

St. Irene Church

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Trinity Sunday
May 22, 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

Khanh-Binh Tu
Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 am

Melody Lebreque
Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 22 at 5:00 pm

Anna Mary Blake
Memorial Mass

Monday, May 23 at 9:00 am

David Ward
Birthday Mass

Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 am

Karekin Shahinian
47th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, May 29 at 8:00 am

Khanh-Binh Tu
Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 29 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit comes to the Apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. When I visited the Holy Land with Cardinal Sean and thirty other priests a few years ago, we celebrated Mass in the Upper Room. It was an awesome experience – not only as the place of the Last Supper, but also as the place where Pentecost occurred. Pentecost concludes that special season of the Church year that began on Ash Wednesday. The forty days of Lent prepares us for Holy Week and Easter – the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The forty days of Easter rejoice in the Risen Lord and prepare us for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We now come to Ordinary Time and celebrate the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers. And we pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to continue to witness the Lord Jesus in our lives each day.

~ 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.

Mass Schedule

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on June 19th. Effective the weekend of June 25th /26th the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 11th.

Religious Education

Religious Ed. Registration 2016-2017

Forms are available on our parish website at: <http://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. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Zacharchuk at Confirmation@StIrenes.org.

Mary's Meals- Lenten Work of Mercy

Thank you to the level 1 and 2 Confirmation candidates for their Work of Mercy Lenten contributions to Mary's Meals. Along with the 7th grade students who gave their breakfast donations to Mary's Meals and some parishioner contributions, our total came to \$2,800. This money will be used to feed 144 children with one meal every school day for a year.

"These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom. The food fills their empty bellies so they have the energy and opportunity to learn, giving them the chance of a brighter future."

~ Mary's Meals, USA

Parish Happenings

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 Godspeed in his new work.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The Women's Club is in the preliminary stages of organizing a 50th Anniversary Luncheon in the fall. If anyone has information, or whereabouts, of past members (i.e. names, address, etc.) please contact Barbara O'Rourke or Priscilla Booth so that we can begin an invitation list. Thank you.

Interested in Becoming a Deacon?

Have you ever considered serving the Church as a Deacon? Would you be interested in exploring what the role of a Deacon consists of? Find out more about the responsibilities and requirements associated with the Diaconate by visiting: www.bostoncatholic.org/deacon.aspx and www.bostondiocese.org.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

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.

Semi-Retired or Retired? Eager to "Give Something Back?"

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is currently accepting applications for women and men age 50 and over. Volunteers for the Jesuit-sponsored program have the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. Volunteers serve two days a week, and meet monthly with a Spiritual Reflector and other IVC members. For more information, contact Dave Hinchey, New England Regional Director, at 617-571-3838 or dhinchey@ivcusa.org. See our national website at www.ivcusa.org.

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

Increased Giving Campaign

We have launched our Increased Giving Campaign with the goal of increasing our offertory income by 20%. Please donate if you are able. More information can be found on our website: www.stirenes.org

Priests from Boston College

We thank our parishioners who have given to the "Restricted Gift to Support Student Priests" fund. As you may have noticed, we have 2 new priests at St. Irene's who are currently studying 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.

Your donations will help to reimburse their travel expenses and to show appreciation for taking time from their studies. We have raised \$6,140 to cover the next 12 months to maintain their assistance. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Seminaries of the Archdiocese of Boston

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please support these seminarians on their journey towards priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

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.

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.

Number of parishioners participating in **On-line Giving**: 10 individuals / families

Last week the Monthly Collection amounted to \$1942.

The second collection this week will be the Seminarians Collection.