

St. Irene Church

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The Baptism of The Lord January 11, 2015

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Elizabeth Bucen and Family
Mass of Thanksgiving
Monday, January 12 at 9 am

Ursula Kocemba Slosky
3rd Anniversary Mass
Wednesday, January 14 at 9 am

Fr. Robert Boyle
Memorial Mass
Thursday, January 15 at 9 am

Richard and Kathleen Maroney
Memorial Mass
Friday, January 16 at 9 am

Philip Phalon
Months Mind Mass
Saturday, January 17 at 5 pm

Leo Cantin
Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 18 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

I read that Cardinal Sean O'Malley ordained two Franciscan priests last week at Saint Anthony Shrine in Boston. That was certainly appropriate since Cardinal Sean is a Capuchin Father, a member of the Franciscan order. This weekend I am celebrating my own anniversary of ordination. Sixty-two years ago, on January 10, 1952, I was ordained a priest by Richard Cardinal Cushing at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Forty-five young men were ordained that day. It was a different age and a different church in so many ways. This was eight years before the start of the Second Vatican Council. We were still celebrating Mass and the sacraments in Latin. We wore long black robes called cassocks and three cornered hats known as birettas. In fact, in the seminary we were told that we should always wear a hat in public with our black suits, even in the summer. It was a more formal time. So much has changed over those many years. Yet the mission of our church is still the same – to proclaim the Good News of the gospel – to teach, to offer the sacraments, to counsel and comfort, to evangelize. And I am most grateful to still be able to continue my pastoral ministry as pastor of Saint Irene's and to continue the ministry that began so many years ago.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 25th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 8th grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

Congratulations

Rylie Corbett Jacobson, Margaret Helen Curran, Jackson Reyes McCormick, John Aloysius Myers V, and Robert Minola Liu Teixeira were baptized at St. Irene Church in December. Congratulations to Rylie, Margaret, Jackson, John and Robert. Welcome to St. Irene Parish!

Religious Education

Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, January 11th for grades K-5. There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 18th and Monday, January 19th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 24th (snowdate: January 31st) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the Church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **reserved pews**.

Parents of Grade 2 Students

Please note the following: Reconciliation Workbooks and folders are due Sunday, January 11th.

REMINDER: There will be a 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation class will have their Rite of Election on Sunday, January 11th at the 5:00 pm Mass. **In lieu of class Deacon Charlie will be giving a presentation to the parents and candidates** regarding a mission trip in July 2015 in the Parish Hall immediately following the 5 pm Mass. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, January 11th at 7 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

Women's Club will have an evening of pizza and bingo on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun night so plan to attend, don't forget to call and RSVP Jan Brown so that we can have a head count. Please also bring a wrapped gift for the "winner's table". See you on the 15th.

11th Annual Trivia Night

Come on out for the 11th Annual St. Irene's Team Trivia Night on Saturday, January 24th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Snow date is one week later on January 31). Bring your own team (max. 8 per table), or come on your own and we'll seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. Enjoy 60 stimulating questions, food and beverages, door prizes, and awards, all for \$5 per person.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend or contact Tim and Jean Butler at trivianight@stirenes.org. Seating is limited, so tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

2015 Holy Hour for Life

The 2015 Holy Hour for Life is Tuesday Jan. 20 at 7:30 pm at St. Irene's. This is in advance of the National Day for Prayer for Life in Washington DC and the 42nd anniversary of Roe v Wade. Holy Hours will be held throughout the Archdiocese in support and prayer for those traveling to Washington We will have adoration and prayer to promote the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Come and join us in prayerful witness to life.

Library News

Please remember to return any overdue books. *Many of the Lent books have not been returned.* We would like to have them for the upcoming season. Thank you.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection total as of this past weekend is \$92,700 towards our goal of \$100,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Irene's will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, January 29th from 2:00 – 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org for more information. Please donate if you are able. Thank you.

Make a New Year's Resolution to join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved “long winter’s nap,” rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will resume on Thursday, January 15th. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children’s Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30 pm.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only “requirements” are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please drop me a note at Music@stirene.org. I look forward to seeing YOU!

Cypriana Coelho

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.

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.

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.

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.

2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Good news! We have exceeded our goal for the 2014 Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all of the supporters who made this happen. We truly appreciate your donations. Our parish campaign goal was \$33,894 and we have raised \$34,070 from 80 donors and families. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 18.5% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

January 2015 Special Collection

The Archdiocese has informed us that the second collection on January 11 has been designated a "Catholic Social Ministries Collection," to support Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston, St. Mary's Women and Children's Center and St. Ann's Home and School. Please visit www.ccab.org, www.stmaryscenterma.org and www.st.annshome.org for more information. Thank you.

Area Events

St. Paul's Choir School Open House

Prospective families and students are invited to the Choir School's Open House on Sunday, January 25 at 12:30 pm during Catholic Schools Week. Come see the boys in action at the 11 am Mass and then see the school first hand and meet our faculty and administration. Boys typically enter the Choir School in the 4th grade, but we have a select number spaces for incoming 5th graders. All boys have the potential to thrive at the Choir School - please join us at our Open House and encourage others to attend. For more information, please contact John Robinson, Director of Music, at jrobinson@choirschool.net or (617) 868-8658 x319.

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.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$6429
Offertory last year	\$5423
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This week's second collection is for Special Collection Sunday. Next week the second collection is for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund. Thank you.

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.