

St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019

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

Scott Whalen – 7th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, May 4 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly – Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 5 at 8:00 am

Ethel Isabelle – 2nd Anniversary Mass
David Isabelle – 6th Anniversary Mass
Roland Isabelle – 13th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 am

Albert Cabral – Memorial Mass
Monday, May 6 at 9:00 am

Linda Doherty – 12th Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, May 7 at 9:00 am

Zbigniew Kowalski – Anniversary Mass
Wednesday, May 8 at 9:00 am

Herb Collins – Memorial Mass
Thursday, May 9 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo – Memorial Mass
Friday, May 10 at 9:00 am

Patrick Fitzgerald – Memorial Mass
Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 am

Mother's Day Mass
Saturday, May 11 at 5:00 pm

Nhan Pham – Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 12 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This past Saturday Bishop Kennedy confirmed 22 of our young adults. The sacrament of Confirmation celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit given to our young adults to enable them to live their faith. These young people have prepared for two years by study, prayer, retreat, Sunday Eucharist and Christian service. They have grown in their faith and we pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them to be faithful disciples of the Lord.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, May 5, the Most Reverend Arthur Kennedy 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.

Julianne Celine Myrtle **Elizabeth** Clark
Grace Kathryn **Elizabeth** Corfield
Carson Andrew **Patrick** DeMont
William Spencer **Thomas** Donahue
Rohit Gerard **Thomas** Dsouza
Allyson Gray **Jude** Flavin
Patrick Thomas **Peter** Ford
Benjamin David **Thomas** France
Jack Edward **Gregory** Gallo
Joseph James **Sebastian** Haggerty
Colin Emmanuel **Sebastian** Hatton
Gabrielle Emma **Brigid** Hughes
John Ryder **Peter** Latham
Connor James **Chiara** Lima
Amanda Catherine **Gianna** MacLeod
Dylan Patrick **John Paul** Maille
Liam Patrick **Raphael** McCafferty
Lauren Ann **Gemma** McIlhenny
Dominique **Maria** Paglia
Jeremy David **Lawrence** Pietropaolo
Beth Anne **Bernadette** Yee
Hannah Marie **Veronica** Yelle

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Paul Balamotis and Nancy Kelly

Mass Schedule Change

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on **May 26th**. Effective the weekend of June 1st/2nd 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 8th.

Thanks to All

What a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and Easter! We thank all who contributed their time and talent to make these Easter rites so meaningful for all of us.

We thank Mary Ellen Bakken and all of her volunteers who made our church so beautiful. We also thank all of our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, as well as Cypriana Coelho, Marianne Vrotsos, the Children's Choir and our Adult Choir for the inspiring music. A special thanks to Deacon Dean and Margaret Bulpett who helped during Holy Week and through Easter. To all who contributed in any way, we thank you.

Low-Gluten Altar Bread is Available

If you have Celiac Disease and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant priest prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

Our last class for **grades K-5** will take place on Sunday, May 5. The 9 am session classes will go to their classes as scheduled. BOTH the 9 & 10 am classes will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. We will conclude our year with the May Crowning ceremony at 9:30 am. Following the procession the 9 am students will be dismissed to their parents and 10 am students will go to their classrooms until 10:50 am dismissal time.

Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip

On July 21 - July 26, 2019 Hannah Yelle and Katie Faber will be going on a mission trip to North Haledon, NJ. They will be traveling with teenagers from the Apple Valley Collaborative (St. Elizabeth, Acton and St. Isidore, Stow) and the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative (St. Mary's and St. John's). While they are there they will be out on community service each day, performing tasks such as painting, gardening, minor home repairs etc. for those in great need of help.

The cost of the trip for each of them is \$700, so in order to help defray this cost we are asking for any donation you can give, no amount is too small!

