

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2017

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

Mother's Day Mass
Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm

Laura Jesse
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 14 at 11:00 am

Nhan Pham
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 pm

Maureen Dumont – 22 Anniversary Mass
Jeanne Parlee – Healing Mass
Monday, May 15 at 9:00 am

Sarah MacLellan
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, May 16 at 9:00 am

James Devlin
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 17 at 9:00 am

Ann Canzano
Memorial Mass
Friday, May 19 at 9:00 am

Karin Ward
Birthday Mass
Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 am

Stephen and Anne Kaduboski
Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 20 at 5:00 pm

Binh Tu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 am

Lee Andrews
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, May 23 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Saturday, May 13, the Church celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady to three children in the village of Fatima in Portugal. They saw "a lady all dressed in white" who told them to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world. Our Lady also told the children that if Russia was consecrated, there would be peace in the world. Pope Francis will celebrate this anniversary at the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima with thousands of pilgrims from around the world. The greatest effect of Fatima has been the increasing devotion to the Rosary and prayers for peace in our world. As Sister Lucia said, "The Rosary is the prayer that sustains and increases our faith."

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Daily Bible Readings

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

First Communion

We congratulate the following children in our second grade class who received their First Holy Communion this weekend:

First Communicants

Nora Bistras

Gabriella Bohs

Robert Boudros

Emma Brennan

Julia Coelho

Cole Corfield

Emily Costa

Jacob Gettings

Abigail Gullotti

Seamus Houlihan

Daniel Hurley

Mia Kasparian

William Seymour

Alexander Sutton

Ava Thomas

Jack Thomas

Justin Walazek

Samantha White

Paloma Wigton

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.

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.

Religious Education

Religious Ed. Registration 2017-2018

Religious Education registration forms are due by June 30, 2017.

Confirmation

Registration forms for Confirmation are due both Level 1 and 2 by June 30.

Parish Happenings

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 8

On Thursday, June 8th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 and in good general health to donate.

Donors can now use RapidPass, **on the day of the blood drive**. This allows you to complete your pre-reading and donation questions online from your home or office; reducing the time you spend at the blood drive by up to 15 minutes. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. Please bring your RapidPass with you to your appointment. To use RapidPass visit: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

All CORI forms are due!

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.

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

Jubilee Year of Fatima

St. Catherine of Alexandria 107 North Main St., Westford

Please join us on Monday, May 22 as we welcome the National Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The event will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary at 3:00 pm, Adoration from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, a presentation of Fatima at 6:15 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School - Billerica

The Catholic Community of Billerica is pleased to announce that Vacation Bible School will be held June 26-30. Children from surrounding parishes are welcome to attend. Registration forms for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 next fall can be downloaded from our website: reled.billeriacatholic.org. Registration forms are due June 12th.

This collaborative VBS will be held at St. Theresa Hall located behind St. Theresa Church in Billerica Center and run Monday through Friday - 8:45 am to 12:00 Noon.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Deb Fergus at DebFergus@parishmail.com or 978-667-3733.

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.

Trinity Dome Basket Collection

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to be taken the weekend of May 13-14 in all parishes, in support of the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic for the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian Shrine, and is oftentimes affectionately referred to as America's Catholic Church. Open 365 days a year, the Basilica is host to nearly one million visitors annually, attracting pilgrims and tourists alike from across the country and around the world. Baskets will be at the back of the church for donations this weekend.

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.

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.