



St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 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

Scott Whalen

Memorial 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

Zbigniew Kowalski

5th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 pm

Marie Padenski

Funeral Mass

Monday, May 8 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

Jonathan Selman

Memorial Mass

Thursday, May 11 at 9:00 am

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

The Pastor's Corner

Last Friday Bishop Robert Reed confirmed thirty one of our young adults, members of our parish. The sacrament of Confirmation marks the gift of the Holy Spirit given to our young people as adult Catholic Christians in our church. These young people have prepared for this sacrament for two years by study, prayer, retreat, Sunday Eucharist and Christian services. They have grown in their faith and we pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them spiritually and enable them to live as faithful disciples of the Lord sharing the Eucharist with us each week and living their faith fully each day.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday, May 5, the Most Reverend Robert Reed conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates. We congratulate them and their families as they become full members of our faith community here at St. Irene's.

Nicholas Ahmad **John** Awada

Matthew Paul **Thomas** Battista

Andrew William **Ralph** Blake

Margaret Fidler **Isabella** Blake

Grace Curry **Teresa** Blunt

Kyle Joseph **William** Bonenfant

Ian William **James** Cadden

Olivia Taylor **Cecilia** Ceterski

Jillian Lenna **Veronica** Chelton

Sebastien **Albert** Thunbo Christensen

Anthony Joseph **Francis** DeScenza

Kiran Dilip **Damien** Dsouza

Jacqueline Frances **Marie** Errera

Emily Joan **Catherine** Flavin

Robert Charles **Anthony** France

Callan Thomas **Joseph** Fries

Katherine Elizabeth **Rose** LaLiberte

Mackenzie Josephine **Clare** LeLievre

Caitlin Kennedy **Gianna** MacLeod

Cole Austin **Sebastian** Mazzaferro

Katherine Anne **Elizabeth** McCollum

Brennan **Rose** McCormick

Mark Lyon **John** McGaughey**

Elizabeth Anne Marie **Augustine** Mulgrew de Laire

Christopher Kerrigan **Patrick** Ratcliffe

Carly Elizabeth **Gianna** Rose

Evan Daniel **John** Schlehr

Gabrielle Beatrice **Gemma** Silva

Catherine Pamela **Cecilia** Wright

Michael Curran **Miguel** Zacharchuk

Kaitlin Marie **Zélie** Carpenter*

*Adult Confirmand

** St. Mary's, Chelmsford Confirmand

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.

Confirmation Thank You

St. Irene Parish is very grateful to Joyce Errera and Maeve Lobo for their dedication to the Confirmation candidates. They both have volunteered for many years in our Religious Education program and for the past two years in the Confirmation program. Our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

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

First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 13 at 10 am.

Parish Happenings

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.

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 years of age 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.

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/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Area Events

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do" Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jun 10-11 in Medway, MA and Sep 16-17 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.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

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.

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.

Financial Details

April

Year to Date

Weekly

\$27,782

\$103,726

Monthly

\$3040

\$11,130

Gifts/Bequests

\$4325

\$42,979.13*

*Includes a one-time bequest of \$36,854.13