



St. Irene Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10, 2014

Mass Schedule

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

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

The Guardino Family
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 10 at 11 am

Amarinda Scacciotti
Memorial Mass

Tuesday, August 12 at 9 am

Walden and Grace Ward
Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 16 at 9 am

Karl and Anna Zisch
Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 16 at 5 pm

Layne and Katherine DiGuglielmo
Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, August 17 at 8 am

Pasquale Tranfaglia
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 17 at 11 am

Francesca Tranfaglia
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 24 at 11 am

Martha Huber

1st Anniversary Mass

Saturday, August 30 at 5 pm

The Guardino Family
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 31 at 11 am

Mary Gardetto
Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 6 at 5 pm

The Tranfaglia Family
Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 7 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

I certainly enjoy reading the talks of Pope Francis. These homilies are sent to us regularly. In a recent visit to a group of priests in Italy, the Pope spoke of prayer. He remarked, "The creativity that comes from prayer has a dimension of transcendence, because through prayer, you open yourself to the transcendent; to God. But there is another transcendent; opening oneself up to others, to one's neighbor. We must not be a Church closed in on itself. Two fold transcendence is important; toward God and towards one's

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neighbor. Coming out of oneself is not an adventure, it is a journey." His words reinforce that simple but basic commandment that Jesus taught us. The two great commandments are to love our God and to love one another. But Pope Francis reminds us that the love of God and neighbor are more than simply commands. They open us up to contact with God and one another.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of the Assumption

Next Friday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption – a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of June 21st/22nd 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 7th which is Welcome Back Sunday.

Congratulations

Kaiden Flynn Colby, Brody Alan Ashe and Margaret Simone Hynes Costello were recently baptized at St. Irene Church. Congratulations to Kaiden, Brody, Margaret and their families. Welcome to St. Irene Parish.

Religious Education

Religious Ed Registration 2014-2015

Registration forms for the 2014-2015 Religious Education classes are available at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/ or pick one up at the back of the church and mail it to the rectory by August 15th. We are still in need of teachers, please email Eileen Faber at reled@StIrenes.org if you are able to volunteer.

Confirmation Meeting September 7th

There is a mandatory parents meeting for **both Confirmation levels** on Sunday, September 7th after the 5:00 pm Mass.

Confirmation Registration 2014-2015

Confirmation registration forms are now available on the St. Irene website at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html. Forms can also be found at the back of the church. **Please complete the forms and submit them by August 15th.** Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sheila Zacharchuk at confirmation@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Finance Note

As of July 1, 2014 and going forward, the monthly collection will now be dedicated specifically to the maintenance, improvement and running of our parish plant, evangelization and education programs.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Aug. 17th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Theater News

Irving Berlin's **White Christmas** is coming to Boston in December. If you are interested in going, please contact the rectory office (978)369-3940, email info@StIrenes.org or see Judy Andrews. Date and time to be determined. No payment required until November.

Women's Club

Ladies – Save the date of September 18th for our 2014/2015 “kick off” Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

St. Irene Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 21st right after the 11:00 am Mass. This annual event will be held on the grounds of St. Irene Church. It is a great opportunity to enjoy good food, family, fun kid games and crafts, and to catch up with friends you may not have seen over the summer. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Welcome Sunday – Sunday, September 7

On Sunday, September 7th we will observe Welcome Sunday. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 11 am Masses. Please join us.

Next Year's Calendar

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2014/2015:

Sunday, Sept. 7 - Welcome Back Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 21 – St. Irene Parish Picnic
Saturday, Nov. 22 – Mystery Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 15 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo
Saturday, Jan. 24 – Trivia Night

Please mark your calendars now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

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.

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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 3.3% more than 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 \$21,295 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 75 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, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. 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 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. Please call the rectory if you have taken VIRTUS training at another parish, so we can update our records. Thank you.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. The remaining publica-

tion date is September 7th. Please have the information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday before 5:00 pm. 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.

Parish Library Summer Display

Please see our display of summer reading books 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.

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.

The Catholic University of America Collection

The second collection for the week of September 7th supports the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu. Thank you.

Area Events

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 retreats and monthly meetings. Please call (800)919-9332 or (617)542-8057. For other Emmaus locations and programs, see www.emfgp.org or email info@emfgp.org.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$5522
Offertory YTD	\$183,123
Monthly	
1/1/14 – 6/30/14	\$14,861
Monthly Parish Upkeep	
7/1/14 – Present	\$1970

The Catholic Relief Services Collection amounted to \$571.

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, 1st 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.