

St. Irene Church

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Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018

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

Adam Gregoire
Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 19 at 5:00 pm

Ursula and Anna Kocemba Slosky
Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 20 at 8:00 am

Binh K. Tu
Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 20 at 11:00 am

Elizabeth Nelson
10th Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, May 22 at 9:00 am

Henry, Ellen & Kathleen Cormier
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 23 at 9:00 am

Ann Canzano
Memorial Mass
Thursday, May 24 at 9:00 am

David Ward
Healing Mass
Friday, May 25 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. I think it would surprise most people to state that the three greatest feast days in our church are Easter, Christmas and Pentecost. We know that Easter Sunday is our greatest feast day – the Resurrection of Jesus from death to life. We spend forty days in Lent to prepare for that feast. Additionally, we recognize that Christmas is also one of the important celebrations. We celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with cards and gifts and family dinners. We decorate our homes with Christmas trees and decorations. But Pentecost seems to be a forgotten feast – just another Sunday in our church. But we need to recognize the importance of Pentecost – when the Holy Spirit came to us and the mission of the Church began.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Tuesday Evening Adoration

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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 and Confirmation Registration 2018/2019

Registrations for the 2018/2019 Religious Education and Confirmation Program are available now on the St. Irene website. Please make sure to return with payment by June 30 in order to receive discounted price. Thank you.

Peer Leaders

Peer Leaders are organizing a Pizza and Game night on Sunday June 3rd after the 5pm Mass. This will be a fun filled night of jestina but no ioustina. The invitation is extended to all high school students. Please consider joining us to make this a successful

event. Bring a friend to keep you company. We will be asking for a small donation at the door of \$4 to cover the cost of the food. RSVP to peerleaders@stirenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Peer Leaders Bake Sale – May 20

Peer Leaders Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, May 20 after the 11 am Mass. We are raising seed money for our recipe book. Please purchase a few items. Thank you.

Baby Clothing Collection May 12-20

The Knights of Columbus worldwide is committed to supporting life at all stages. The original goal of the founder of the Knights of Columbus was to provide support for widows and orphans in the late 1800's. The Knights support charitable causes worldwide today as well as continuing support for families through a top-rated life insurance program.

The Knights both affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support for expectant mothers. The St Irene Knights of Columbus Council supports the Right to Life goal by holding a yearly drive to collect needed items for expectant Mothers.

This year, as we did last year, we will be collecting needed items for the Archdiocesan Pro-Life office in Natick, MA. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life effort also has offices in Brockton and Brighton where they provide needed items to expectant mothers as well as crisis counselling and newborn nursing care. This year they have a critical need for Newborn sizes. They need Newborn outfits for boys and girls and Newborn Onesies for boys and girls. They also would like Dr. Brown bottles (4 oz and 8 oz) and Dr. Brown pacifiers. They request the same brand (Dr. Brown) bottles and pacifiers as premature babies especially need the same nipples. Lastly they could use Sleep n' Plays (small sizes). By state law all items must be new with original sales tags attached.

A bassinette will be in the back of the church on the weekends of May 12-13 and May 19-20. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Communications Committee Invitation

Saint Irene's web committee will start a collaboration with Holy Family Concord's web committee, focusing on how we can engage not only parishioners but also the community around us, how we communicate who we are as Catholics, and also how our two web sites connect. We will target the web, social media, and other forms of outreach.

We're looking to schedule a one-time brainstorm in June and to start regular, monthly meetings in the fall. If you'd like to join this effort, contact feedback@stirenes.org - thank you.

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.

Puerto Rico Update

Several months ago, the St. Irene community raised money to help the hurricane victims in two parishes on the island of Puerto Rico. We have recently received notes and pictures from the two churches with updates.

The Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo in the town of Utuado said they have started reconstruction of the parish, whose roof was lost in the hurricane. The other parish, Parroquia Inmaculado Corazón de María in the town of Las Marías, reports that they have used the funds along with other donations to buy food, personal hygiene products, beds, appliances, and construction materials for members of the community. Both parishes expressed much gratitude to our parish, and sent us many blessings.

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 email at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 7

On Thursday, June 7 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 years of age and in good general health to donate.

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

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/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Area Events

Blessing of the Bikes - June 2 10:00 am St. John the Evangelist, N. Chelmsford

This is a popular tradition in which riders of motorcycles receive a blessing for safety throughout the coming season. ALL MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND THEIR 'BIKES' are invited for a blessing by Fr. Brian Mahoney on Saturday, June 2nd at 10 am in the St. John Parking Lot, 115 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford.

Financial Information

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.

2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated May 11

We are happy to report that our generous parishioners have contributed \$22,395 to date to the 2018 Catholic Appeal. The proceeds of this fundraising are used to support diocesan ministries on the central level and at the parish level. For example, St. Irene's will be taking advantage of the Archdiocesan Safety Training Program which will be presented at St. Irene's on June 9 and an Archdiocesan program on palliative care which will be presented on October 14.

Our parish assessment for contributions to the Catholic Appeal is \$37,577. With contributions to date, this means that we need \$15,182 to meet our goal. If you have not already had a chance to contribute, we would like to ask you to think about it today so that we can finish up the Catholic Appeal for this year before summer.

You can make a contribution in one of two ways:

1) Make an online contribution by going to www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Using your credit card, you can make a one-time contribution or elect a 10-month contribution schedule of smaller amounts.

2) Make a check payable to "Boston Catholic Appeal" and drop it in the collection basket. We will forward your check to the Catholic Appeal office.

In each instance, be sure to indicate that you are a parishioner of St. Irene's.

We want to thank everyone for your generosity in supporting not only our own parish, but also in providing the necessary support for the Archdiocesan ministries which, in turn, support us all. God bless.

Seminarians Collection

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians

on their journey toward their ordination to priesthood. For more information please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

The second collection this week is the monthly collection

The second collection next week is the Seminarian Collection.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

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.