# Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 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

Alice Haugh Memorial Mass Saturday, May 31 at 5 pm Mary O'Donnell **Healing Mass** Sunday, June 1 at 8 am Francesca Tranfaglia Memorial Mass Sunday, June 1 at 11 am Ben Bakken 22nd Birthday Mass Wednesday, June 4 at 9 am John Couahlin Memorial Mass Friday, June 6 at 9 am Jean Labroad Memorial Mass Saturday, June 7 at 9 am

Julie Zieba Memorial Mass Saturday, June 7 at 5 pm

Visit our website at www.Stlrenes.org

Guardino Family Memorial Mass Sunday, June 8 at 11 am

Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, June 8 at 5 pm

## The Pastor's Corner

It seems that Pope Francis continually surprises us. His three day pilgrimage to the Holy Land was no exception. The pope involved himself in the Middle East peace process by inviting the presidents of Israel and Palestine to come to the Vatican for a prayer summit. His hope is that this will lead to a lasting peace in this part of the world. It is wonderful to see our Holy Father take the initiative in his visit. As we celebrated Memorial Day last Monday, we remembered the men and women who have served to defend our nation and especially those who have died in wars and conflicts over the years. Our Memorial Day services in Carlisle were a reminder of the terrible price of war and our need to pray and work for peace in our world.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

## First Friday

Next Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of June. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

#### **Mass Schedule**

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Effective the weekend of June 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

# Confirmation Registration 2014-2015 School Year

Confirmation registration forms for the coming year will soon be on the website. Please complete the forms by July 15, 2014. Our program will be under the direction of Sheila Zacharchuk who has taught for a number of years in St Irene's Religious Education program and most recently with the Confirmation program. Sheila will be replacing Frank de Alderete. We would like to thank Frank for his fine work and efforts this past year. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sheila at confirmation@Stlrenes.org.

Confirmation Certificates can be picked up in the rectory office.

# **Parish Happenings**

## 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 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 dinner reception will follow after Mass and a chance to renew acquaintances for families and young adults and their guests. Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling the rectory Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or emailing me at DeaconCharlie@Stlrene.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

## 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

This weekend volunteers will be available after Mass to sign parishioners up for sittings or you can also call the rectory Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## **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.

## **American Red Cross Thank You**

The Red Cross thanks the efforts of St. Irene Church for their support of the community blood program that helps to replenish the blood supply and ultimately saves lives. There were 16 donors and 19 units were collected on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for these life saving gifts.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15 (which is Father's Day) at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## 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@Stlrenes.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.

## 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/WeddingAnniversar yMass 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!

## Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 14% from last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

## 2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$20,195 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 67 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@Stlrenes.org.

#### **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.

#### 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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/catholiced ucation/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.

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 ACTS Retreat at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham, MA from June 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### **Financial Information**

Offertory \$4744

Offertory YTD \$128,966

Monthly YTD \$12,452

The second collection this past week was for the Communication Campaign and amounted to \$650.

#### 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:**

Sheila Zacharchuk

## **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**

Certain Sundays 6:00 — 8:15 pm Please check with Deacon Charles

## **Baptism Catechesis**

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

## **Baptisms**

Sundays,  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  of each month at 1:00 pm.

## Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.