

St. Irene Church

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6th Sunday of Easter
May 1, 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

Glen Huber - Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 7 at 5:00 pm

Mother's Day Mass
Sunday, May 8 at 8:00 am

Nhan Pham - Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 8 at 11:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

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

Bill and Dot Riley - Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 4 at 9:00 am

Maria & Jose Henriques
Wedding Anniversary Mass
Friday, May 6 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo - Months Mind Mass
Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Saturday 34 young adults received the sacrament of Confirmation from our regional vicar Very Reverend Brian Kiely. We are often told that our young people should not see Confirmation as graduation from religious education but there is a similarity. Graduation is really Commencement Exercise. It marks not the end of a phase of life but a beginning of a new part of life. Confirmation celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young adults to enable them to live as adult Christian Catholics. They are now called to follow Christ in a new way – to witness their faith in Jesus every day. We pray that the Holy Spirit will energize our young people to live their faith more fully in the Church.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, April 30, the Very Reverend Brian Kiely conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates. We congratulate them and their families as they become full members of our faith community here at St. Irene's.

Moira Lee *Cecilia* Andrews

Alison Rose *Colette* Breen

Michael Ambrose *Ambrose* Cadden

Caroline Joyce *Theresa* Campbell

Gina Elizabeth *Cecilia* Castellano

Isabelle Cecile Gribbon *Catherine* Clark

Emily Elizabeth *Joan* Cote

Jonathan James *Francis* Crowley

Elizabeth Maeve *Rose* Cunningham

Izabel Liliana *Louise* Dominguez

John William *Francis* Dunn

Nicholas Paul *John Paul* Eckelkamp

Keely Elizabeth *Julie* Ford

Kelly Ann *Cecilia* Gallagher

Olivia Joan *Barbara* Gallagher

Anthony Elaunglong *Anthony* Gao

Emma Rose *Monica* Gottmann-Hanrahan

Evan Alexander *Benedict* Hatton

Michael *Anthony* Kendall

Haley Maureen *Catherine* Kohler

Caitlin Anne *Therese* Laliberte

Elizabeth Shannon *Joan* Manning

Shannon Lee *Therese* McLaughlin

Megan Darby *Clare* McNally

Katherine *Mary* O'Connor

Kelly Alexandra *Agnes* Phillips

Nicholas Taylor *Louis* Pottle

William Charles *Andrew* Rose

Maria Simone *Agnes* Shaw

Nicole Taylor *Veronica* Small

Daniel Childs *Sebastian* Trask

Nicholas Alan *Christopher* Walsh

Lauren Michele *Cecilia* White

Patrick Daly McDonough *Sebastian* Wilson

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.

Religious Education

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Our last class for grades K-5 will be held this Sunday, May 1. In addition to class, both the 9:00 and 10:00 am sessions will celebrate the May Crowning in the church. ALL families/parishioners are invited to attend. Both sessions will line up in the parish hall at 9:15 am. The procession will be led by the Knights of Columbus into the Church. The May Crowning will begin around 9:30 am.

2nd Grade First Communion

Folders, workbooks and banners are due Sunday, May 1st as well as donations for First Communion Flowers. Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the parish hall at 9:15 am.

Religious Ed. Registration 2016-2017

Forms are available on our parish website at: www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/. The deadline for registration is June 1, 2016.

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.

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.

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.

Area Events

Carlisle's Council on Aging Spring Fling!

You're invited to an evening of great music & dancing on Friday, May 13 from 6:30 - 9 pm at St. Irene Church. Please RSVP by-

calling the COA at (978) 371-2895 by noon, Friday, May 6.

- Music by DJ, Jon Mansfield of Mansfield Entertainment, sponsored by Right at Home
- Dancing Demo by COA Ballroom Dancing Instructors, Barry Kasven & Cynthia Horn

Financial Information

Increased Giving Campaign

This weekend we are launching our **Increased Giving Campaign** with the goal of increasing our offertory income by 20%. Look for a letter explaining the details or log on to www.stirenes.org for details.

Special Collection for Ecuador

Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection in support of relief efforts to those areas devastated by the powerful earthquake that struck Ecuador. Baskets will be placed at the back of the church for donations.

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 \$5,340 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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 11.5% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$4,628
Last Year's Offertory	5,227
Offertory YTD	\$98,374
Offertory YTD last year	\$96,890
Monthly YTD	\$10,384
Separate Gifts YTD	\$3,446

Last week the second collection for Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and Black and Native American Catholic communities amounted to \$1,046.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelwo

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.