



# St. Irene Church

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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## Mass Schedule

### Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

### Sunday

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

Dorothea Murphy - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, March 15 at 5 pm

Jane Buchanec - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Joseph Buchanec - 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, March 16 at 8 am

Vigino Guardino  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, March 16 at 11 am

Glen Huber  
Memorial Mass  
Monday, March 17 at 9 am

Joe & Mary Lang  
Memorial Mass  
Tuesday, March 18 at 9 am

Tom & Margaret Cavanaugh  
Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, March 19 at 9 am

Frances Kaduboski  
Month's Mind Mass  
Friday, March 21 at 9 am

Bernadette Sullivan - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, March 22 at 5 pm

Gilda Antolini - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, March 23 at 8 am

Pasquale Tranfaglia - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, March 23 at 11 am

## The Pastor's Corner

This week the Pilot has several interesting articles on the first anniversary of the installation of Pope Francis. Cardinal Sean noted that for many people, it has been a year of surprises. The Holy Father's refreshing style and his desire to be accessible has made quite an impact on the world.

As we continue to implement the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston, "Disciples in Mission," in which parishes are being organized into collaboratives, the emphasis has been on the New Evangelization. Pope Francis has spoken about the danger of the church retreating into the sanctuary and not fulfilling the command of Jesus- "Make disciples of all nations." On World Youth Day last July, Pope Francis said, "Evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness, it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did." And the obligation to share the Gospel and care for others comes from our baptism.

— Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Season of Lent

Lent is a time for spiritual renewal in our lives. It is a season of repentance calling us once again to a change of heart.

It is a special time of prayer and fasting: a time of penance and charity towards our neighbors. Lent is that special time when we prepare for our greatest feast – The Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

Lent is a period of special penitential observance. Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence. On those days, adult Catholics over age 14 may not eat meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age.

## 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 in Lent from 7-8 pm on March 19 and 26 and April 2, 9 and 16. Please visit [www.thelightisonforyou.org/](http://www.thelightisonforyou.org/) for more information on the Sacrament of Penance.

## Stations of the Cross

### Women's Club – Soup and Bread

Stations of the Cross will be offered during Lent on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Prior to the service, the Women's Club will be serving complimentary bread and soup in the Parish Hall from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Please join us for this Lenten devotion.

## Religious Education

### Religious Education News

Classes will be held for grades 1-5 this Sunday, March 16. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am. Session II is from 10:00-10:50 pm. There will be classes for grades 6-8 on Monday, March 17 from 7- 8pm

### Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

Rehearsals for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross begin on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. There are **3 mandatory rehearsals**: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Rehearsals will be held at the regularly

scheduled class time 7:00-8:00 pm. It takes three rehearsals to prepare the students to depict the stations. For rehearsals students should meet in the church upstairs NOT the classroom. Pick up will be from upstairs in the Church. The sixth grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00am followed by a 7<sup>th</sup> grade hosted breakfast in the Parish Hall. This is a family event and all are invited to attend!

## Healthy Choices / Safe Kids

### Grades 7 & 8 Dating and Safety Retreat

The annual 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade "Healthy Choices/Safe Kids Retreat" will take place on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Eileen Faber at [reled@Stlrenes.org](mailto:reled@Stlrenes.org).

## Children's Liturgy

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes will be hosting the 8 and 11 am Masses on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Parish Happenings

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### Women's Club Italian Dinner

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Women's Club will be host to an evening of "ITALIAN CUISINE" starting at 6:15 pm. Tickets will be on sale the weekend of March 15<sup>th</sup> - adults are \$15, children \$10. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early. Come in out of the cold and enjoy a fine home cooked repast! Please email [womensclub@Stlrenes.org](mailto:womensclub@Stlrenes.org) for more information. We ask members of the club to bring a "sweet" dish for the dessert table.

