would play a round of golf - with prizes for the best team scores. Then we would celebrate Mass in a large room before supper. The evening meal was usually at a restaurant where we enjoyed the meal but also the companionship. Unfortunately, the clergy outing ended two years ago.

Since then I have visited my sister Virginia in Florida – fortunately she is a golfer. This year my niece Maureen and her husband Ted joined us for golf, dinners and a few social activities. I'm reminded of how important it is for all of us, in our busy lives, to take time for ourselves. This time not only relaxes us but renews and refreshes us for our work and family.

– Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on March 2 at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Stations of the Cross

Women's Club – Soup and Bread

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is the 5th of March. On Friday the 7th, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our first "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall. This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. The next Soup and Bread will be on Friday, March 21st. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Religious Education

Religious Education News

There will be NO CLASSES Sunday, Feb. 23 due to the Winter Vacation. Classes will resume for grades 6-8 on Monday, Feb. 24 and on Sunday, March 2 for grades K-5.

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

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

The 6th, 7th & 8th grades will be having their Mardi Gras Celebration on Monday, March 3. 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 6 PM for Mass. Pick up will be at the usual time of 8 pm.

Healthy Choices / Safe Kids

Grades 7 & 8 Dating and Safety Retreat

The annual 7th and 8th grade "Healthy Choices/Safe Kids Retreat" will take place on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Eileen Faber at reled@StIrenes.org.

Confirmation

The New Spirit Retreat will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall for Level I and II Candidates.

Parish Happenings

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.

2014 Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, St. Irene Parish will launch our 2014 Catholic Appeal parish campaign. With the support of the Catholic Appeal, the Archdiocese of Boston provides 50 pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries to parishes and families throughout the Archdiocese.

The Catholic Appeal is the most effective way we support the mission of the Archdiocese of Boston and strengthen our own parish family. The ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal directly impact what we do here, at St. Irene Parish.

Library Registration

Open registration for our Parish Library will be held this weekend. There is a small table at the back of the Church where you may fill out a registration card that will allow you to borrow books. Coming soon will be our display of new books for your Lenten reading. Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books from our Parish Library.

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.

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, Foncebado, 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.

Who's Got the Beat?

We are looking into purchasing a "Drum Box" to use at the monthly Contemporary Masses, but we need a drummer to play it! If you are a drummer/percussionist who is interested in joining the music ministry and playing at the Contemporary Masses, please drop me a line at music@StIrenes.org. It's lots of fun to play and would enhance the music, too!

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!

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.

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.

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.

St. Irene Online

We have recently upgraded St Irene's website: 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 3.7% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 20%. 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.

Area Events

Armagh Coffee House - Rescheduled

Holy Family Church

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical entertainment, which will take place on Saturday, March 29, 7:30 pm at the Armagh Coffee House in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be local singer/songwriter 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.

Tenth Annual Forum on Family Homelessness

With a Record Number of Homeless Families in Motels and a Housing Shortage, What Can We Do?

Sunday, March 2, 2014, 3:00-5:00 pm
Trinitarian Congregational Church
54 Walden St., Concord.

Sponsors: Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness & Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. Co-sponsors: Episcopal City Mission, Citizens Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA), Mass Coalition for the Homeless, Promise the Children, & UU Mass Action Network

For more information about the Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness, contact Carl Miller, Coordinator, at NormanCMiller@comcast.net or 978-369-3755; visit www.endfamilyhomelessness.net.

World Day of Prayer Invites You

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Friday, March 7th at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden St., Concord. This year's worship service "Streams

in the Desert" was written by Christian women in Egypt. A light luncheon in the Parish Hall will follow the 11:00 am service.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$6,086
Offertory YTD	\$43,258
Monthly	\$1,987
Monthly YTD	\$4,402

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.