

St. Irene Church



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7th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2016

Happy Mother's Day

We extend our best wishes to all the mothers of our parish for a Happy Mother's Day.

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

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

Greg Phillips

Birthday Mass

Monday, May 9 at 9:00 am

Our Mothers

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00 am

Ann and Stephen Kaduboski

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo

Memorial Mass

Thursday, May 12 at 9:00 am

Alec Gunning

Birthday Mass

Friday, May 13 at 9:00 am

Mitchell Daehling

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 am

Phil Phalon

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 pm

Layne DiGuglielmo

Birthday Mass

Sunday, May 15 at 8:00 am

Nhan Pham

Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 15 at 11:00 am

Scott Whalen

4th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Next Saturday our young boys and girls will receive their First Holy Communion. This is an important day in their lives when they become Communicants in our church. Now they will have the privilege of receiving the Body of the Lord in Holy Communion. As these young people progress in their knowledge and understanding of life, so too they will grow spiritually in their knowledge and understanding of God and of our spiritual relationship with God and with our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the season when we celebrate these wonderful spiritual events. Last week our young adults received the power of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation which enables them to live their lives more fully as disciples of Jesus Christ. This coming Saturday, our young people will receive the greatest gift Jesus has left us – His presence in our church and in our lives in Holy Communion.

~ 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

2nd Grade First Communion

Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am. Students will meet with the photographer at 8:45 am and 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.

Confirmation

Registration forms for Confirmation are due both Level 1 and 2 by June 1.

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.

Going Away Reception for Deacon Charlie Sunday, June 5

We are sad to report that Deacon Charlie Ferraro and his wife Nancy will be moving to New Hampshire/Florida in June. On Sunday, June 5, after the 5:00 pm. Mass, we will hold a reception in the church hall to thank him for all his services to St. Irene's. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm and will include light hors d'oeuvres.

The Ferraros have been parishioners for 35 years and Deacon Charlie has served as our Deacon for the past 8 years, after having spent 4 years of coursework in order to become a deacon. Deacon Charlie has been an integral part of our parish. Please come to the reception on June 5 to help thank him for all he has done and wish him God-speed in his new work.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 7 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Banquet

The Women's Club Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 6:00 pm at Rufinos in Chelmsford. Please contact Jan Brown to RSVP no later than **Monday, May 16th**. Thank you.

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.

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/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4970&pid=460>.

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.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

Volunteers Needed

Care Dimensions is in need of volunteers for our Hospice patients! Volunteers are ordinary people making extraordinary differences in the lives of our patients. No matter what your skills, talents, or motivation, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Our next training starts soon so please contact Sr. Volunteer Coordinator, Jane Corrigan at 781-373-6574 or jcorrigan@caresdimensions.org for more information.

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.

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.

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 \$17,300 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

Communication Campaign

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Wouldn't he use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The Catholic Communication Campaign believes Jesus would use as many means as possible and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Please visit www.usccb.org/ for more information.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 21% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,384
Last Year's Offertory	8,097
Offertory YTD	\$104,758
Offertory YTD last year	\$104,969

Monthly YTD	\$10,484
Separate Gifts YTD	\$3,446

Last week's collection for the Ecuador Earthquake Relief amounted to \$525.

The second collection this week will be for the Communication Campaign.

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.