



St. Irene Church

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 13th, 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

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

For Graces Received

Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, April 19 at 8:30 pm

Roland Isabelle

8th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 20 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

Today we begin the most solemn week in our church – Holy Week. We celebrate the fundamental beliefs of our faith. Palm Sunday is the fore runner of the victory of the Lord on Sunday. Lent concludes with the Sacred Triduum. On Holy Thursday evening we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when Jesus left us his greatest gifts – the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. On Good Friday we commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross when Jesus offered himself in sacrifice for the sins of us all. On Easter Sunday we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from death to life to become our Risen Lord. Easter celebrates Jesus' victory over sin and death and is our promise of resurrection and eternal life. We encourage you to join us for these celebrations during this special week in our church.

– Fr. Tom Donohoe

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
Please note corrected time!

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.

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 on Wednesday, April 16th from 7:00-8:00 pm. Please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org/ for more information on the Sacrament of Penance.

Holy Thursday

One of the ancient rites of our church takes place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of the Feet of His disciples at the Last Supper is a sign of the new com-

mandment that Christians should love one another. If you would like to be part of this ancient tradition please call Father Tom at the rectory office (978)369-3940.

Religious Education

Religious Ed. Classes for grades K-5 will be held this Sunday. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Religious Ed. Classes for grades 6-8 will resume on Monday evening.

There will be **NO CLASSES** on Sunday, April 20th and Monday, April 21st due to spring vacation. Please note classes will resume on April 27th for Grades 1-5 and our last class for grades 6-8 will be held on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 pm with a special end time of 8:15 pm. The year will close with Mass followed by a sundae party.

Word of Thanks-6th & 7th Grade Classes

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the 6th grade Religious Ed. Students and their teachers for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. Great job! A special thanks to the 6th grade teachers: Jennifer Albanese, Andrea Pickersgill, Dawn Petitpas, Kelly Guilmette, Marianne Gallagher and Kathy Jeffers.

A special thank you to Maria Donnelly and Lisa Noone for their time and dedication for directing the Living Stations for the past 10 years. We wish them well as they retire. Our new directors will be Kelly Guilmette and Lisa Hughes.

We would also like to thank our 7th grade classes for hosting the breakfast following the event in the Parish Hall as well as our teachers: Joyce Errera, Dan Doherty, Carol Yelle and Eileen Faber. A special thanks to Margaret Bulpett for helping coordinate and prepare for the event as well.

Special Start Time-Grade 6 ONLY!

The 6th grade classes will begin at 6:30 pm (instead of 7 pm) on Monday, April 14th to celebrate their "Cast Party" for the Living Stations of the Cross.

2nd Grade First Communion/Rehearsals

The 2nd grade classes will have their 1st of 2 rehearsals on April 13th. The **SPECIAL REHEARSAL TIME** is: 9:30-10:30 am for both Sessions I and II. The 2nd rehearsal will be held on April 27th, 2014. 2nd grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

2nd Grade First Communion Items

Folders, Workbooks and Banners are due on Sunday, May 4th, 2014 as well as donations for First Communion Flowers.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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. Each family will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a photo directory. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

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.

Parish Photos Needed

Don Eckelkamp is helping us design our new Parish Photo Directory. He is requesting current photos from parish events – Parish Picnic, Mystery Dinner, Trivia Night, Stations of the Cross, etc. Please email Don at ParishPhotos@StIrenes.org with your pictures or drop them off at the rectory office. Please remember that due to space constraints some photos may not be used. Thank you.

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 emailing womensclub@StIrenes.org. Thank you.

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 Display

Please see our display of Lenten books in the Parish Hall Library Room 6. 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. St. Irene Parish has raised \$11,315 towards our goal of \$33,894. If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. There are donation envelopes at the back of the Church. For more information visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory increased by 18% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 13%. Thank you for your continuing support.

Easter Collection

Next week's diocesan-wide Easter collection is for our active and senior diocesan priests. Your gift to the Clergy Funds has a significant impact on our ability to provide for the health, well-being, and retirement needs of the priests who have devoted their lives to serving us and our Church. Please consider honoring our priests through this special collection.

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/.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$7264
Offertory YTD	\$87,725
Monthly YTD	\$7306

The second collection this week will be the Monthly Collection. Next week's collection is the Easter Collection for the Clergy Funds.

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.