Hannah and Katie will give a brief talk after each of the Masses on **Sat., May 4 and Sun., May 5**. They will have envelopes that you can take home if you would prefer and can bring back at any of the Masses before they leave for their trip on July 21. We are very excited to have these wonderful young adults in our parish representing St. Irene's in NJ.

Thank you so much for any help you can give. If a monetary donation is not possible, we would greatly appreciate your prayers for them in the coming months and while they are in NJ.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, May 5 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Trash to Treasure ~ May 11th

The "Trash to Treasure" sale will be held on Saturday, May 11th in the church parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Items collected for the sale can be dropped off in the church garage starting, Monday, April 22nd. Please do not bring any ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE! Clothing will be accepted for Lazarus House, not for resale. Clothing can be dropped off on Saturday, May 11.

"So Long - Farewell!" and Thanks to All!!

The "St. Irene's Players" wish to thank everyone who has supported us over the past 26 years (the first "murder" occurred on November 5, 1993) by coming to the shows, laughing and cheering, and contributing to the "down home" atmosphere that is the hallmark of St. Irene's. We also wish to thank the 33 actors who have appeared in the shows over the years and the 11 behind-the-scenes people who have lent their time and talent. Of course, it never would have happened if it weren't for the "Star of the Show"—Fr. Tom Donohoe! He has played "James Blond," "Quick Tracy," "Dark Fader," "George of the Jungle," "King Ruten Tuten," and "Robin Good," among others. But he has always been our lovable Fr. Tom, full of care for all his sheep, for which we are so grateful.

Baby Items Needed ~ May 4 - 12

Each year the St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council holds a collection of needed baby items for the Archdiocesan Pro-Life office in Natick. This year we are joined by our new St. Irene Respect Life Ministry in this endeavor. Our shared vision is supporting life at all stages. We affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support to expectant mothers.

The crucial items requested by the Pro-Life office are: Boy & Girl NEWBORN outfits (not 0-3months, this is not the same as newborn), Boy & Girl Onesies — 3-6 month long sleeve and 6-9 month long sleeve, thermometers, teethers, rattles, bottle brushes, and toys (no buttons or plastic eyes). Please do not cut tags off any clothing. By state law we must give clothing and all items NEW with original sales tags attached. A bassinet will be in the back of the church on the weekends of May 4-5 and May 11-12 for your donations. Thank you for your support.

Thank You Weekend ~ May 18 & 19

We invite **everyone** to come to the parish hall after Mass the weekend of May 18th and 19th to say "Thank You" to our priests. Father Tom has been our shepherd for over 30 years and will be retiring on June 1. Father Romain has been St. Irene's Parochial Vicar for over 11 years. We are still awaiting word on his placement and will inform the parish as soon as we are able. Please keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you.

Refreshments will be served after all of the Masses - Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Night of Reflection ~ May 20

The Bishop Ruocco Council Knights of Columbus is holding a Night of Reflection at St. Benedict Abbey, Harvard, MA on May 20 from 6:00 — 9:00 pm. This will include vespers, dinner, and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$20. There currently are some openings for more attendees, either Knights or non-Knights. Please email Tony Cotroneo or Paul Flanagan at KofC@Stirenes.org if interested.

RSVP and payment by May 12.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or 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.

Financial Information

Catholic Appeal 2019

The 2019 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at St. Irene's. So far, 63 parishioners have participated, and we have raised **\$30,550 (given and pledged)** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,253**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese.

With **\$6703** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. As a gentle reminder, if we do not achieve the goal set for our parish, we must make up the difference. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form at the back of the church.

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish provides Online Giving - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy - just visit our website, www.stirenes.org, and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land amounted to \$863.

The Easter collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$7507.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

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/Peer Leaders

Sundays, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Please contact the rectory.

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.

| Financial Details | Weekly | Monthly | Gifts |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| April 2019 | \$23,114 | \$3592 | \$100 |
| Year to Date 2019 | \$97,461 | \$11,622 | \$425 |
| Year to Date 2018 | \$105,359 | \$12,150 | \$925 |