

St. Irene Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

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

Ethel Isabelle - 1st Anniversary Mass
Roland Isabelle - 12th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, May 5 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 6 at 8:00 am

Scott Whalen - 6th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, May 6 at 11:00 am

Albert Cabral - Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 6 at 5:00 pm
Monday, May 7 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo - Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 9 at 9:00 am

Our Mothers - Memorial Mass
Thursday, May 10 at 9:00 am

Ann and Stephen Kaduboski
Memorial Mass
Friday, May 11 9:00 am

Mother's Day Mass
Saturday, May 12 at 5:00 pm

Louise Park – Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 13 at 8:00 am

Nhan Pham – Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 13 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

On Saturday Bishop Robert Reed confirmed thirty four of our young adults, members of our parish. The sacrament of Confirmation marks the gift of the Holy Spirit given to our young people as adult Catholic Christians in our church. These young people have prepared for this sacrament for two years by study, prayer, retreat, Sunday Eucharist and Christian services. They have grown in their faith and we pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them spiritually and enable them to live as faithful disciples of the Lord sharing the Eucharist with us each week and living their faith fully each day.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, May 5, the Most Reverend Robert Reed 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.

Peter Anthony Albanese
Andrew Peter Awada
Matthew Francis Awada
Samuel Moses Brigiotta
William Philip Carroll
Aidan Francis Cornforth
Katherine Elizabeth Faber
Cameron Marianne Famiglietti
Camren Pio Fries
Christian Anthony Gemelli
Samantha Cecilia Gallagher
Andrew Francis Gao
Taylor Catherine Gushue
Cole Sebastian Hamilton
Nolan Patrick Houlihan
Alexander Peter Hughes
Hunter Leonard Jenkins
Madeleine Catherine Koenig
Madeline Catherine Laliberte
Christopher Augustine Lombardi
Lily Anne Matarazza
Alexandra Elizabeth McArdle
Elise Gemma McGowan
Jacob Joseph Moore
Geraldine Josephine Paglia
Collin Genesis Pickersgill
Taylor Isabelle Sacco*
Isabella Elizabeth Saraceno
Will Peter Schaefer**
Kurt Martin Schlehr
Tyler John Small
Carrie Dymphna Turcott
Gabriella Teresa Walsh
Jenna Maria Walsh

*Confirmand St. Michael's Bedford

** Adult Confirmand

Feast of the Ascension – May 10

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday, May 10th. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

First Communion – Saturday, May 12

First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 12 at 10 am. *There is no 9:00 am Mass.*

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.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Tuesday Evening Adoration

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

Our last class for grades K-5 will take place on Sunday, May 6. 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.

Religious Education and Confirmation Registration 2018/2019

Registrations for the 2018/2019 Religious Education and Confirmation Program are available now. Please make sure to return

with payment by June 30 in order to receive discounted price. Thank you.

ABIDE Boston 2018

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the parishioners who gave so generously to support us at **ABIDE Boston 2018 on Good Friday for the 24 hour fast from food and technology**. Ninety teenagers attended from surrounding parishes, 14 of whom represented St. Irene's. The approximate total raised was \$13,000 with St. Irene's contributing \$4500 to that total. Each of the candidates were asked to raise \$250 and we achieved that goal and more with your generosity of \$1153 on the weekend of March 24/25.

On Holy Saturday for the community service component we went to the Elizabeth Seton Residence in Wellesley and the teenagers cleaned the wheelchairs of the residents and then we went outside to do yard work. They worked really hard picking up branches and debris from the storms and also cleaned out years' worth of leaves from Our Lady's Grotto! It was a wonderful experience, and we hope to return again next year.

Thank you to the parents who helped me chaperone: Eileen Faber, Jim Crowley, Richard Paqlia, Megan McCafferty and Susan Hamilton and to our teenagers: Katie Faber, Cole Hamilton, Geraldine Paqlia, Aidan Cornforth, Maddie Laliberte, Carrie Turcott, Dominique Paqlia, Ally Flavin, Liam McCafferty, Ben France, Rohit Dsouza, Michael Zacharchuk, Thomas Robertson and Alex Wood.

Cor Unum in Lawrence will be receiving approximately \$10,000 from ABIDE.

God Bless, Sheila Zacharchuk
Confirmation Coordinator

Peer Leaders

The Peer Leadership will be meeting on Sunday May 6th at 3:30. The title of the meeting will be On the Road.

Just a reminder that the Peer Leaders will be having a bake sale after the 11 am Mass on May 20th.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

Baby Clothing Collection May 12-20

The Knights of Columbus worldwide is committed to supporting life at all stages. The original goal of the founder of the Knights of Columbus was to provide support for widows and orphans in the late 1800's. The Knights support charitable causes worldwide today as well as continuing support for families through a top-rated life insurance program.

The Knights both affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support for expectant mothers. The St Irene Knights of Columbus Council supports the Right to Life goal by holding a yearly drive to collect needed items for expectant Mothers.

This year, as we did last year, we will be collecting needed items for the Archdiocesan Pro-Life office in Natick, MA. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life effort also has offices in Brockton and Brighton where they provide needed items to expectant mothers as well as crisis counselling and newborn nursing care. This year they have a critical need for Newborn sizes. They need Newborn outfits for boys and girls and Newborn Onesies for boys and girls. They also would like Dr. Brown bottles (4 oz and 8 oz) and Dr. Brown pacifiers. They request the same brand (Dr. Brown) bottles and pacifiers as premature babies especially need the same nipples. Lastly they could use Sleep n' Plays (small sizes). By state law all items must be new with original sales tags attached. A bassinette will be in the back of the church on the weekends of May 12-13 and May 19-20. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 7

On Thursday, June 7 from 11:00 am – 4:00 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. To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit red-crossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank 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.

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 email at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Financial Information

2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated April 27

One of St. Irene's goals set by the Appeal is to have at least 44 In-Pew Envelopes filled out by parishioners. If you have not filled one out, please help St. Irene's by doing so and putting it in the collection basket. We thank all of those who have already done so.

So far, 43 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$20,925** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,577**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston. With **\$16,652** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in 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.

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

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.