

St. Irene Church

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2015

Happy Father's Day

We express our best wishes to all the fathers of our parish on their special day.
Happy Father'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

Patricia Garrity Mullaney
10th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, June 20 at 5 pm

Jean Mirabito – Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 21 at 8 am

David Isabelle - Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 21 at 11 am

Raymond Briere and Raymond Critch
Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 21 at 5 pm

Paul Sones - Memorial Mass
Monday, June 22 at 9 am

Maybeth Sonn - Memorial Mass
Wednesday, June 24 at 9 am

Virginia DeMont
2nd Anniversary Mass
Saturday, June 27 at 5 pm

Alice Shahinian
30th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, June 28 at 8 am

Tuy Vu - Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 28 at 11 am

John and Kathleen Wilcox
Wedding Anniversary &
Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, July 1 at 9 am

Lois Curcio - Memorial Mass
Saturday, July 4 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we observe Father's Day – a day to recognize the important role fathers have in our families and to honor them for all they do for us. It doesn't seem to have the same feeling as Mother's Day but it is just as important.

This Sunday also begins the summer season at Saint Irene's. This Sunday we celebrate the last Sunday 5:00 PM Mass until September. During July and August, we will print a monthly bulletin. It is the time for vacations for our children and many families: a time to relax and renew our spirits. Surveys tell us that

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many people leave a portion of their vacation days unused. All of us need time apart from our work and time to enjoy our families. For many years, I rented a cottage at a New Hampshire beach for my mom, my two sisters and their families. We would have three weeks together. My seven nieces and nephews still remember those days fondly. So take time this summer to relax and enjoy.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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 21st. Effective the weekend of June 27th/28th 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 13th.

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.

Confirmation Information

Confirmation forms were due by May 30th. They are now available online at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html. Please do not send them electronically. Thank you.

Parish Happenings

Summer BBQ and Social

Please join the Saint Irene Knights of Columbus on Friday, June 26th between 6 pm and 8 pm for some classic American cuisine from the grill in the Parish Hall. Food and drinks will be served throughout the event. Soda and juice will be available for kids. All parishioners are welcome. Please RSVP with

how many will be attending by June 19th to Kevin Donnelly at KofC@StIrenes.org.

Father Tom's Birthday Flash Mob

If you were unable to attend Father Tom's birthday flash mob, you can view it on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/mOpCWG1oZhQ>.

Social Justice Request – Car Needed

The Social Justice Committee is looking for a donated used automobile to help an older parishioner. This parishioner is of very limited means and his current vehicle is not repairable. He is in need of the car in order to seek employment and to commute to a job once he finds one. If you have a used vehicle in working order and would consider parting with it, please contact Wendy at the parish office at (978) 369-9863 or via email at stirene@comcast.net. Thank you.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

This will be our last weekly for the summer. We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th. Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$22,305 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 78 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.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2015/2016:

Sunday, Sept. 13 – Welcome Back Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 20 – St. Irene Parish Picnic
Saturday, Nov. 21 – Mystery Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 6 – Parish Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec. 13 – Christmas Pageant
Thursday, Jan. 21 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo
Saturday, Jan. 30 – Trivia Night
Saturday, Mar. 19 – Italian Night
Saturday, Apr. 30 – Confirmation
Saturday, May 14 – First Communion

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend these wonderful events.

American Red Cross Thank You

The Red Cross thanks the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and St. Irene Church for their support of the community blood program that helps to replenish the blood supply and ultimately saves lives. The Red Cross was able to collect 18 units of blood on May 28 during the drive at St. Irene's Church. Each unit could help up to 3 people in need. Thank you for these lifesaving gifts.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

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.

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. you.

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.

Peter's Pence Collection

On June 28th, we will have the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to the needy throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-085.cfm. Thank you.

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

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously when someone has lost a child. Please join us. All are welcome. We offer spiritual retreats and monthly meetings. Please call (800)919-9332 or (617)542-8057. For Emmaus locations and programs, see www.emfgp.org or email info@emfgp.org.

Upcoming Events

June 27: Into the Light Mass for Suicide Victims & Survivors, Boston

June 27 10:00 - 11:30 am Spiritual Support Group Meeting, Lowell

July 25: One-Day Retreat, Boston

Sept. 26: One-Day Retreat, Stoneham

Nov. 6-8: Weekend Retreat, Duxbury

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 19.8% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$4,495
Last year's Offertory	\$5,606
Offertory YTD	\$140,330
Offertory YTD last year	\$147,099

Dedicated Church Maintenance
and Upkeep Fund YTD \$15,316

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

The second collection next week will be for the Holy Father – Peter's Pence.

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, 1st 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.