

# Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 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

Scott Whalen 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Mass Saturday, May 3 at 5 pm

Rick Heffernan Memorial Mass Sunday, May 4 at 8 am

Romilde Tammaro Memorial Mass Sunday, May 4 at 11 am

Zbigniew Kowalski Memorial Mass Sunday, May 4 at 5 pm

Glen Huber Memorial Mass Wednesday, May 7 at 9 am

Anne Kaduboski Memorial Mass Friday, May 9 at 9 am

Jean Labroad Memorial Mass Saturday, May 10 at 9 am

Mother's Day Mass Saturday, May 10 at 5 pm Ursula Kocemba Memorial Mass Sunday, May 11 at 8 am Nhan Pham Memorial Mass Sunday, May 11 at 11 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday was a historic day in our church when Pope Francis canonized two of his predecessors — Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. Both had a major impact on the church in recent times. Pope John XXIII shocked everyone when he convened the Second Vatican Council in 1958. Although he was pope for less than five years, he launched major reforms in the church. The document in liturgy changed Catholic worship dramatically. The documents in ecumenism, religious life, the laity and Christian education had a profound effect as well.

Blessed John Paul II, the first nonltalian pope in 455 years, led the church for twenty six years. It has been noted that John Paul II had a philosopher's intellect, a pilgrim's spiritual intensity and an actor's flair for the dramatic. A vigorous man, he visited 129 countries and brought the gospel message around the world. He wrote encyclicals on social justice and approved the universal catechism. Personally, he lived a deep spiritual life and reminded us that prayer and the sacraments are vital in being a good Christian. Both men were human and pastoral. Both are now saints of our Church.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

# Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, May  $4^{th}$  at the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. The fifth grade classes will be hosting the Masses.

## Young Adult Mass - Save the Date!

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

# Mother's Day Mass — Roses for Spring House

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> the 5:00 pm Mass will be dedicated to all mothers, whether living or deceased. The Women's Club will be selling roses after all the Masses on that weekend to benefit Spring House. Come join us in remembering our mothers!

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

On Saurday, May 3, Bishop Walter Edyvean conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates. We congratulate them and their families as they become adult and full members of our faith community here at St. Irene's.

Nicole <u>Cecelia</u> Albanese Amy E. <u>Adelaide</u> Battista Rosemary Z. <u>Elizabeth</u> Charnley Carly <u>Rose</u> Chelton Brady Michael <u>James</u> Connors Sarah <u>Madeline</u> Eckelkamp John Paul <u>Matthew</u> Faber Joseph <u>Vincent</u> Folsom Alyssa <u>Aria</u> Freeman Jenna <u>Catherine</u> Gallagher Jason Alan Matthew Gallo

Claudia Crescencia Heim Victoria Lynne Grace Hommel Angelica Anastasia Regina King-Shaw **Christopher Jude Kuffner** Shea Cecelia Lalievre Nicholas Nicholas Limberti Meghan Mary Elizabeth Longo Ryan Ignatius MacMullan Timothy Patrick Francis McCormack Kathleen Marie Sophia McHugh Alyssa Louise Margaret McNally Christian Stephen Mulgrew de Laire Alexander Brendan Nunan Richard John Paglia III Kevin Michael Nicholas Phillips Shannon Frances Bernadette Regan Katelyn Patricia Anne Reichheld Shaelyn Elizabeth Mary Roys Ryan Joseph Francis Tierney Thomas John Matthew Trask Katherine Anne Cecelia Travisano Haley Bernadette Wilson Tara Veronica Wilson Erica Florence Therese Shay

# **Religious Education**

Our last class from K-5 will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th.</sup> In addition to class, both the 9:00 am and 10:00 am sessions will celebrate the May Crowning in the Church. All families/parishioners are invited. Both sessions will line up in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am the May Crowning will begin at 9:30 am.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Items**

Folders, Workbooks and Banners are due on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as well as donations for First Communion Flowers.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion

Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

#### Religious Ed Registration 2014-2015

Forms are available on our parish website at www.stirenes.org. The deadline for registration is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

# **Parish Happenings**

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

#### **CALLING ALL THESPIANS!**

If you would like to be a member of the "St. Irene's Players" for this year's Murder Mystery, please let Pat Barry know no later than Monday, May 12. Qualifications? Ability to laugh a lot and memorize a limited number of lines. Commitment? Approximately 12 rehearsals of 2 hours each on Saturdays or Sundays from September-November. This year's play is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014.

#### Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

The Women's Club will have their Trash to Treasure Day on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am — 1:00 pm. You can leave your treasures in the rectory garage. Please remember we cannot accept electronics, clothes or large items like furniture. Please email womensclub@Stlrenes.org if you have any questions.

## Women's Club Banguet

The Women's Club Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Rufinos in Chelmsford. Please RSVP by emailing womensclub@Stlrenes.org no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### **Parish Photos Needed**

Don Eckelkamp is designing our new Parish Photo Directory. He is requesting current photos from parish events — Parish Picnic, Mystery Dinner, Trivia Night, Stations of the Cross, etc. Please email Don at ParishPhotos@Stlrenes.org with your pictures or drop them off at the rectory office. Please remember that due to space constrains some photos may not be used. Thank you.

## New Parish Directory – Please sign up!

St. Irene Church along with Lifetouch Photography will be creating a new photo directory this spring. Each family will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a photo directory. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

Friday, May 9th from 2-9 pm Saturday, May 10th from 10 am - 5 pm Signups for sittings are available through the St. Irene website at www.stirenes.org/ or you can call the rectory (978) 369-3940 Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

# 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass -

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2014 to the Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday. June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am. Mass will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Please go to www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversa ryMass to register or with your parish office. Please register by June 9 to have your name included in the printed list of Anniversary Couples. A formal invitation and more information will be sent from the Archdiocese to anniversary couples. Congratulations on your anniversary!

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

On Monday, May  $19^{th}$  from 2:00-7:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Please donate if you are able. Thank You

#### **CORI Forms for Volunteers**

The Archdiocese requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly and the disabled once a conditional offer of employment or volunteer assignment has been extended. CORI forms were due by April 21st. We are still missing some volunteer forms. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Tuesday 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 email Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@Stlrenes.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@Stlrenes.org.

# 2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$17,190 towards our goal of \$33,894. If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. There are donation envelopes at the back of the Church. For more information visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

## **Offertory Report**

The weekly offertory decreased by 12.1% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 13.6%. Thank you for your continuing support.

## **Area Events**

## **Holy Family Concert**

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce a program of organ music, which will take place on Sunday, May 18, 7:00 PM in Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be Holy Family Organist and Director of Music, Jim Barkovic who will be playing the church's nineteenth century Hook and Hastings instrument. For more information, contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

#### **Financial Information**

Offertory \$5173

Offertory YTD \$102,688 Monthly YTD \$10,077

The collection for the Home Missions and Black and Native Americans amounted to \$1164.

## 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:**

Fileen 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

## Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.