

# St. Irene Church

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**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 24, 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

Maureen Ravenscroft

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, May 27 at 9 am

Karekin Shahinian

46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Friday, May 29 at 9 am

Dan O'Brien

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 30 at 9 am

## The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we celebrate one of the great feast days of our church - the Day of Pentecost. We commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

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The event signifies the beginning of the Church. The preaching of Peter and the gift of tongues which made his words understandable to all the people, led to the baptism of several thousand people on that day.

The work of evangelization had begun and has continued over the centuries. Today we speak of the New Evangelization which calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on "re-proposing" the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith to secularization." The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. The celebration of the feast of Pentecost should renew our own faith and strengthen us to proclaim the Gospel by the way we live.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

# Religious Education

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## Religious Ed Registration 2015-2016

Forms are available on our parish website at [www.stirenes.org](http://www.stirenes.org). The deadline for registration is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation forms are due by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You

Thank you to our dedicated parents who have volunteered their time to teach Religious Education to the youth of our parish. You are very much appreciated!

## Kindergarten

*Cyrianna Coelho, Lauren Dominguez, Maria Walazek, Marsha Wigton Cerantez*

## 1st Grade

*Joy Bonenfant, Bridget Ferrari, Maggie Ascolillo, Stephanie Haley*

## 2nd Grade

*Yvonne MacCormack, Andrea Kalkstein, Amy Livens, \*Kelly Guilmette, Karen Hutchinson*

## 3rd Grade

*Lois Lombardi, Bethany Richman, Marianne Caiazza, \*Elizabeth Gottman-Hanrahan*

## 4th Grade

*Kate LaLiberte, Jeanne Hall, Cindi Haggerty, Lynn Brady, Erin DuBay*

## 5th Grade

*\*\*Sam Pietropaolo, Michele Connors, Linda Tonies, Chrissy McCormack, Lucia Gao*

*Leslie Bailey, Christine White*

## 6th Grade

*\*\*Sam Pietropaolo, \*Celine Gribbon, Theresa Lober, Maeve Lobo, \*Kelly Guilmette,*

*Lisa Hughes*

## 7th Grade

*Eileen Faber, Jennifer Albanese, Andrea Pickersgill, Marianne Gallagher, Kathy Jeffers*

## 8th Grade

*Justine Cadden, Tina Ford, Carol Yelle, Joyce Errera, Dan Doherty*

## Confirmation 9th Grade

*Katie Dunn, Michele White, Jim Crowley, \*Elizabeth Gottman-Hanrahan*

*Jim McNally, Greg Eckelkamp*

## Confirmation 10th Grade

*\*\*Sam Pietropaolo, \*Celine Gribbon, Lorna Phillips, Sheila Zacharchuk, John Noone*

\*Teaches 2 classes

\*\*Teaches 3 classes

## Parish Happenings

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### RSVP By June 1, 2015

### Baccalaureate Mass – 5:00 PM June 7

St. Irene Parish will be hosting a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates and their parents, family, and friends on Sunday June 7th. Graduates of 8th grade, high school, and college and their families will be invited to attend this special occasion as we celebrate their academic accomplishments in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Mass to be followed by a reception in our church hall. **RSVP by June 1** by email Deacon Charlie at [DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org](mailto:DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org) with your name and a count of how many from your family will be attending for planning purposes. Once again the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir will be providing the music for our celebration.

*Deacon Charles Ferraro*

### Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Emerson

Were you hospitalized and someone brought you communion? Perhaps you would like to consider trying this ministry of prayer and Eucharist? It entails about 1-2 hours per month, 2 gatherings per year, and a retreat for your support, faith sharing, prayer and a wonderful meal provided by the hospital. All of your questions can be answered by contacting the Catholic healthcare chaplain, Timothy Duff, STM at [tduff@emersonhosp.org](mailto:tduff@emersonhosp.org) or (978)287-3015. Please consider trying this ministry. You will receive training and support on an ongoing basis. Thank you.

## **Mission Trip July 2015**

Thank you to all who gave to the Mission Trip bright envelope trellis over the last couple of weekends. Your generosity helped us to exceed our goal by raising over \$2,200. The proceeds will enable us to cover our overhead expenses. We look forward to sharing our experience with you after our mission trip week.

## **Catholic Appeal 2015**

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$21,155 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 69 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 5:00 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. Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

## **25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass**

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass). Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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 contact Mary Ellen Bakken at [vocations@StIrenes.org](mailto:vocations@StIrenes.org).

## **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](http://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. **We are still missing some CORI forms from volunteers.** Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you.

## Seminaries of the Archdiocese of Boston

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please support these seminarians on their journey towards priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

## Area Events

### Steps to Home Walk – Sunday, June 14

The Lowell Transitional Living Center is the largest shelter north of Boston. For over 25 years, LTLC has provided a supportive environment for individuals committed to overcoming the circumstances that led to their homelessness.

Please join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Steps to Home Walk through the historic areas of downtown Lowell on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. To register or for more information please visit [www.firstgiving.com/ltlc/stepstohome2015](http://www.firstgiving.com/ltlc/stepstohome2015). Registration begins at 12:00 pm. Walk starts at 1:00 pm. Post-walk celebration with fun family activities, food and raffle prizes!

## Financial Information

### Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 35% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,041
Last year's Offertory	\$7,743
Offertory YTD	\$117,418
Offertory YTD last year	\$124,222

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$14,441
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Last week's second collection for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund amounted to \$2,217.

This week's second collection is for the Seminaries of the Archdiocese of Boston.

## St. Irene Staff:

### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

### Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.