

St. Irene Church

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The Baptism of The Lord
January 10, 2016

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

Daniel William Murphy

1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 10 at 8:00 am

Pham T. Thanh

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 10 & 17 at 11:00 am

Richard Curtis

Memorial Mass

Monday, January 11 at 9:00 am

Margaret Tucker

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 am

Helen Dolan – 2nd Anniversary Mass

Mary Dumont – 34th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, January 13 at 9:00 am

Carol and Fred Parlee

20th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Sixty-four years ago, on January 10, 1952 Cardinal Richard Cushing ordained me and forty-four other young men as priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. How different things were in 1952. It was before the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's. Mass and the sacraments were celebrated in Latin. Priests wore cassocks and birettas everywhere. So much has changed over the years in the church, but also in life. As I celebrate the anniversary of my ordination, I am grateful for all the blessings I have received in life. I have served as an assistant pastor in six different parishes. I have served as pastor at Saint Michael Church in Hudson, MA and Saint Lawrence Church in Brookline. And for the past twenty-seven years I have been pastor here at Saint Irene parish. Life offers many changes but what remains the same for me and for all of you is our faith in God and our faith in Jesus. This sustains us in good times and in difficult times. Our faith offers us, as well, the hope and joy of a richer and fuller life in heaven. Thanks be to God for all his gifts.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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@StIrene.org for more information.

2016 Holy Hour for Life

The 2016 Holy Hour for Life is Tuesday Jan. 19 at 7:30 pm at St. Irene's. This is in advance of the National Day for Prayer for Life in Washington DC and the 43rd anniversary of Roe v Wade.

Holy Hours will be held throughout the Archdiocese in support and prayer for those traveling to Washington We will have adoration and prayer to promote the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Come and join us in prayerful witness to life.

Religious Education

Christmas Pageant Thank You

Thank you to the 5th grade students and our baby Jesus, Michael Hurley, for a beautiful Christmas Pageant! Thank you to Carol Yelle and Laura France for directing this wonderful event and who are retiring after several years. We would also like to thank Marsha Wigton Cervantez for becoming our new Christmas Pageant Director. We would also like to thank the 5th grade teachers: Kate LaLiberte, Jeanne Hall, Cindi Haggerty, Meg McCafferty and Lynn Brady as well as our parent volunteers.

Thank you to the 8th grade students and teachers: Eileen Faber, Tina Ford, Jennifer Albanese, Andrea Pickersgill, Marianne Gallagher and Kathy Jeffers for a delicious "Holy Pancake" Breakfast. St. Irene's will donate \$331 to the Junior Seminary in Rwanda where Fr. Romain studied.

Religious Education K-8

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10th for grades K-5. Second Grade Reconciliation Workbooks and journals are due at that time. There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 17 and Monday, January 18 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 23rd (Snow date: January 30th) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the Church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **reserved pews**.

Reminder: There will be a 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation class will have their Rite of Election on Sunday, January 10th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow Mass.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, January 10th at 7 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

Women's Club will have an evening of pizza and bingo on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun night so plan to attend, don't forget to contact Jan Brown to RSVP so that we can have a head count. Please also bring a wrapped gift for the "winner's table". See you on the 21st.

Peer Ministry Book Drive

The St. Irene Peer Ministry group will be collecting donations of books, DVDs, CDs and video games that will go to an organization called More Than Words. They are a non-profit social enterprise that empowers disadvantaged youth. The collection will go from January 3 - 24. Please see the information sheet in the church for donation exclusions. Thank you.

Peer Leadership Ministry Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact Deacon-Charlie@stirenes.org for more information.

12th Annual Trivia Night - Date Change

Come on out for the 12th Annual St. Irene's Team Trivia Night on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Snow date is one week later on Jan. 30). Bring your own team (max. 8 per table), or come on your own and we'll seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. Enjoy 60 stimulating questions, food and beverages, door prizes, and awards, all for \$5 per person.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend or contact Tim and Jean Butler at trivianight@stirenes.org. Seating is limited, so tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you!

Dear Fellow Parishioners,
I am humbled and grateful, once again, for the many talented and dedicated members of our worship community who came together to create the beautiful music we all

enjoyed at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Thank you: Marianne Vrotsos, our organist, who played so beautifully for all of the many rehearsals and Masses, and always did it with a smile; Jennifer Zuk, our talented flautist and vocalist who added so much to all of the Christmas Eve Masses and who was not fazed by the dozens of cherubs who surrounded her at the Children's Mass!; Emily McCormack, our lovely junior cantor who sang like an angel at the Children's Mass, and sang with the adult choirs at EVERY SINGLE Christmas Mass – what AMAZING dedication!!; the members of the Adult Choir who worked so diligently and enthusiastically to learn the new music and truly “sang their hearts (and souls!) out” at the many Masses; the members of our Young Adult group who joined their voices and talents with us on Christmas Eve; the members of the Children's Choir whose innocence, exuberance, and angelic singing brought smiles to many a face; the Choir Moms and Dads who helped with many of our younger singers during the Christmas Pageant and Children's Mass; the parents of the Children's Choir who made time in busy schedules to bring their children to rehearsal every week; and Eric Peters, Jean Butler, and Melissa Weiksnar, our narrators at the Service of Lessons and Carols.

I continue to feel as though I have “the best job in the world” serving as the Music Director here at St. Irene. I am so very proud of all the Music Ministry has accomplished this year, and I am excited to see where our musical journey will take us in 2016! I wish you all a Happy New Year filled with good health, the love of family and friends, and abundant blessings.

Fondly, Cypriana Coelho

Make a New Year's Resolution to join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved “long Winter's nap,” rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will resume on WEDNESDAY (new day!), January 13th. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children's Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only “requirements” are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please drop me a note at Music@stirene.org. I look forward to seeing YOU! 😊

Carlisle Council on Aging Thank You

Thank you to the many generous St. Irene Parishioners who provided gift cards for Carlisle seniors. I have received many calls from seniors who received a gift card and wanted to send you their thanks. Whoever donated should know that you made a difference in someone’s life. You let an individual or family know that someone was thinking of them, someone wanted to help them, and someone cared about them. On behalf of the Carlisle Council on Aging (COA), please accept our heartfelt gratitude because without your generosity, this support would not have been possible. A special thanks to Judy Andrews who coordinates the Caring Tree and to the St. Irene’s Woman’s Group, and in particular, Jan Brown for also helping families with meals and more during the holidays.

*Thank you, Angela Smith
COA Outreach Coordinator & Program Mgr.*

Financial Information

Special Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. The proceeds will go toward these schools to assist more families with demonstrated financial need and to help grow enrollment. Thank you for your generosity and belief in the gift of a Catholic education.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 15.8% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,190
Last year’s Offertory	\$7,353
Offertory YTD	\$6,190

Offertory YTD last year	\$7,353
Monthly YTD	\$0
2015 Grand Annual to date	\$109,271
Separate Gifts YTD	\$320

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Next week the second collection will be the monthly collection.

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.