



St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6th, 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

Raymond Briere
Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 6 at 8 am

Gioi Vu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 6 at 11 am

Ted and Carol Majewski
Memorial Mass

Tuesday, April 8 at 9 am

Gilda Antolini

Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 13 at 8 am

Lois McKinley

4th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 13 at 11 am

Deacon Edward Lober

8th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 13 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

When I made my pilgrimage to the Holy Land last April, I was privileged to walk with Cardinal Sean and thirty priests along the same road that Jesus used on Palm Sunday. It was a surprising and wonderful day. I was surprised to learn that the road was so steep – a hill descending into a valley and then rising up to the city of Jerusalem. It was a wonderful experience because that walk made the Palm Sunday event so real.

As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday next week, we recall that day when Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey while the people cut palm branches and threw them on the road proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah. That was a moment of triumph for Jesus but the Gospel tells us the rest of the story. The triumph was short-lived. A few days later Jesus suffered His passion and died on the cross to atone for our sins. Saint John tells us in his gospel that God so loved us that He gave us His only Son. The palms we bless next Sunday are the symbols of Christ's victory over sin and death won for us by Jesus dying and rising to life on Easter Sunday.

– Fr. Tom Donohoe

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 or email info@StIrenes.org to RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you. *Grace, Peace and Blessings to you all, Fr. Romain*

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 during Lent from 7-8 pm on April 9th and 16th. Please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org/ for more information on the Sacrament of Penance.

Holy Week Schedule

April 13 - Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion: Triumphant March into Jerusalem and Passion of the Lord. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

April 14, 15, 16 - Daily Mass at 9:00 am

April 17 - Holy Thursday

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30-11:00 pm - Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament

April 18 - Good Friday

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

4:15-5:00 pm - Confessions

April 19 - Holy Saturday

8:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours

11:00-12:00 Noon - Confessions

8:30 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

April 20 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord. Masses are at **7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am.**

There will be **no** 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

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.

Thank you

We thank the third grade students for hosting the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses last Sunday. Great job!

Religious Education

Living Stations of the Cross - Family Event

This Sunday, April 6th Religious Education students from both sessions I & II will attend *The Living Stations of the Cross* in lieu of the regular class time. The sixth grade students will present ONE presentation at 9:00 am in the Church. Teachers and students should meet upstairs in the church. The pews will be marked by grade. **Parents**

should remain present to escort their children down to the Parish Hall for a simple breakfast and beverages. *All are welcome to attend!* We invite you to enter into the Stations where you come to know Jesus more intimately.

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.

Parish Happenings

Easter Flowers

If you wish to make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please place your donation of \$5 or more along with the name of the person to be remembered or honored in an envelope. It can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the rectory office.

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.

Women's Club Meeting

The annual Women's Club business planning meeting (with a light supper) will be on April 24th at 6:30 pm. We encourage all members to attend as there are important issues to be discussed and voted upon. We will also be putting together our calendar for next year. Please RSVP by either calling Jan Brown at (978)256-9480 or email womensclub@StIrenes.org. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Sunday, April 13 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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, electronics,** etc. If you have any questions, please email womensclub@StIrenes.org or call Jan Brown at (978)256-0480.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and *all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly and the disabled* once a conditional offer of employment or volunteer assignment has been extended. **CORI forms are due by April 21st.** Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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.

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 email Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@StIrenes.org for more information.

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 \$11,240 towards our goal of \$33,894. 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 28.5% from last year (which was Easter Sunday). The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 13%. Thank you for your continuing support.

Area Events

Walk for Hunger

Project Bread's Walk for Hunger will be held on Sunday, May 4th. Your support will provide nutritious meals to hungry families. Information and sponsor sheets are available at the back of the Church or visit www.projectbread.org/walk.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$6039
Offertory YTD	\$80,461
Monthly YTD	\$7306

The second collection next week will be 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.