



St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 23th, 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

Bernadette Sullivan

Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 22 at 5 pm

Gilda Antolini

2nd Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 23 at 8 am

Pasquale Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 23 at 11 am

Frances Kaduboski

Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 29 at 5 pm

Francesca Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 30 at 11 am

Children's Liturgy

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

The Pastor's Corner

One of the emphases of the Second Vatican council was community. The parish is a community of faith who come together each week to celebrate that faith and to be renewed and strengthened in that faith. It is a community where people care for one another and reach out to those who are in need, physically, emotionally or spiritually.

Ten years ago in our parish we published a Parish Photo Directory. Its purpose was to acquaint our parishioners with other members of our parish. We are announcing a new Parish Directory to be published this year. We invite all our parishioners to make appointments to be photographed for the directory. This bulletin has the dates available for photo appointments. Over the years the Photo Directory has been a wonderful way to get to know the members of our parish. Often we recognize people by sight but do not know them by name. The directory enables us to come to know one another more easily. And that is so important for us to be a community of faith.

– 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.

Rwanda Mass

“That time has come again, when Rwanda remembers the atrocities of the Genocide against Tutsis. It all started on April 7, 1994 and claimed more than a million lives just in 100 days. Some of us lost our entire families; many of us were left orphaned or widowed, others were physically handicapped and all of us were emotionally wounded. Twenty years on, and we still remember as if it was yesterday.”

On April 7 at 6:00 pm we will have a Mass of Commemoration to celebrate the lives of those who perished during the Genocide against Tutsis in 1994. After Mass we will gather in the Parish Hall to share the stories of our loved ones, who are now shining like bright stars in heaven.

If you plan to attend the gathering after Mass, please call the rectory at (978)369-3940 to RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you.

*Grace, Peace and Blessings to you all,
Fr. Romain*

Stations of the Cross

Women’s Club – Soup and Bread

Stations of the Cross will be offered during Lent on Friday, April 11th 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.

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 26 and April 2, 9 and 16. Please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org/ for more information on the Sacrament of Penance.

Religious Education

Religious Education News

Classes will be held for grades 1-5 this Sunday, March 23. 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 24 from 7- 8pm.

Religious Ed. Classes for Grades 6-8 will be cancelled on April 7, 2014 due to the Memorial Mass/Reception being held for the Rwandan community. Classes will resume on Monday, April 14. We appreciate your understanding. Please pray for those at rest and the survivors. Thank you.

2 Volunteers needed to be Co-Directors of 6th Grade Living Stations

The 6th grade classes have been presenting the Livings Stations over the last 10 years. Over this time period, templates have been developed and refined for directing students through the stations. Booklets have been created for the narrators as well as documents for easy communications about the event. All the tools are in place. We are looking for 2 dedicated parishioners who can implement the program and direct the stations beginning next year. It takes 3 rehearsals for the students to learn the stations, followed by the presentation. Rehearsals are 60-75 minutes during the regularly scheduled class times. It would be helpful if you could attend this year’s 2 remaining rehearsals in order to better plan for next year. Remaining rehearsal dates are Monday, March 24th and Monday, March 31st from 7-8 pm. Please contact Eileen Faber at pefaber@comcast.net if you are interested.

Attention 6th grade students

Rehearsals for the 6th grade presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross began on Monday, March 17th. There are **2 more mandatory rehearsals**: March 24th and 31st. Rehearsals will be held at the regularly scheduled class time 7:00-8:00 pm. It takes three rehearsals to prepare the stu-

dents 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 6th from 9:00-10:00am followed by a 7th 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 7th and 8th grade "Healthy Choices/Safe Kids Retreat" will take place this 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@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Knights of Columbus Retreat – March 25th

The Knights of Columbus have scheduled a men's retreat on Tuesday, March 25th 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 23rd if you have any questions.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Emerson Hospital

Were you hospitalized and someone brought you communion? Would you like to give back by becoming a Eucharistic Minister yourself? Perhaps you would like to consider trying this ministry of prayer and Eucharist?

This ministry entails just about 1-2 hours per month, two 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 calling the Catholic healthcare chaplain, Timothy Duff, STM (978)287-3015, or email: tduff@emersonhosp.org. Please consider trying this ministry. You will receive training and support on an ongoing basis. Thank you.

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 11th from 2 - 9 pm

Saturday, April 12th from 10 am - 5 pm

Friday, May 9th from 2-9 pm

Saturday, May 10th from 10 am - 5 pm

Signups for picture appointments will be available through the St. Irene website at 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. Lifetouch is sponsoring a food drive - "Feed the Need." If you donate a non-perishable food item, you will receive \$5 off a portrait order.

Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes "spring cleaning"! If you can put aside your "unwanted" items for the Women's Club Trash to Treasure in May now is the time to begin. A date will be announced later as to when you can begin bringing items to the rectory - ***NO items will be accepted until a date is given.*** Remember we do not accept clothing or large items such as furniture, appliances, etc.

If you have any questions, please email womensclub@StIrene.org.

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.

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 for more information.

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.

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 \$9390 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 29 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 for more information. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 21.3% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 12.9%. Thank you for your continuing support.

Area Events

Armagh Coffee House

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA is happy to announce an evening of musical entertainment, which will take place on Friday, April 4, 7:30 pm at the Armagh Coffee House in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 12 Monument Square, Concord. Performing will be folk artists Bob Ardern

and Manitoba Hal in one of their only New England appearances. Coffee House admission is \$15 and children under 12 \$5. For more information, contact the parish at 978-369-7442.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$5542
Offertory YTD	\$68,631
Monthly	\$2364
Monthly YTD	\$7011

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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.