

St. Irene Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015

Happy Mother's Day

We extend our best wishes to all the mothers of our parish for a Happy Mother's Day.

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

Mother's Day Mass

Saturday, May 9 at 5 pm

Ursula Kocemba-Slosky

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 10 at 8 am

Nhan Pham

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 10 at 11 am

Anne & Stephen Kaduboski

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 13 at 9 am

Layne Katherine DiGuglielmo

1st Birthday/Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, May 14 at 9 am

Emily Massa

Memorial Mass

Friday, May 15 at 9 am

First Communion Mass

Saturday, May 16 at 10 am

Phyllis Lezmeier

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 17 at 8 am

Binh Tu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 17 at 11 am

Alice Haugh

Anniversary Mass

Sunday, May 17 at 5 pm

Ann Canzano

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, May 19 at 9 am

Kathleen Maroney

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 20 at 9 am

James Gwynn

Memorial Mass

Thursday, May 21 at 9 am

Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated this Thursday, May 14th. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated on Thursday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

The Pastor's Corner

Almost two years ago, we went to Boston College to find a student priest to reside at Saint Irene's and assist us in the parish. Father Augustin Vondou was coming from Cameroon to study and agreed to come to our parish. Last week Father completed his studies and defended his thesis and will receive a licentiate in moral theology. He will graduate on Monday, May 18. Since he excelled in his studies, his bishop has agreed to allow him to pursue a doctorate in theology at Loyola University, Chicago. Father Augustin will be leaving us on May 23 – first to visit his bishop in Cameroon and then to go to Chicago to continue his studies. We are most grateful to Father Augustin for his ministry at Saint Irene's and his companionship in the rectory. A reception for him will take place on Sunday, May 17 in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 am Mass. We invite you to join us to say farewell to Father Augustin.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

First Communion

Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 am. Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for this special celebration. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am. **Because of the First Communion Mass, there will NOT be a 9:00 am Mass on Saturday.**

Women's Club Mother's Day Mass

St. Irene's Women's Club is having a Mass offered for all the mothers of the parish, past and present, on Saturday, May 9th at 5:00 pm.

The Women's Club will NOT be selling roses for Spring House due to its closing.

Morning Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary before daily Mass at 8:40 am.

Religious Education

Religious Ed Registration 2015-2016

Forms are available on our parish website at www.stirenes.org. The deadline for registration is July 15th.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, May 10 at 7 pm in the rectory.

SAVE THE DATE - June 7, 2015

Baccalaureate Mass – 5:00 PM

St. Irene Parish will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates and their parents, family, and friends on Sunday June 7th. Graduates of 8th grade, high school, and college and their families will be invited to attend this special occasion as we celebrate their academic accomplishments in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Mass to be followed by a reception in our church hall. RSVP as early as possible by email Deacon Charlie at DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org with your name and a count of how many from your family will be attending for planning purposes. Once again the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir will be providing the music for our celebration.

Deacon Charles Ferraro

Farewell Reception for Fr. Augustin

A farewell reception will be held for Fr. Augustin next **Sunday, May 17** in the parish hall after the 11 am Mass. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate his graduation from Boston College which will take place the next day (May 18) and to thank him for his contribution to the pastoral life of Saint Irene's Parish. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to come by to say thanks and congratulations to Fr. Augustin!

Women's Club Banquet

The Women's Club Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 pm at Rufinos in Chelmsford. Please email WomensClub@StIrenes.org to RSVP no later than **Monday, May 18th**. Thank you.

Mission Trip July 2015

Thank you to all of you gave to the Mission Trip envelope trellis last weekend. To date we have raised \$1300 towards our goal of \$2000 which will assist us with covering the overhead costs for the trip to Worcester for the 17 students and the chaperones. If you have not had a chance to contribute please consider supporting the trip by selecting an envelope and dropping it in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you again.

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14th at 11:30 am and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May.

Red Cross Blood Drive

On Thursday, May 28th from 12:00 – 5:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 years of age and in good general health to donate. Please donate if you are able. 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 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.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$15,905 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 57 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Grand Annual Collection

We have collected \$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.

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.

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**. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. 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.

Communication Campaign

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Wouldn't he use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The Catholic Communication Campaign believes Jesus would use as many means as possible and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Please visit www.usccb.org/ for more information.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

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

Offertory	\$8,097
Last year's Offertory	\$8,264
Offertory YTD	\$104,969
Offertory YTD last year	\$110,952

Dedicated Church Maintenance
and Upkeep Fund YTD \$12,069

Last week's collection for the Nepal Earthquake Relief amounted to \$586.

The second collection this week will be for the Communication Campaign.

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.