

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016

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

Julie Riley

4th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 7 at 11:00 am

Jesse LeDrew

Memorial Mass

Monday, February 8 at 9:00 am

Jeanne Lemieux

Birthday Mass

Friday, February 12 at 9:00 am

Richard Cotter

Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 am

Jacqueline Dailliere

1st Anniversary Mass

Monday, February 15 at 9:00 am

The Vicar's Corner

Lent is around the corner. This Wednesday, February 10th is Ash Wednesday. The Liturgy of the Word on Ash Wednesday gives us a glimpse on the true meaning of Lent:

"Rend you hearts, not your garments," says the Book of Joel.

"A clean heart create in me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew with me," says Psalm 51.

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation," says St. Paul to the Corinthians.

"When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret . . . When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret . . . When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting except to your Father who is in secret."

Lent calls us for spiritual renewal through conversion and Penance, fasting and giving, praying and receiving God's grace.

~ Fr. Romain Rurangirwa

Ash Wednesday Schedule

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10th. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these services.

The Light is on for You

You are invited! Please come and experience Christ's healing love and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The church is open on Wednesdays during Lent from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

World Marriage Day

This Sunday, February 14th is World Marriage Day. We will have renewal of marriage vows and presentation of flowers at all Masses next weekend.

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@Stlrenes.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.

Religious Education

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Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2nd graders. They received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 23.

The Peer Leadership Group will be Hosting the "Mardi Gras" celebration for grades K-5 on Sunday, February 7th.

The 6th, 7th & 8th grades will be having their Mardi Gras Celebration on Monday, February 8th. This special 2 hour class will begin with Mass and then followed with a Pizza Party and "Lenten Stations" in the Parish Hall. Please note the SPECIAL START TIME OF 6:00 PM for Mass. Pick up will be at the usual time of 8pm.

There are no Religious Education classes on February 14th, 15th and 21st due to Winter Vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, February 22nd for grades 6-8.

The 6th Grade classes will have the first of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 22 during class time.

Confirmation

Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, February 7th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow Mass. There are no Confirmation classes on Sunday, February 14th.

Parish Happenings

Stations of the Cross

Women's Club – Soup and Bread

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is February 10th. On Friday February 12th, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our first "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall.

This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, February 14 at 7 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in the church hall (weather permitting). Come see our "Culinary Chefs" prepare and serve their special "tidbits" all the while enjoying friendly conversation. As always desserts are always appreciated to complete the evening. Please contact Jan Brown for more information.

Knights of Columbus Collection

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a collection of new baby clothing and baby items as part of their *Right to Life Initiative* at the Masses on February 27 & 28 and would appreciate your assistance. Thank you.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016:

Saturday, March 19 – Italian Night

Saturday, April 30 – Confirmation

Saturday, May 14 – First Communion

Please mark your calendars now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

Join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved "long Winter's nap," rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will resume on WEDNESDAY (new day!), January 13th. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children's Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only "requirements" are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please drop me a note at Music@stirenes.org. I look forward to seeing 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.

Catholic Appeal 2016

This past week, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2016 Catholic Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. The Catholic Appeal sustains over 50 ministries and many people throughout the Archdiocese. Your gift will help us reach our 2016 goal. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

Peer Leadership Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact Deacon-Charlie@stirenes.org for more information.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both sites 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.

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.

Area Events

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Camillus Church in Arlington with speaker Travis Moran. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Emerson

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to the sick and recovering at the Emerson Hospital. We ask for a 2 hour commitment approximately once a month during weekday mornings. Communion is provided from the hospital chapel, and two ministers are scheduled each day. Timothy Duff, Catholic Chaplin at the hospital, offers ongoing training and direction as well as a yearly dinner and retreat for all minister. If you have an interest in this ministry or need additional information please call Tim at (978) 287-3015 or email him at tduff@emersonhosp.org.

Financial Information

Ash Wednesday Collection

The collection on Ash Wednesday supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 20% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$4,359
Last year's Offertory	\$5,435
Offertory YTD	\$28,489
Offertory YTD last year	\$28,460
Monthly YTD	\$2,753
2015 Grand Annual	\$110,221
Separate Gifts YTD	\$530

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.