

# St. Irene Church

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**Solemnity: Body and Blood of Christ**  
**June 7, 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

Karl and Anna Zisch

Anniversary Mass

Saturday, June 6 at 5 pm

Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, June 7 at 5 pm

Alfred McLaughlin

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, June 9 at 9 am

Matilda Nalunkuuma

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, June 10 at 9 am

Francisco Nkuubi

Memorial Mass

Thursday, June 11 at 9 am

James Kagimu

Memorial Mass

Friday, June 12 at 9 am

Carol Lencki

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, June 13 at 9 am

## Morning Rosary

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

## Summer Mass Schedule

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Effective the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

## The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we are celebrating our annual Baccalaureate Mass at 5:00 pm. It will be a wonderful celebration with music provided by the Archdiocesan Black Choir. Following the Mass, we will provide a dinner for the graduates and their families in the parish hall. We have invited the graduates from elementary school, high school and college to join us. These graduations mark a special time in the lives of these students and their families. Each graduation brings its own challenges as our young people prepare for their future and their careers in life. We pray that they will continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom as they proceed to their next goal in life.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

# Religious Education

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## Religious Ed Registration 2015-2016

Forms are available on our parish website at [www.stirenes.org](http://www.stirenes.org). The deadline for registration is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## First Communion Banners

The beautiful banners that were decorated by our second grade students are available to take home. They are in a basket at the back of the church arranged alphabetically.

## Confirmation Information

Confirmation forms were due by May 30<sup>th</sup>. They are now available online at [www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation\\_prep.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html). Please do not send them electronically. Thank you.

## Confirmation Work of Mercy Project

St. Irene's Confirmation candidates are required to complete two Works of Mercy in each year of their Confirmation preparation. Last November they raked leaves for seniors and this past Lent they raised money for the hungry. Instead of buying that cup of coffee or buying lunch out, they were asked to eat at home and to donate what they would have spent to Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals is an international movement that sets up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works by providing a daily meal in a place of education, for chronically poor children who are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty. Today, Mary's Meals allows over 920,000 children from impoverished areas in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and South America, to go to school and receive meals every school day.

From the combined efforts of the Confirmation candidates Work of Mercy project, some grade 6 students as well as some parishioners, we raised **\$3301.75** for Mary's Meals. A sincere thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

The average cost to feed a child for a whole school year is \$19.50. For more information on Mary's Meals, please visit their website, [www.marysmealsusa.org/](http://www.marysmealsusa.org/). Thank you again.

## Parish Happenings

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### Baccalaureate Mass – 5:00 PM June 7

St. Irene Parish will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates and their parents, family, and friends on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Graduates of 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Once again the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir will be providing the music for our celebration.

### 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](mailto:tduff@emersonhosp.org) or (978)287-3015. Please consider trying this ministry. You will receive training and support on an ongoing basis. Thank you.

### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 7 pm in the rectory.

### Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$21,380 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 72 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

## 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](http://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. **We are still missing some CORI forms from volunteers.** Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you.

## Summer Bulletin Schedule

The last weekly bulletin before the summer schedule begins is June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

## 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](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:vocations@StIrenes.org).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## St. Irene Online

We have upgraded St. Irene's web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) and also added a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](http://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org). St. Irene's online calendar can be found at [www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html](http://www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html).

## Area Events

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### Steps to Home Walk – Sunday, June 14

The Lowell Transitional Living Center is the largest shelter north of Boston. For over 25 years, LTLC has provided a supportive environment for individuals committed to overcoming the circumstances that led to their homelessness.

Please join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Steps to Home Walk through the historic areas of downtown Lowell on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. To register or for more information please visit [www.firstgiving.com/ltlc/stepstohome2015](http://www.firstgiving.com/ltlc/stepstohome2015). Registration begins at 12:00 pm and the walk starts at 1:00 pm. Post-walk celebration with fun family activities, food and raffle prizes!

### Semi-Retired or Retired? Eager to “Give Something Back?”

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is currently accepting applications for women and men age 50 and over. Volunteers for the Jesuit-sponsored program have the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. Volunteers serve two days a week, and meet monthly with a Spiritual Reflector and other IVC members. For more information, contact Dave Hinchin, New England Regional Director, at 617-571-3838 or [dhinchin@ivcusa.org](mailto:dhinchin@ivcusa.org) See our national website at [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

### 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](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## Financial Information

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### Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 33% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,131
Last year's Offertory	\$7,698
Offertory YTD	\$127,196
Offertory YTD last year	\$136,664
Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$15,126

### St. Irene Staff:

#### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

#### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

#### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm  
Please contact Deacon Charles Ferraro

#### Baptism Catechesis

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

#### Baptisms

Sundays, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.