

St. Irene Church

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 14, 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

David Isabelle

Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 21 at 11 am

Raymond Briere and Raymond Critch

Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 21 at 5 pm

Paul Sones

Memorial Mass

Monday, June 22 at 9 am

Maybeth Sonn

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, June 24 at 9 am

Morning Rosary

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

The Pastor's Corner

Last November Pope Francis announced that he would visit the United States this coming September. It will certainly be an historic occasion. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will welcome him to the White House on September 23 where they will continue their dialogue that began with the president's visit to the Vatican in March 2014. On September 24, Pope Francis will address a joint meeting of Congress. It is the first time that the leader of the Holy See would address Congress. While in Washington he will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Then on September 25, Pope Francis will address the United Nations General Assembly. Finally, on September 26 and 27, he will participate in the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. It will certainly be a remarkable visit from our Holy Father.

Unfortunately, Pope Francis will not come to Boston. I still remember the excitement when Pope John Paul II visited Boston in October 1979. I drove into Boston from Saint Michael's Parish

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Hudson to attend a Prayer Service for priests at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. It was wonderful to reach out and touch the pope as He came down the aisle for the service. In the evening Pope John Paul celebrated Mass on Boston Common during a driving rain storm. It was an unforgettable experience for all who attended.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

Summer Mass Schedule

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on June 21st. Effective the weekend of June 27th/28th the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 13th.

Congratulations

Madison Ellen Cappella, Mason Anthony Cappella and James Anthony Morin were baptized recently at St. Irene Church. Congratulations to Madison, Mason and James and their families. Welcome to St. Irene Parish.

Religious Education

Religious Ed Registration 2015-2016

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

First Communion Banners

The beautiful banners that were decorated by our second grade students are available to take home. They are in a basket at the back of the church arranged alphabetically.

Confirmation Information

Confirmation forms were due by May 30th. They are now available online at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html. Please do not send them electronically. Thank you.

Confirmation Work of Mercy Project

St. Irene's Confirmation candidates are required to complete two Works of Mercy in each year of their Confirmation preparation.

Last November they raked leaves for seniors and this past Lent they raised money for the hungry. Instead of buying that cup of coffee or buying lunch out, they were asked to eat at home and to donate what they would have spent to Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals is an international movement that sets up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works by providing a daily meal in a place of education, for chronically poor children who are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty. Today, Mary's Meals allows over 920,000 children from impoverished areas in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and South America, to go to school and receive meals every school day.

From the combined efforts of the Confirmation candidates Work of Mercy project, some grade 6 students as well as some parishioners, we raised \$3301.75 for Mary's Meals. A sincere thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

The average cost to feed a child for a school year is \$19.50. For more information on Mary's Meals, please visit their website, www.marysmealsusa.org/. Thank you again.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 7 pm in the rectory.

Summer BBQ and Social

Please join the Saint Irene Knights of Columbus on Friday, June 26th between 6 pm and 8 pm for some classic American cuisine from the grill in the Parish Hall. Food and drinks will be served throughout the event. Soda and juice will be available for kids. All parishioners are welcome. Please RSVP with how many will be attending by June 19th to Kevin Donnelly at KofC@StIrenes.org.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$22,080 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 77 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.

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 contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

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.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

The last weekly bulletin before the summer schedule begins is June 21st. We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th. Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

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. **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.

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.

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.

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.

Area Events

Semi-Retired or Retired? Eager to "Give Something Back?"

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is currently accepting applications for women and men age 50 and over. Volunteers for the Jesuit-sponsored program have the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. Volunteers serve two days a week, and meet monthly with a Spiritual Reflector and other IVC members. For more information, contact Dave Hinchey, New England Regional Director, at 617-571-3838 or dhinchey@ivcusa.org. See our national website at www.ivcusa.org.

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 or (978)287-3015. Please consider trying this ministry. You will receive training and support on an ongoing basis. Thank you.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 52% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$7,344
Last year's Offertory	\$4,829
Offertory YTD	\$135,385
Offertory YTD last year	\$141,493

Dedicated Church Maintenance
and Upkeep Fund YTD \$15,216

Next week's second collection will be for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

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, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm
Please contact Deacon Charles Ferraro

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.