

St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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

Rev. James Byrne
26th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 19 at 11 am

Ann Canzano
Memorial Mass
Monday, April 20 at 9 am

Roland, Diane and Paul Desrochers
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, April 21 at 9 am

Paul Vezina
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, April 22 at 9 am

Jean LaBroad
1st Anniversary Mass
Thursday, April 23 at 9 am

Hugh and Irene McCarthy
Memorial Mass
Friday, April 24 at 9 am

Roland Isabelle
9th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, April 25 at 5 pm

Ann Canzano
Memorial Mass
Monday, April 27 at 9 am

The Pastor's Corner

What a difficult winter it has been for all of us. We've experienced record snow-fall of over one hundred inches and record breaking cold for several months. We are certainly grateful that winter is finally over. Now that we have celebrated Easter, we can look forward to the new life of nature as well. The Easter season is the time when 42 young adults will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. On Saturday May 2, Bishop Emilio Allue will come to our parish to confirm our young people. It is the culmination of two years of preparation and in a real sense a rite of passage in our church. Later, on May 16, our second grade children will receive their First Holy Communion. This is always a very special and joyful celebration. We welcome the new seasons – Spring time, Easter, Alleluia.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

Congratulations

Ariana Nicole Gorman and Kathryn Grace Johnston were baptized at St. Irene Church last weekend. Congratulations to Ariana and Kathryn and their families. Welcome to St. Irene Parish!

Thank You

We thank the fifth grade students for hosting the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses last Sunday. Great job!

Religious Education

Grades K-5

There will be NO classes on Sunday, April 19th due to Spring Vacation. Classes will resume for grades K-5 on Sunday, April 26th. Our last class will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. We conclude our Religious Ed. Program with the May Crowning. More information to follow.

2nd Grade First Communion/Rehearsals

The 2nd grade classes will have their second rehearsal April 26th. The *special rehearsal time for rehearsal* is: 9:30-10:30 am for both Sessions I and II. Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

Grade 2 First Communion Items

Folders, workbooks and banners are due on Sunday, May 3rd as well as donations for First Communion flowers.

Grades 6-8

There will be NO classes on Monday, April 20th due to the Spring Vacation. The LAST class for grades 6-8 will be on Monday, April 27th from 7-8:15pm. We will begin with Mass in the church. Please arrive on time. We will conclude the year with an Ice Cream Social. Please note the **SPECIAL PICK-UP** time of 8:15 pm.

Thank you Religious Ed Teachers

Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents for a wonderful year! A special thank you to the teachers for their time, talent and service!

Confirmation News

On Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 pm there is a rehearsal and dinner. Confirmation candidates and their families will meet in the church. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 am.

Parish Happenings

Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

The Women's Club will have their Trash to Treasure Day on Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. You can begin leaving your treasures in the rectory garage on April 26th. **Please remember we cannot accept electronics, clothes or large items like furniture.** In the past large items have been left, we have no way of getting rid of them. If you have any questions please email Womensclub@StIrenes.org.

Marriage Enrichment

In today's hectic pace of family life sometimes we find that we put our marriage needs at the bottom of the list. Both parents are working, children's schedules are time consuming, when do we as married couples have the time to refresh, enhance and enrich our marriages? On April 25/26 at our weekend Masses, a visiting married couple will speak about a great solution to our busy world; Marriage Encounter. Learn how you can revitalize your marriage through this Catholic encounter that Pope Benedict characterized as "important work...especially in this world we live in."

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$13,420 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 47 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 or for more information visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection total as of this past weekend is \$94,000 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.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and **all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled**. CORI forms are due by April 20th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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.

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.

Home Missions, Black & Native American, Military Archdiocese Collection

Next week's second collection supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American service men and women. The Home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs. For more

information, please visit www.usccb.org or www.milarch.org.

Area Events

Boys & Girls Club Book Drive

Along with Holy Family Parish, we are collecting new and gently used books during the weekends of April 19th and 26th in the foyer of the church. The books will be donated to a new Boys & Girls Club library being built in Chelsea, MA. Picture books, chapter books and young adult books would be greatly appreciated!

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, April 21st at 7 pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony's Church in Lowell with guest speaker Colby Flis. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius With Fr. James Buckley, FSSP St. Benedict Abbey, Still River MA

3 Day Women's Retreat: July 17 - 19, 2015
3 Day Men's Retreat: July 24 - 26, 2015

Cost: \$299, includes all materials, meals, private room and board. Arrival time is the Thursday evening before the retreat begins. For information email Mr. James Buxton at Janthonybuxton@yahoo.com

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was .2% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$7,866
Offertory last year	\$7,847

Offertory YTD	\$86,638
Offertory YTD last year	\$95,584

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$9,540
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This week's second collection will be for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

Next week the second collection will be for the Home Missions and Black & Native American, Military Archdiocese.

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.