



# St. Irene Church

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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 13, 2014**

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## Mass Schedule

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### Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 pm

### Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

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## Liturgical Events

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### Mass Intentions

Vigilo Guardino  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, July 13 at 11 am

Rose Doherty  
Memorial Mass  
Thursday, July 17 at 9 am

The Hardiman Family  
Memorial Mass  
Saturday, July 19 at 9 am

Pasquale Tranfaglia  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, July 20 at 11 am

James Scacciotti  
Memorial Mass  
Monday, July 21 at 9 am

Linda & Edward Connell  
Memorial Mass  
Thursday, July 24 at 9 am

Armand Antolini  
13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, July 26 at 5 pm

Francesca Tranfaglia  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, July 27 at 11 am

Maybeth Sonn

Anniversary Mass

Friday, August 1 at 9 am

The Tranfaglia Family  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 3 at 11 am

The Guardino Family  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 10 at 11 am

Amarinda Scacciotti  
Memorial Mass

Tuesday, August 12 at 9 am

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## The Pastor's Corner

By St. Irene's Parochial Vicar

I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade when Our Lady of Kibeho, appeared to High School students in Kibeho, a village in the south of Rwanda. Kibeho is an hour long walking distance from where I was born and raised. Every time I went home for school break, I travelled to Kibeho with my siblings and cousins. There we met tens of thousands of other pilgrims; many of whom travelled days and nights from all the corners of Rwanda and neighboring countries to listen to the messages of our Lady. Many people stayed in Kibeho for days praying and renewing their faith, sharing stories. When they returned home, their lives were changed. So was mine. Kibeho

nourished my faith and my devotion to the Blessed Mother. My love for Pilgrimages was born in Kibeho.

My last pilgrimage took me to Krakow in Poland and to Medjugorje. In and around Krakow, we prayed, toured and admired the beauty of the churches where St. John Paul II was baptized and catechized, where he was a bishop and the Center "Have no Fear" where his relics are available for pilgrims.

Just outside of Krakow we visited and celebrated Mass in Lagiewniki, the capital of Divine Mercy where the message of Divine Mercy originated which Christ himself wished to pass on to our generation through Saint Faustina. In Medjugorje, whether visiting visionaries in their homes, or walking up and down the Hill of apparitions and Cross Mountain, or spending time with Jesus in evening adoration or simply meeting and talking to other pilgrims from the four corners of the globe, you always find yourself embraced with peace and grace and great healing.

When I am on a pilgrimage, I'm inspired by the natural beauty of landscapes and rich historical and cultural heritage of places I visit. Following the steps of men and women who through human struggle and divine intervention, kept their faith and are now our models as Saints - that's the beauty of pilgrimage for me.

*- Fr. Romain Rurangirwa*

## Sunday Mass Schedule

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> which is Welcome Back Sunday.

## Congratulations

Spencer Jack Gibbons and Evelina Knockowski were baptized recently at St. Irene church. Congratulations to Spencer and Evelina and their families. Welcome to St. Irene Parish.

## Religious Education

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### First Communion Banners

The beautiful banners that were decorated by our second grade students are available to take home. They are in a basket at the back of the church.

### Religious Ed Registration 2014-2015

Registration forms for the 2014-2015 Religious Education classes are now available on our parish website at [www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/) or pick one up at the back of the church and mail it to the rectory by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Thank you.

### Confirmation Registration 2014-2015

Confirmation registration forms are now available on the St. Irene website at [www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation\\_prep.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html). Forms can also be found at the back of the church. **Please complete the forms by July 15, 2014.** Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sheila Zacharchuk at [confirmation@Stirenes.org](mailto:confirmation@Stirenes.org).

## Parish Happenings

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### Summer Bulletin Schedule

The last weekly bulletin before the summer schedule begins is June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please have the information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm. Thank you.

### Parish Library Summer Display

Please see our displays of summer reading books in the back of the Church as well as downstairs. Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library. The library is open whenever the Church is open. Please remember to return any overdue books. Thank you.

## **Virtus Training**

All teachers and volunteers need to take a one-time VIRTUS training course. If you have already taken it at St. Irene's or any other parish you do NOT need to retake the class. However, if you have not had this training you will need to take it. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

*Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm*

*Friday, September 19 at 9:30 am*

Please call Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 or email [stirene@comcast.net](mailto:stirene@comcast.net) to register for a class. Additional dates and locations for area classes are listed on the Archdiocese of Boston website at [www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472). Please call the rectory if you have taken VIRTUS training at another parish, so we can update our records. Thank you.

## **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](mailto: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 last Sunday was 26.6% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

## **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 please contact Mary Ellen Bakken at [vocations@StIrenes.org](mailto:vocations@StIrenes.org).

## **2014 Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$21,070 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 72 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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

## **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](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.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@StIrenes.org](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## **St. Irene Online**

We have upgraded St. Irene's web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) and also added a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](http://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org). St.

Irene's online calendar can be found at [www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html](http://www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html).

## Area Events

### Concord Community Summer Choral Sing

Holy Family Parish at 12 Monument Square, Concord, will be the site of this summer's annual Concord Community Summer Choral Sing on Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30 PM. All Concord-area choral singers (and listeners) are invited to attend.

Robert Barney, music director at Trinity Episcopal Church, will conduct J. S. Bach's much beloved Cantata #4 "Christ lag in Todesbanden" and Cantata #140 "Wachet auf". A small orchestra, including First Parish's music director Elizabeth Norton and Holy Family Parish's and West Concord Union Church's director, James Barkovic, will accompany the singers.

The Sing is being held at Holy Family Parish church, 12 Monument Square, in Concord. Choral scores will be available at the door for those who need to borrow them for the evening. The admission charge is \$5, which will cover the cost of holding the event. The church is wheelchair accessible and air-conditioned.

### Summer Fair Event for Kids with Disabilities & Their Families – August 10<sup>th</sup>

Children with disabilities and their families are invited to this annual fair sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Westford/Chelmsford Council) on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Paul Center, Chelmsford, MA from 9:30 - 11:30 am. The fair is run rain or shine and the grounds are wheelchair accessible. This free event includes 16 fun games, crafts, parachute activity, and prizes. Register by contacting Ken Desilets prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> - phone: (978) 692-6866 or email: [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com).

### The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents - St. Anthony Shrine 100 Arch St., Boston, MA 02110

Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome. We offer spiritual re-

treats and monthly meetings. Please call (800)919-9332 or (617)542-8057. For other Emmaus locations and programs, see [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) or email [info@emfgp.org](mailto:info@emfgp.org).

### Financial Information

Offertory	\$5939
Offertory YTD	\$162,882
Monthly YTD	\$14,861

The June collection for The Holy Father Peter's Pence amounted to \$745.

### 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

Sundays, 1<sup>st</sup> of month 3:30 – 6:00 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.