



St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

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

Alice Haugh
Memorial Mass
Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 pm

Steven Fanning
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 30 at 8:00 am

Phuc Tu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 30 at 11:00 am

Mary Egan
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 30 at 5:00 pm

Mia Wallace
Birthday Mass
Monday, May 1 at 9:00 am

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

Amy Wallace
Birthday Mass
Wednesday, May 3 at 9:00 am

Jose Henriques
Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 am

Scott Whalen
5th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 7 at 8:00 am

Albert Cabral
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 7 at 11:00 am

Greg Phillips
Birthday Mass
Tuesday, May 9 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 10 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Easter celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus from death to life. It is our greatest feast day. So we celebrate not just for a day but for the Easter season. Just as we prepare for Easter by forty days of prayer and fasting, so we celebrate the joy of Easter and new life for a season of forty days. During this season, we celebrate the sacraments which renew our spiritual lives. Last Sunday I baptized a young infant who became a member of our church. On May 5, Bishop Robert Reed will confirm our young adults as they become full members of our parish. On May 13, our children will receive their first Holy Communion – the bread of life for all of us. It is truly a time of joy and celebrations.

~Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

The 5th grade will host both the 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 30.

First Friday

Next Friday, May 5 is the First Friday of May. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

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 K-8

Our last class for **grades 6-8** will be on May 1. It will be from 7-8:15 pm. (Please note the special finish time). We will conclude our year with Mass followed by a Sundae Party in the Parish Hall.

Our last class for **grades K-5** will take place on Sunday, May 7. The 9 am Session classes will go to their classes as scheduled. BOTH the 9 & 10 am classes will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. We will conclude our year with the May Crowning ceremony at 9:30 am. Following the procession the 9 am students will be dismissed to their parents and 10 am students will go to their classrooms until 10:50 am dismissal time.

Second Graders

The last mandatory First Communion rehearsal will also take place on Sunday, April 30. Please note the **SPECIAL START AND FINISH** time of **9:30 – 10:30 am** for both class sessions as ALL 2nd grade students need to attend.

Folders, workbooks, and banners as well as donations for First Communion Flowers are due on Sunday, April 30. First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 13 at 10 am.

Confirmation News

On Wednesday, May 3 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 Friday, May 5 at 7:00 pm. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:00 pm.

Parish Happenings

Bake Sale – Caring 4 Cameroon Sunday, April 30th 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Caring 4 Cameroon is an organization designed to help children at St. Andrew's School in Ngong, Cameroon. This project was founded by Fr. Augustin, Emma Tonies, Daria Pietropaolo and Caroline Zacharchuk. They will be hosting a bake sale at St. Irene's to raise money for five students at St. Andrew's. This money will provide for their school tuition and materials for this school year. Thank you.

Women's Club Trash to Treasure

The "Trash to Treasure" sale will be held on Saturday, May 6th in the church parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You may start bringing your donations to the garage any time after April 17th. **Please DO NOT bring any ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, OR CLOTHING.** NO Donation will be accepted the day of the sale as it gets too confusing...Friday (May 5) afternoon is the deadline for dropping off your items.

Lazarus House Collection

Lazarus House will be at the Trash to Treasure with a truck for a clothing drive from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm - they are mostly in need of spring or summer clothing - all sizes....men, women, children and infants. Also, they will accept SMALL household items. Due to space restrictions, **we ask that you do not bring anything for Lazarus House until the time noted.**

Women's Club Fashion Show & Tea

The Women's Club Fashion Show & Tea will be held on Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Tickets will be \$10 and will go on sale the last two weekends in April. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Any questions, call Jan Brown.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Reminder: All CORI forms are due! CORI Checks

The Archdiocese requires a **yearly** 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.** Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you have any questions. Please return to the rectory office as soon as possible. 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.

Parish Library

Please return all Advent and Lenten books before May 17. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

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 offers suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Save the Dates

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Saturday, May 6 – Trash to Treasure

Sunday, May 7 – May Crowning

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

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.

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

2017 Catholic Appeal

We are pleased to share that St. Irene's has raised **\$34,390** toward our 2017 Catholic Appeal assessment of **\$37,349**. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. St. Irene's still needs to raise **\$2959**. Please donate today to help us reach our assessment by June 30. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support.

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy – just visit our website, www.stirenes.org, and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support of St. Irene Parish.

Second Collections

The collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday amounted to \$773.

The Easter collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$7771.

Last week the collection for the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, Black and Native American collection amounted to \$1085.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

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 the rectory.

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.