

St. Irene Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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

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

Sophie Collins

Memorial Mass

Friday, May 22 at 9 am

The Pastor's Corner

On Saturday our young children received their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass. It is such a special day for the children, their families and our parish. I believe that each one of us remembers that special day – even though it may have been many years ago. The Holy Eucharist that we receive in Holy Communion is at the heart of our spirituality. It is the Mystery of Faith – the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacrament. It is a joy to see the wonder and reverence of the children as they receive Holy Communion for the first time. We are a sacramental church. We need to hold on to that faith as the Eucharist too often, as adults, we take this sacrament for granted. So many of our Catholic people neglect Sunday Mass and attend only on the great feast days. We need to recognize that receiving the Lord in Holy Communion brings us into contact with Jesus and strengthens us to live fully our faith and commitment to the Lord.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

Morning Rosary

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

First Communion

We congratulate the following children in our second grade class who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We would like to extend our deep appreciation to the second grade teachers for their time to prepare our students. Thank you Yvonne MacCormack, Andrea Kalkstein, Amy Livens Kelly Guilmette and Karen Hutchinson.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Trevor Bailey
Olivia Bewick
Thomas Bewick
McKayla Cadden
Gavin Darling
Nathan DuBay
Samuel Eckelkamp
Serry Gouveia
Elena Guilmette
Evan Guilmette
Charlotte Haeffner
Katherine Hall
Courtney Kalkstein
Heather Lardizabal
Thomas Livens
Sara MacLeod
Vincent Mezzanotte
Ava Micciantuono
Carl Monks
Christian Phillips
Avani Rebbi
Anthony Scaduto
Helen Sutton
Rebecca Ward
Amy Weingarten
Josephine Wigton

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

Farewell Reception for Fr. Augustin

A farewell reception will be held for Fr. Augustin this **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!

Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you so much to the St. Irene's Parish for all you have donated and everything you have done to support St. Andrew's Secondary School in Ngong, Cameroon. With your help, we are pleased to announce that we raised nearly \$700 during our bake sale which fully covered the shipping costs for the two rain barrels and a large box full of supplies. In total between fundraising and donations, we were able to send over 2000 pencils, 100 notebooks and other classroom materials including staplers, binders, tape/dispensers, paper clips, chalk, and five computers, and more. Your generosity has now allowed for the 350+ children of St. Andrew's to receive these useful supplies to help them get a better education. We along with the children of St. Andrew's express our truest and upmost gratitude for your help. May you all continue to be blessed with God's grace.

Daria and Caroline

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**.

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

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Emerson

Were you hospitalized and someone brought you communion? Perhaps you would like to consider trying this ministry of prayer and Eucharist? It entails about 1-2 hours per month, 2 gatherings per year, and a retreat for your support, faith sharing, prayer and a wonderful meal provided by the hospital. All of your questions can be answered by contacting the Catholic healthcare chaplain, Timothy Duff, STM at tduff@emersonhosp.org or (978)287-3015. Please consider trying this ministry. You will receive training and support on an ongoing basis. Thank you.

Mission Trip July 2015

Thank you to all who gave to the Mission Trip bright envelope trellis over the last couple of weekends. Your generosity helped us to exceed our goal by raising over \$2,200. The proceeds will enable us to cover our overhead expenses. We look forward to sharing our experience with you after our mission trip week.

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

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.

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 \$21,005 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 68 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.

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 56 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Area Events

Bluegrass Concert

Sunday, May 17 at 7:00 pm concert at Holy Family Parish 12 Monument Sq. in Concord

Are you interested in the idea of a Bluegrass/Gospel mix. Join us for "a concert of sacred choral Bluegrass, Gospel and American folk music" and sing a song or two with us. The Holy Family Parish and West Concord Union Church choirs along with Southern Rail Bluegrass Band will perform.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 21% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

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| Offertory | \$6,695 |
| Last year's Offertory | \$5,527 |
| Offertory YTD | \$111,664 |
| Offertory YTD last year | \$116,479 |

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD \$12,224

Last week's second collection for the Communication Campaign amounted to \$889.

This week's second collection is for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

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.