

St. Irene Church

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4th Sunday of Easter
April 17, 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

Jean LaBroad

2nd Anniversary Mass

Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 am

Father James Byrne

28th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 24 at 11:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

William L. Burns - 2nd Anniversary Mass
Edward M. Sousa – 40th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 17 at 8:00 am

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 am

Gioi Vu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 17 at 5:00 pm

Susan Gaipo
Month's Mind Mass
Monday, April 18 at 9:00 am
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, April 20 at 9:00 am

Josephine Roscoe
1st Anniversary Mass
Thursday, April 21 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Pope Francis has just issued an apostolic letter entitled the "Joy of Love." This document concludes the work of the synod on marriage last year. Pope Francis addresses the many challenges that confront modern families. He speaks of the routines of family life, role of electronic devices, sex and even death. The letter offers practical advice on family issues. It has been called a "revolution of tone" that identifies with the themes of Pope Francis' papacy – mercy, compassion and a vision of the church as a hospital that tends to the needs of the spiritually wounded. Pope Francis did not change the teachings of the church on marriage. He did offer hope that we can find ways to minister to Catholics separated from the church.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Low-Gluten Altar Bread is Available

If you have Celiac Disease and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant priest prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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.

Religious Education

Religious Education Grades K-5

There will be NO classes on Sunday, April 17th due to Spring Vacation. Classes will resume for grades K-5 on Sunday, April 24th. Our last class will be held on Sunday, May 1st. We conclude our Religious Ed. Program with the May Crowning. More information to follow.

2nd Grade First Communion/Rehearsals

The 2nd grade classes will have the second of two First Communion rehearsals on April 24th. The special rehearsal time is: 9:30-10:30 am for both Sessions I and II. Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

Grade 2 First Communion Items

Folders, workbooks and banners are due on Sunday, May 1st as well as donations for First Communion flowers.

Grades 6-8

There will be NO classes on Monday, April 18th due to the Spring Vacation. The LAST class for grades 6-8 will be on Monday, April 25th from 7-8:15pm. We will begin with Mass in the church. Please arrive on time. We will conclude the year with an Ice Cream Social. Please note the SPECIAL PICK-UP time of 8:15 pm.

Confirmation News

On Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 pm there is a rehearsal and dinner. Confirmation candidates and their families will meet in the church. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 am.

Parish Happenings

2016 Baccalaureate Mass

St. Irene Parish will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates, their parents, family and friends on Sunday, May 22 at 5:00 PM with special musical accompaniment to be led by Cypriana Coelho, our music director. Anne Gennaro, a recent college graduate will speak about the challenges to one's faith during the college years.

Graduates of 8th grade, high school, and college and their families are cordially invited to attend this special occasion as we celebrate and offer thanksgiving for their academic accomplishments with the Most Holy Sacrament of the Mass.

A reception will follow afterwards with dinner and a chance to renew acquaintances for families and young adults and their guests. **Please RSVP by May 11th** by calling the rectory or emailing DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org with your name and a count of how many from your family will be attending. Your early response will assist us with proper planning. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

Women's Club – Business Meeting

The Women's Club will hold their annual Business & Calendar meeting on Thursday, April 21st, beginning at 6:30pm. This is an important meeting and it would be nice to have as many of our members attend; there is much to discuss and your input is needed.

Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

The Women's Club will have their Trash to Treasure Day on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. You can begin leaving your treasures in the rectory garage on April 25th. **Please remember we cannot accept electronics, clothes or large items like furniture.** In the past large items have been left, we have no way of getting rid of them. If you have any questions please email Womensclub@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: http://www.bostoncatholic.org/uploadedFiles/BostonCatholicorg/Offices_And_Services/Offices/Sub_Pages/Child_Advocacy/2016/031516TrainingDatesforVIRTUS.pdf.

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.** CORI forms are due by April 20th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Cradles to Crayons Collection

The Peer Leaders are supporting an organization called *Cradles to Crayons* that helps children in need. We will be collecting supplies to build care packages at St. Irene's until May 1. Please see the flyer in the church for items to donate. Thank you for your donations.

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.

Area Events

Carlisle Health Lecture – Gleason Library Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

What you should know about concussions especially in our youth although concussions happen in all age groups

Dr. Robert Cantu (MD, FACS, FAANS, FICS, FACSM) is one of the world's foremost authorities on brain trauma and concussions in sports. Goals and objectives of his talk are:

- To be able to identify concussion symptoms and post-concussion syndrome
- Discuss epidemiology of concussion including mortality/morbidity statistics
- To be able to understand chronic traumatic encephalopathy
- Complications of mismanagement of concussion
- Understand criteria for resuming activity
- To understand unique risk that concussions have for youth as compared to adults.

RSVP to reserve your seat at gleasonlibrary.org/calendar or 978-369-4898.

Surviving Sibling Support Group

When a brother or sister dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness. A Surviving Sibling Support Group is now offered at St. John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford on the last Saturday each month for surviving siblings of all ages and for any reason. All are wel-

come to a safe place to share their story, find comfort, hope and encouragement as you continue a new path in life. Meetings will begin on Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and will continue to meet on the last Saturday of each month.

Financial Information

Catholic Appeal 2016

Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/>. St. Irene Parish has raised \$14,590 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

Priests from Boston College

As you may have noticed, we have 2 new priests at St. Irene's who are currently studying in the Masters and Doctoral programs at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. We are delighted to have them to assist us. As they are foreign priests, they are not employees nor can they be paid as employees of the parish. So in order to reimburse their travel expenses and to show appreciation for taking time from their studies, we must create and fund a separate account. We will need to raise \$5,500 to cover the next 12 months to maintain this assistance of which \$4,955 has already been raised. Please consider supporting this effort which is a significant savings over how we have previously paid for priests to help us. Please indicate on the memo line that your check is "Restricted Gift to Support Student Priests". The weekend of April 9 and 10th baskets will be left at the entrance to the church for you to deposit your gift. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 24% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,951
Last Year's Offertory	7,866
Offertory YTD	\$87,437
Offertory YTD last year	\$86,638
Monthly YTD	\$8,123
Separate Gifts YTD	\$796

This week the second collection will be the monthly collection. Next week the second collection will be for Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and Black and Native American Catholic communities.

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.