



St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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

Jean Labroad

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 17 at 5 pm

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Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 18 at 11 am

Jean Labroad

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 24 at 9 am

Frances Pantano

12th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, May 24 at 5 pm

Pasquale Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 25 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

I was impressed by the message of Pope Francis at Easter. He said, "This is the culmination of the Gospel: it is the Good News par excellence. Jesus who was crucified is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope." Pope Francis goes on to say, "The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death."

During this Easter season, we rejoice in the new life that we all share in the Risen Lord Jesus. This weekend we celebrated the First Holy Communion of our young second grade children. It is a wonderful happy day for them and their families. We pray that they continue to be nourished by the Bread of Life and grow in their faith and their love of God.

– Fr. Tom Donohoe

First Communion

We congratulate the following children in our second grade class who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We

would also like to extend our deep appreciation to the second grade teachers for their time to prepare our students. Thank you Marianne Caizza, Lauren Dominguez, Elizabeth Gottmann-Hanrahan, Lois Lombardi and Bethany Richman.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Caroline Coletti
Christopher Corfield
Emma Cotter
Lucas Dagg
Charlotte DiRocco
Isabella DiRocco
Taylor Fitzpatrick
Lily Freeman
Aidan Gibbons
Ava Gottmann-Hanrahan
Tyler Jeffers
George Joseph
Joshua Lima
Ryan Lima
Mia Lombardi
Katherine Manning
Samuel Richman
Michael Small
Siena Triola

Religious Education

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

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 visit www.RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-Red-Cross for more information. 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 Deacon-Charlie@StIrenes.org 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 Thank You

The Women's Club would like to thank everyone who donated towards the Trash to Treasure Day. Over \$300 was raised despite the changing weather.

Unfortunately someone dropped off a large TV cabinet even though it was stated that no furniture was to be accepted. The Women's Club has no way of getting rid of this piece and would like the person who donated the cabinet to please come and pick it up so that the garage can be used. Thank you.

New Parish Photo Directory New Sitting Date Added

St. Irene Church along with Lifetouch Photography will be creating a new photo directory - the last one was done in 2004. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

Wednesday, June 11th from 2-9 pm

You can call the rectory at (978) 369-3940 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to sign up for a sitting.

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@StIrenes.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.

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!

Tuesday Evening 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@StIrenes.org for more information.

Wednesday Morning Adoration

Every Wednesday morning, the Holy Mass is followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until 12 noon. During this time Fr. Romain is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Adoration is concluded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Benediction. Come by anytime and spend some time with Jesus.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 64% from last year. St. Irene's began its increased offertory campaign last year at this time. Last year's weekly offertory was \$15,488. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 10%. Thank you for your support.

2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$20,145 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 66 donors and families. If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the back of the Church. For more information about the appeal, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank 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.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

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.

Area Events

Armagh Coffee House

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical entertainment, which will take place on Friday, June 6, 7:30 pm at the Armagh Coffee House in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be the nationally and internationally renowned Celtic musician Hanz Araki accompanied by special guests Colleen Raney and Sean Earnest. Araki is known for his fresh and innovative approach to traditional Irish and Scottish music.

Coffee House admission is \$15 and children under 12 \$5. For more information contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

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.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$5527
Offertory YTD	\$116,479
Monthly YTD	\$10,092

The second collection this 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.