### Knights of Columbus Retreat – March 25<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus have scheduled a men's retreat on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the St. Benedict Abbey in Still River, MA. St. Benedict Abbey is located at 252 Still River Rd. in Still River. It will begin at 6:00 pm and finish at 9:00 pm. and will include a Benediction, Gregorian Chant, supper, meditation, and a visit to the relic chapel. All men of St. Irene Church are welcome. The cost is \$25 per person. Those wishing to

car pool should plan to leave the Saint Irene's parking lot no later than 5:00 pm. If you are a man of at least 18 years of age and would like to spend a relaxing evening in prayer and meditation, please join us. There will be a Knight at the back of the church after each Mass until March 23<sup>rd</sup> if you have any questions.

### **St. Andrew Dinner - March 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**

Calling all High School young men, Cardinal Sean is hosting the St. Andrew Dinner at St. John's Seminary March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. This is an informal dinner which consists of conversation with seminarians, evening prayer, and vocation witness stories. It a great opportunity to explore one of many career choices you have. If you are interested in attending please email [info@StIrenes.org](mailto:info@StIrenes.org) with the subject line St. Andrews Dinner. Please respond by March 18. Deacon Charlie will be providing transportation from the parish to the dinner and back.

### **Save the Date! New Parish Directory**

St. Irene Church along with Lifetouch Photography will be creating a new photo directory this spring. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

*Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 9 pm*

*Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 5 pm*

*Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-9 pm*

*Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 5 pm*

Signups for picture appointments will be available through the St. Irene website at [www.stirenes.org/communitylife/parishactivities/](http://www.stirenes.org/communitylife/parishactivities/). You may also call the Rectory (978)369-3940 and speak with the parish secretary to set up an appointment. Discount certificates are available in the back of the Church for Seniors and the Military who would like to purchase additional photographs. Lifetouch is also sponsoring a food drive - "Feed the Need." If you donate a non-perishable food item, you will receive \$5 off a portrait order.

### **Tuesday 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 contact Mary Ellen Bakken at [adoration@StIrenes.org](mailto:adoration@StIrenes.org) for more information.

### **Parish Library Displays**

Please see our displays of Lenten books in the back of the Church as well as in the Parish Hall Library Room 6. Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

### **2014 Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. We truly appreciate your donations. St. Irene Parish has raised \$8560 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 22 donors and families. If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the 2014 Catholic Appeal. There are donation envelopes at the back of the Church. Please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) for more information. Thank you.

### **Who's Got the Beat?**

We are looking into purchasing a "Drum Box" to use at the monthly Contemporary Masses, but we need a drummer to play it! If you are a drummer/percussionist who is interested in joining the music ministry and playing at the Contemporary Masses, please drop Cypriana a line at [music@StIrenes.org](mailto:music@StIrenes.org).

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

### **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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

### **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](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html).

### **Offertory Report**

The weekly offertory increased by 1% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 16.3%. Thank you for your continuing support.

## **Area Events**

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### **Armagh Coffee House**

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical entertainment, which will take place on Saturday, March 29, 7:30 pm at the Armagh Coffee House in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be local artist Peter Janson a member of the Performing Arts Department at UMass, Boston. Coffee House admission is \$15 and children under 12 \$5. For more information, contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

### **Special Needs & Family Bowling**

On Sunday, April 6, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Spring Bowling Event for children of Special Needs and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The event includes Duckpin bowling, which is followed

by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this **free event** by emailing Ken Desilets at [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com) before April 1.

### **Financial Information**

Offertory	\$5415
Offertory YTD	\$63,089
Monthly YTD	\$4,647

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly Collection.

### **St. Irene Staff:**

#### **Pastor:**

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

#### **Parochial Vicar:**

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

#### **Resident:**

Reverend Augustin Vondou

#### **Permanent Deacons:**

Deacon Dean Bulpett  
Deacon Charles Ferraro

#### **Music Director:**

Cypriana Coelho

#### **Religious Education Coordinator:**

Eileen Faber

#### **Confirmation Coordinator:**

Frank de Alderete

#### **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**

Sunday 6:00 – 8:15 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.