

# St. Irene Church

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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 21, 2016**

## 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

Beverly Levangie

Memorial Mass

Monday, February 22 at 9:00 am

Claire Callahan

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, February 23 at 9:00 am

Greg and Lorna Phillips

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 28 at 11:00 am

## 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 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

## The Pastor's Corner

Last November, a good friend of mine, Father Ed McLean died. Father Ed and I grew up in Lowell. We attended Lowell High School and then went on to study at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton. As deacons, we were chosen to go to Saint Thomas Seminary in Hartford, CT to serve as prefects in the minor seminary. After ordination, we were sent to parishes in that diocese. I was called back to Boston after a few years in Saint Francis Parish, New Haven. Father Ed was allowed to stay in Connecticut and spent the rest of his life there. He had a wonderful ministry as teacher, lecturer, and retreat master. On the occasion of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination, he sent me a book with a provocative title – "The Last Priests in America." The book celebrated the lives of forty two priests who revealed themselves with honesty and faith. Father John Aurielo, a pastor put it this way, "All I ever wanted was to love God and be a good priest." Those words sum up Father Ed's life. He loved God and he was a good priest.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## 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.

## 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.

## Tuesday Evening 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](mailto:adoration@StIrenes.org) for more information.

## Wednesday Morning Adoration

Every Wednesday morning, the Holy Mass is followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until 12 noon. During this time Fr. Romain is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Adoration is concluded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Benediction. Come by anytime and spend some time with Jesus.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes on February 21<sup>st</sup> due to Winter Vacation.

Classes will resume on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for grades 6-8.

## Reminder

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classes will have the first of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 22 during class time.

## Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow.

## New Spirit Retreat – Level 1

On Wednesday, February 24 the Level 1 candidates will attend the *New Spirit Retreat* from 5:00-9:00 pm. Please arrive at 4:45 pm to check in.

## Parish Happenings

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### Jubilee Year of Mercy

### Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Cathedral

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

St. Irene Parish will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross led by Father Tom and Father Romain. We will leave from St. Irene Parish parking lot at 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> by bus and arrive at the Cathedral around 10:30 am.

We will begin with a walk through the Jubilee Door to the chapel where the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, followed by Mass to include prayers for the Pope's special intentions. From the Cathedral we will head over to the *Cantina Italiana* on Hanover Street, Boston for a three course luncheon.

Space is limited so please sign up by calling the rectory office at (978) 369-3940 or emailing [stirene@comcast.net](mailto:stirene@comcast.net) with Jubilee Pilgrimage in the subject line.

The total cost for the day will be \$48 which includes bus and luncheon (beverage, gratuity, and tax). **Payment will be required by March 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your seat.** Menu selections (see Pilgrimage insert/flyer in the church) will be required at the time of payment.

## Knights of Columbus Collection

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a collection of new baby clothing and baby items as part of their *Right to Life Initiative* at the Masses on February 27 & 28 and would appreciate your assistance.

## Men's Retreat – 2016

On Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm until approximately 9:15 pm, a men's retreat will be held at St. Benedict Abbey at 252 Still River Rd., Still River, MA (Harvard, MA).

The retreat is open to all men and will cost \$25 per person – dinner included. This retreat is sponsored by St. Irene's Knights of Columbus. Space is limited. Please call Kevin Donnelly at [kofc@stirenes.org](mailto:kofc@stirenes.org) to make your reservation or for more information.

## Catholic Appeal 2016

Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be announced in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. The Catholic Appeal sustains over 50 ministries and many people throughout the Archdiocese. Your gift will help us reach our 2016 goal. You may mail your pledge or visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to give online. Thank you!

## Parish Library

Please remember to return any overdue books. *Many of the Lent books have not been returned.* We would like to have them for the Lenten season. Thank you.

## Join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved "long Winter's nap," rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will resume on WEDNESDAY (new day!), January 13<sup>th</sup>. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children's Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only "requirements" are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please contact at [Music@stirenes.org](mailto:Music@stirenes.org).

## Peer Leadership Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact Deacon-Charlie@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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## Area Events

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### Facilitator Training Protecting God's Children/VIRTUS

This one-day "train the trainer" is for volunteer parishioners to become members of the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team. The individuals will be trained in the adult awareness program; Virtus/Protecting God's Children (PGC), what to do if child abuse or neglect is suspected, observed or disclosed, and how to report such allegations. Upon completion of the training participants will be responsible for training all new clergy, employees, and volunteers in

their parish using VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" (PGC). This session is for new trainers only. All materials are provided free of charge. Each parish may send up to five individuals to this training.

**Date:** Saturday March 5, 2016 9am -3pm

**Location:** St Anne Parish, 75 King St., Littleton. Training will be held in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Jen Tausevich at 617-746-5994 or Jennifer\_tausevich@rcab.org.

Please call or email to preregister for the training. Please provide your full name, email address, phone number, name of parish, town of parish, your role in the parish. Lunch will be provided, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

### Homes For Low-Income Families:

#### Do we care enough?

#### 12th Annual Family Homelessness Forum

We invite you to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Concord area family homelessness forum of the *Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness*, on Sunday, March 13 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St. in Concord.

Over 200,000 families in Massachusetts are at risk of becoming homeless because they must spend more than 50% of their income on housing. Families represent 64% of the homeless population in Massachusetts compared to 36% nationally, because our housing and energy costs have out-paced wages. Join us to learn more about the relationship between the lack of low-income housing and family homelessness. Learn how your advocacy can help hurting families have homes.

## Financial Information

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### Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 163% more than last year (snow storm weekend). Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,887
Last year's Offertory	\$2,233
(total affected by snow storm)	

Offertory YTD	\$40,856
Offertory YTD last year	\$36,187
Monthly YTD	\$2,773
Separate Gifts YTD	\$610

This week the second collection will be the Monthly collection.

### St. Irene Staff:

#### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

#### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

#### Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett  
Deacon Charles Ferraro

#### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm  
Please contact Deacon Charles Ferraro

#### 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

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

The rectory office is usually open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.