

St. Irene Church

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5th Sunday of Easter
April 24, 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

Father James Byrne
28th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 24 at 11:00 am

Susan Gaipo
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, April 26 at 9:00 am

Zbigniew Kowalski
4th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, May 1 at 8:00 am
Tuesday, May 3 at 9:00 am

Alice Haugh
Anniversary Mass
Sunday, May 1 at 5:00 pm

Mark Thomas Frates
Memorial Mass
Monday, May 2 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

I am writing this column on Patriot's Day. This is a very special day in Massachusetts, but especially in Carlisle and Concord, Lexington and Belmont. This is where our country began when the Minutemen from Carlisle and Concord defeated the English soldiers and began our journey to independence. Each year the battles of Concord are reenacted to remind us of the important event in our history. Patriots' Day is a celebration of our freedom which is the basis of the wonderful way of life that we enjoy as citizens of this great nation. It is a time to be grateful for all our blessings and the life that we enjoy today.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday, May 5th. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated on Thursday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

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

Grades K-5

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 Education 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

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 – 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.

Lazarus House Collection

In conjunction with the Women's Club Trash to Treasure event, the group will also be collecting clothing and shoes for both children and adults for Lazarus House in Lawrence. Donations will be accepted from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 7. **No furniture or electronics will be accepted.** If you have any questions, please contact the Women's Club. Thank you.

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.

Reminder: All CORI forms are due in the rectory office.

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. 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.

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

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 welcome 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.

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.

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 \$16,950 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 \$5,140 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". Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Home Missions, Black & Native American, Military Archdiocese Collection

This week's second collection supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese provides for Catholic chaplains for American service men and women. The Home Missions subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 25.5% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,309
Last Year's Offertory	5,025
Offertory YTD	\$93,746
Offertory YTD last year	\$91,663
Monthly YTD	\$10,324
Separate Gifts YTD	\$1,446

Last week the Monthly collection amounted to \$2,201.

This 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.

The rectory office is usually open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.