

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015

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

Zbigniew Kowalski
3rd Anniversary Mass

Saturday, May 2 at 5 pm

Joe Pelletier - Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 3 at 8 am

Scott Whalen
3rd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, May 3 at 11 am

Jose Henriques
Memorial Mass/58th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, May 3 at 5 pm

Mother's Day Mass
Saturday, May 9 at 5 pm

Ursula Kocemba-Slosky
Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 10 at 8 am

Nhan Pham - Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 10 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

We congratulate our 42 young adults who were confirmed this Saturday by Bishop Emilio Allué. Confirmation celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus to his followers. Our young people have been preparing for two years for their Confirmation by study, prayer and Christian service. It is the time when they become full members of the Christian community. We pray that the Holy Spirit will enable them to live their faith fully by their Christian lives and by becoming vibrant practicing Catholics in daily life.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

Morning Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary before daily Mass at 8:40 am.

Mother's Day Mass – Roses for Spring House

Saturday, May 9th the 5:00 pm Mass will be dedicated to all mothers, whether living or deceased. The Women's Club will be selling roses after all the Masses on that weekend to benefit Spring House. Come join us in remembering our mothers!

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, May 2, Bishop Emilio Allué 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.

Madeline Siobhan **Thomas** Andrews
Rosemarie Donna **Gemma** Awada
Maria Elena **Cecilia** Balles
Peter Welles **James** Blunt
Anthony Michael **Major** Brigiotta
Michael Joseph **Christopher** Carroll
Charles Robert **Joseph** Clark
Nicholas Joseph **John** Cote
Catherine Thompson **Brigid** Crimmins
Aidan James **Francis** Cunningham
Elizabeth Annette **Catherine** Deloia
Chad Eric **Sebastian** DeMont
Isabella **Rita** DeScenza
Patrick John **Robert** Forelli
Gorden Wilgren **John** Gonzales
Joseph Michael **Constantine** Goddard
(St. Anne's, Littleton)
Julia Anne **Anastatia** Grossman
Dominique Elizabeth **Mary** Hughes
Hailee Rae **Ruth** Jenkins
MaryKate **Regina** Joyce
Gianna Demetria **Therese** Kefalas
Matthew Thomas **Christopher** Killian
(Holy Family, Concord)
Daniel Wilcox **Christopher** Koerner
John Casey **Anthony** Mariano
Blake Mitchell **John** Mazzaferro
Pierce **Timothy** McNally
Alexandra Marie **Christina** Meehan
McKenzie **Elizabeth** Melvin
Megan Margaret **Mary** Merna
Benjamin North **Ambrose** Moore
Juliette Teresa **Rita** Noone
Luke Andrew **Bernard** O'Leary
Myles Joseph **Maximus** O'Leary
Joscelyn **Rose** Paglia
Cristina Holly **Teresa** Pickersgill
Daria Jane **Gemma** Pietropaolo
Denise Nicole **Stephen** Richard

Marissa Taylor **Clare** Rossi
Julia Lin **Catherine** Shangraw
Emily Grace **Lucia** Turcott
Caroline Ann **Catherine** Zacharchuk
John Gerard **Anthony** Bondourant

Religious Education

Our last class for grades K-5 will be held this Sunday, May 3rd. In addition to class, both the 9:00 and 10:00 am sessions will celebrate the May Crowning in the Church. All families/parishioners are invited. Both sessions will line up in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. The procession will be led by the Knights of Columbus. The May Crowning will begin at 9:30 am.

Religious Ed Registration 2015-2016

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

2nd Grade First Communion

Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

Parish Happenings

Farewell Reception for Fr. Augustin

A farewell reception will be held for Fr. Augustin on **Sunday, May 17**, in the church hall after the 11 a.m. Mass. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate his graduation from Boston College which will take place the next day (May 18) and to thank him for his contribution to the pastoral life of St. Irene's Parish. Light refreshments will be served. Be sure to come by to say thanks and congratulations to Fr. Augustin!

Mission Trip July 2015

17 High School students are embarking on our parish's first mission trip to bring the works of mercy to the needy of Worcester. This weekend they will be speaking at the Masses and asking for our assistance with helping to cover the overhead expenses. Please see the red envelope spring trellis at the back of the church. The youth thank you for whatever assistance you can provide.

World Youth Day 2016 - Krakow Poland

A number of families have expressed an interest in attending World Youth Day in Krakow Poland July 21-31, 2016. Several adults have come forward to chaperone, some of whom have been to Poland and are quite familiar with the country. The Archdiocese of Boston has organized the details of the trip for parishes that want to participate. The time for final registration is ending in May so that time is of the essence. We will be hosting a meeting for families of interested young adults and youth on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm** in the church hall. Please email DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org a confirmation of your attendance so we can be sure to have sufficient material available for attendees.

Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

The Women's Club will have their Trash to Treasure Day on Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. You can begin leaving your treasures in the rectory garage on April 26th. **PLEASE REMEMBER, WE CANNOT ACCEPT ELECTRONICS, CLOTHES OR LARGE ITEMS LIKE FURNITURE.** In the past large items have been left, we have no way of getting rid of them. If you have any questions please email the Women's Club at Womensclub@StIrenes.org.

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14th at 11:30 am and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation will be mailed to each registered couple in May.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, May 10 at 7 pm in the rectory.

Calling All Thespians

The St. Irene's Players (a/k/a "SIPs") are planning to present another murder mystery on Saturday, November 21, 2015. If you would like to act in the play this year, please contact Pat Barry by May 15 for all the details. Requirements include an ability to laugh a lot and a commitment to approximately ten rehearsals starting in September. All are invited!

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.

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 please con-

tact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$15,755 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 55 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Grand Annual Collection

We have collected \$94,000 towards our goal of \$100,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a 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 need a form or have any questions. Thank you.

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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 1% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$5,227
Last year's Offertory	\$5,173
Offertory YTD	\$96,890
Offertory YTD last year	\$102,688
Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$11,914

Last week's second collection for the Home Missions, Black & Native American Mission and the Military Archdiocese amounted to \$1,004.

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:

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

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.