

St. Irene Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2015

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

James Scacciotti

Memorial Mass

Thursday, July 23 at 9 am

Ellen Wade

Memorial Mass

Saturday, July 25 at 9 am

Frances Justian

4th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, August 1 at 5 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Ann and George Mercuri
50th Wedding Renewal of Vows
Saturday, July 11 at 11:30 am

Lois Louise O'Leary
Months Mind Mass
Sunday, July 12 at 11 am

Nena Magararu
Memorial Mass
Monday, July 13 at 9 am

McGinn and Doherty Families
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, July 15 at 9 am

Rose Doherty
Memorial Mass
Friday, July 17 at 9 am

Mary Curcio
50th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, July 18 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday Pope Francis began his visit to three countries in South America – Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay. These are small nations but the poorest in South America. Pope Francis will visit a violent Bolivian prison, a shanty town in Paraguay that is plagued by floods and is meeting with young people in Bolivia, much like the people he ministered to in Buenos Aires. One Colombian business man said – “We haven’t had a pope like this in a long time; a humble pope, a pope of the poor, a pope of the people.” We are grateful at Saint Irene’s that many people share the pope’s vision.

Last weekend Father Daniel O’Sullivan from the Saint James Society spoke of his work in Peru where he spent over

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thirty years as a pastor. He was overwhelmed at your generosity. The collection was over \$3,100. The Saint James Society is comprised of diocesan priests willing to spend time in the poor areas of Peru and Bolivia. It was founded by Cardinal Richard Cushing in the 1960's and many Boston priests and others have served in South America. Our support of Father Dan's appeal speaks of our willingness to help the poor and also to support the mission work of our church.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Summer Mass Schedule

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday was 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

Thank You

Fr. Daniel O'Sullivan who visited us last weekend and spoke of the work of The St James Missionary Society in Peru and Ecuador writes: Thank you so much for your warm welcome and thank you so much for your very generous financial help. The collection came to \$3,157. Without your support our mission in Peru and Ecuador would be impossible. May the Lord bless and keep you and please pray for me. I am so grateful to Fr. Tom and Fr. Romain for their kindness and hospitality.

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, Oct. 24 – Ham & Bean Supper
Saturday, Nov. 21 – Mystery Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 6 – Parish Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec. 13 – Christmas Pageant
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.

Thank You

The week of July 19 through July 25 seventeen of our high school students and five adult leaders will be taking part in a *Young Neighbors in Action* service week in Worcester. They thank you for your financial support and ask for your prayers, today and during the week, that their experience will be marked by joy and hope, that their service to those in need will prove to be helpful, and that they will grow in knowledge and faith through the experience.

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) 369-3940 or via email at stirene@comcast.net. Thank you.

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.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$24,855 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 80 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.

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.

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. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 18 at 9:30 am

The Archdiocese also requires a **yearly** 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 have any questions.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

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.

Area Events

Catholic Homeschool Conference – August 14

The Immaculate Heart of Mary New England Homeschool and Parent Conference will be held at the Univ. of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell, on Friday, Aug. 14th (12 – 6 pm). Confirmed speakers include: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Dr. Ryan Topping, Mrs. Amy Kalscheur, and Mrs. Virginia Seuffert! Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call 540-636-1946 or visit www.ihmconference.org.

Summer Fair Event for Kids with Disabilities & Their Families – August 9th

Children with disabilities and their families are invited to this annual Fair sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Westford/Chelmsford Council) on Sunday, August 9th at the Paul Center, Chelmsford, MA from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. The fair is run rain or shine and the grounds are wheelchair accessible. This free event includes 16 fun games, crafts, parachute activity, and prizes. Register by contacting Ken Desilets prior to August 1st. Phone: (978) 692-6866 or email: kgdesigned@gmail.com.

Opening Your Heart - The Starting Point Holy Family Parish Oct 2015 - March 2016

Please join us for this new program offered to help us with some of the daily issues with which we struggle as women trying to walk in Faith. Topics such as, "How do I conquer my fears? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life? Why and how should I pray? and What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?" are just a few of the wonderful topics being explored during this bible study course. Great food, beautiful music and lovely ladies of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join. Babysitting will be offered if needed. We look forward to seeing you and introducing you to this new and amazing program. In addition, if you feel called to get involved on a deeper level, we would love to have you. We will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until noon at Holy Family Parish, lower level. Please contact Rita Staniar at 978-505-5775 for more information.

A Hopeful Sign in Bethlehem

Following on Paulist Center's interest in reconciliation in the Middle East and signs of grace in our world, please come to hear (and be inspired by) Dr. Abdelfattah Abusour, Founding Director of al-Rowwad Children's Theatre and Cultural Center in the Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem, Palestine. Abed will explain how he established al-Rowwad to encourage education, creativity and artistic outlets for young people and families living in this difficult environment. al-Rowwad is a sign of hope for the future. Abed calls his vision, "BEAUTIFUL RESISTANCE." Saturday, July 25, 3-4:30 PM here at the Paulist Center, 5 Park St., Boston.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 10% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,323
Last year's Offertory	\$5,939

Offertory YTD	\$156,371
Offertory YTD last year	\$162,882

Dedicated Church Maintenance
and Upkeep Fund YTD \$15,516

The collection on June 28 for the Holy Father – Peter's Pence amounted to \$771.

The collection July 5 for the St. James Society amounted to \$3,157.

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

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.