



St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2014

Happy Mother's Day

We extend our best wishes to all the mothers of our parish for a Happy Mother's Day.

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

Mother's Day Mass
Saturday, May 10 at 5 pm

Ursula Kocemba Slosky
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 11 at 8 am

Nhan Pham
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 11 at 11 am

Virginia MacLellan
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, May 13 at 9 am

Jean Labroad
Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 17 at 5 pm

Binlt Tu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 18 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday is Mother's Day. It has become an important day to honor our mothers. Many families will treat mom with gifts or a special dinner. It is a day to appreciate our mothers and our families.

This Sunday is celebrated in the Church as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Church also designates Sunday as World Day of Prayer for Vocations, asking us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. In his message on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis said, "A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good will of faithful people." He added, "I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus and allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words which are spirit and life.

We also congratulate our thirty-five young adults who were confirmed last Saturday by Bishop Walter Edyvean. We pray that the Spirit they received will strengthen them in their faith to enable them to be faith-filled, loving and practicing Catholics.

– Fr. Tom Donohoe

Women's Club Mother's Day Mass

St. Irene's Women's Club is having a Mass offered for all the mothers of the parish, past and present, on Saturday, May 10th at 5:00 pm.

First Communion

Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 am. Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for this special celebration. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am. **Because of the First Communion Mass, there will NOT be a 9:00 am Mass on Saturday.**

Religious Education

Second Grade Classes Rehearsal

The second grade classes will have an additional rehearsal for First Communion on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in the church.

Thank you 5th Grade Class

We thank our Grade 5 Religious Education children for assisting at the Masses last Sunday. Great job!

Religious Ed Registration 2014-2015

Forms are available on our parish website at www.stirenes.org. The deadline for registration is July 15th, 2014.

Parish Happenings

Roses for Spring House

The Women's Club will be selling roses to benefit Spring House, a home for pregnant women, the weekend of May 10/11 at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser. Surprise a mom in your life with some roses and help support another mom-to-be in her journey to respect life.

Red Cross Blood Drive

On Monday, May 19th 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

Save the Date

Baccalaureate Mass - June 8th at 5:00 pm

St Irene Parish will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates, their parents, and family on Sunday, June 8th, at 5:00 pm. Graduates of middle school, 8th grade, high school, and college and their families are cordially invited to attend this special occasion as we celebrate and offer thanksgiving for their academic accomplishments with the Most Holy Sacrament of the Mass to be followed by a reception in our church hall. The musical accompaniment for our Mass will mark the return of the acclaimed Gospel Choir of the Boston Archdiocese.

A reception to follow after Mass with dinner and a chance to renew acquaintances for families and young adults and their guests. **Please RSVP by May 27th** by calling the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or emailing me at cafcm@comcast.net with your name and a count of how many from your family will be attending. Your early response will assist us with proper planning. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

Deacon Charles Ferraro

Women's Club Banquet

The Women's Club Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 6:30 pm at Rufinos in Chelmsford. Please call Jean Morin at 978-287-0738 or Jan Brown at 978-256-9480 to RSVP no later than May 15th. Thank you.

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 (978-256-8553) 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.

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 constraints some photos may not be used. 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.

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@Stlrenes.org.

2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$17,340 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 increased by 27% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 13.8%. Thank you for your continuing support.

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 22nd 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/WeddingAnniversaryMass 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!

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.

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.

St. Irene Online

We have 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 at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

Women's ACTS Retreat – June 12-15

(Adoration, Community, Theology, Service)

St. John the Evangelist Parish is inviting all women, ages 21 and older to attend a Women's ACT Retreat at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham, MA from June 12th – 15th. This is your chance to leave your busy schedule and enter into a spiritually uplifting weekend. This weekend will be an opportunity to strengthen your faith, renew yourself spiritually and build and grow friendships with some great women. To learn more, please contact Trudy Desfosse at july3special@aol.com or call (617)283-3859.

The Choir of St. Paul's ~ Spring Concert

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Saint Paul's Church, Harvard Square, Bow & Arrow Streets, Cambridge
General admission tickets: \$20.00

Please call (617)868-8658 or go to our website www.stpaulchoirschool.com to order tickets. This year the Choir of St. Paul's will perform a concert of Sacred Choral Music including works of Purcell and Bruckner. Please come and support America's only Catholic Boys' Choir School.

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 Has-

tings instrument. For more information, contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$8264
Offertory YTD	\$110,952
Monthly YTD	\$10,092

The second collection next week will be 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.