



St. Irene Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2014

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Frances Pantano
12th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, May 24 at 5 pm

Pasquale Tranfaglia
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 25 at 11 am

Karekin Shahinian
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 28 at 9 am

Sister Jean Marie Walker
of Corpus Christi
Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday, May 29 at 9 am

Stephen Kaduboski, Sr.
Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 31 at 9 am

Alice Haugh
Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 31 at 5 pm

Francesca Tranfaglia
Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 1 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Monday is Memorial Day, a day in which we remember and honor the men and women who serve our country. We honor especially those men and women who have sacrificed their lives to defend and protect our liberty and our nation. This holiday was originally known as Decoration Day – a day to visit cemeteries and decorate the graves of fallen heroes with flowers and flags. Many of us still visit the graves of our loved ones and decorate them with flowers.

We observe Memorial Day in Carlisle by a gathering in the Carlisle school to pray, to listen to patriotic music and to hear a speaker who expresses the sentiments of the holiday. Then we proceed to the cemetery and to various monuments around town to honor our veterans and to remember the ideals on which our nation was founded. Finally, we conclude our celebration with a flag ceremony and the national anthem.

It is a wonderful way in which our community comes together to celebrate Memorial Day. We invite you to join us and be part of this traditional Carlisle celebration.

– Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated this Thursday, May 29th. 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.

Congratulations

Emma Ann Sherman, Victoria Leigh Pray, Charlotte Anne Berube, Chloe Elizabeth Morris and Ryan George Rossetti were recently baptized at St. Irene Church. Congratulations to all of the children and their families. Welcome to St. Irene Parish.

Religious Education

Religious Ed Registration 2014-2015

Forms are available on our parish website at www.stirenes.org. The deadline for registration is July 15th, 2014.

Parish Happenings

Save the Date

Baccalaureate Mass - June 8th at 5:00 pm

St Irene Parish will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates, their parents, and family on Sunday, June 8th, at 5:00 pm. Graduates of middle school, 8th grade, high school, and college and their families are cordially invited to attend this special occasion as we celebrate and offer thanksgiving for their academic accomplishments with the Holy Sacrament of the Mass to be followed by a reception in our church hall. The musical accompaniment for our Mass will mark the return of the acclaimed Gospel Choir of the Boston Archdiocese.

A reception to follow after Mass with dinner and a chance to renew acquaintances for families and young adults and their guests. **Please RSVP by May 27th** by calling the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or emailing me at Deacon-Charlie@StIrenes.org with your name and a count of how many from your family will be attending. Your early response will assist us with proper planning. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

Deacon Charles Ferraro

Women's Club Thank You

The St. Irene Women's Club would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support of Spring House. The Mother's Day rose sale raised over \$300 for the group home for mothers-to-be. We are most grateful for your continued support.

New Parish Photo Directory New Sitting Date Added

St. Irene Church along with Lifetouch Photography will be creating a new photo directory - the last one was done in 2004. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

Wednesday, June 11th from 2-9 pm

You can call the rectory at (978) 369-3940 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to sign up for a sitting.

Parish Photos Needed

Don Eckelkamp is designing our new Parish Photo Directory. He is requesting current photos from parish events – Parish Picnic, Mystery Dinner, Trivia Night, Stations of the Cross, etc. Please email Don at ParishPhotos@StIrenes.org with your pictures or drop them off at the rectory office. Please remember that due to space constraints some photos may not be used. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15 (which is Father's Day) at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! 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.

2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$20,195 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 67 donors and families. If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the back of the Church. For more information about the appeal, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2014 to the Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, **Sunday, June 22nd at 11:30 am**. Mass will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Please go to www.BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass to register or with your parish office. Please register by June 9 to have your name included in the printed list of Anniversary Couples. A formal invitation and more information will be sent from the Archdiocese to anniversary couples. Congratulations on your anniversary!

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 9% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 9.2%. Thank you for your support.

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.

Family Prayer for Vocations Icon

St. Irene's has a beautiful new icon of Christ the High Priest which will go each month to a family wishing to host it to pray for religious vocations as well as discern God's will in their lives. The kit includes the icon, a stand, a votive candle, a booklet of prayers, questions to help your family discern what God may want them to do with their lives, some scripture references, and more. Also included is a prayer card listing the current seminarians, so you can pray for them by name if you wish. Please join us in this beautiful initiative to pray for priestly vocations and to guide and bless us all in our vocation in life. To sign up contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

CORI Forms for Volunteers

The Archdiocese requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for *all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly and the disabled* once a conditional offer of employment or volunteer assignment has been extended. CORI forms were due by April 21st. **We are still missing some volunteer forms.** Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

St. Irene Online

We have upgraded St. Irene's web site: www.StIrenes.org and also added a Facebook page: 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.

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 26 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Area Events

Armagh Coffee House

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical entertainment, which will take place on Friday, June 6, 7:30 pm at the Armagh Coffee House in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be the nationally and internationally renowned Celtic musician Hanz Araki accompanied by special guests Colleen Raney and Sean Earnest. Araki is known for his fresh and innovative approach to traditional Irish and Scottish music.

Coffee House admission is \$15 and children under 12 \$5. For more information contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

Women's ACTS Retreat – June 12-15

(Adoration, Community, Theology, Service)

St. John the Evangelist Parish is inviting all women, ages 21 and older to attend a Women's ACT Retreat at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham, MA from June 12th – 15th. This is your chance to leave your busy schedule and enter into a spiritually uplifting weekend. This weekend will be an opportunity to strengthen your faith, renew yourself spiritually and build and grow friendships with some great women. To learn more, please contact Trudy Desfosse at july3special@aol.com.59.

Communication Campaign

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Wouldn't he use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The Catholic Communication Campaign believes Jesus would use as many means as possible and that is why it supports projects that use the

entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Please visit www.usccb.org/ for more information.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$7743
Monthly	\$2260
Offertory YTD	\$124,222
Monthly YTD	\$12,352

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St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Resident:

Reverend Augustin Vondou

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

Deacon Charles Ferraro

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

Confirmation Coordinator:

Frank de Alderete

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

Sunday 6:00 – 8:15 pm

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

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.