

St. Irene Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 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

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

David Ward - Healing Mass
Wednesday, May 24 at 9:00 am

John Manganaro – Healing Mass
Thursday, May 25 at 9:00 am

Thanh Pham - Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

I congratulate our young children who received their First Holy Communion a week ago. It is a joyful day in our parish but also a happy and memorable day for our children and their families. The Holy Eucharist is the great gift that Jesus left us at the Last Supper. He tells us that His body is real food and His blood real drink. He is the bread of life that nourishes our spirit. He promises us that whoever eats this bread will live forever. What a motivation that should be for all of us to gather each week to celebrate Mass and receive the Lord Jesus into our hearts and to be strengthened by this spiritual food to live each day as His disciples.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday, May 25th. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated on Thursday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

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 Ed. Registration 2017-2018

Religious Education registration forms are due by June 30, 2017. Forms can be found at: http://stirenes.org/docs/2017-2018_registration_form_rel_ed.pdf.

Confirmation

Registration forms for Confirmation are due both Level 1 and 2 by June 30. There is a late fee of \$100 for registrations after June 30. Forms can be found on St. Irene's website at: http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html.

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. Our total came to \$2,341. This money will be used to feed 120 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

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 offer 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 information, please contact Deb Fergus at DebFergus@parishmail.com or 978-667-3733.

Emmaus Ministry Retreat

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. A ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause is offering a one-day retreat. Please join us. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

At St. Matthew Parish, Windham, NH

One-Day Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:30am-7:30pm

Pre-registration required. For more information or to register please call Peg Donahue-Turner: (603) 898-4818, Genevieve Baudin, Ashleigh's Mother: (603)490-8049 or see www.emfgp.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 Offertory Campaign

We sincerely thank the individuals and families who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% from parishioners to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

2017 Catholic Appeal

Congratulations! St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2017 Catholic Appeal assessment of \$37,349, collecting \$37,490. The Archdiocese would like us to reach a goal of \$40,678. We are truly grateful to the 56 parishioners and families that helped us reach our assessment. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese.

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.

Catholic Relief Services

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports

emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people.

Trinity Dome Basket Collection last weekend amounted to \$442.

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly collection.

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.