



St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 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

Greg and Lorna Phillips

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 28 at 11:00 am

John Paul, Diane Otin & Family

Mass of Thanksgiving and Healing

Wednesday, March 2 at 9:00 am

Lisa Trebino

12th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am

Maria Kowalska

23rd Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

The 2016 Catholic Appeal is entitled "Living our Faith Together." The Appeal begins next Sunday, March 6. The Catholic Appeal is the annual fund that sustains the fifty ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. These ministries directly serve the people. Cardinal Sean O'Malley writes – "As we journey together through this historic Year of Mercy, we are called to celebrate the faith we share. At this time, I invite you to join me in supporting the work of those ministries and make a gift to the 2016 Catholic Appeal. Your participation strengthens our parish communities and enables us to continue living our faith together through the beauty and joy of the gospel." Through your generosity, we attained the goal for our parish in 2015. We trust that your generosity will enable us to reach our 2016 goal.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on March 6th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The Masses will be hosted by the 3rd grade classes.

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.

First Friday

This Friday, March 4th is the First Friday of June. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

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 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 Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Reminder

The 6th Grade classes will have the second of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 29 during class time.

Confirmation

Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, February 28th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow.

Parish Happenings

Bake Sale – Caring 4 Cameroon

Sunday, Feb. 28 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Caring 4 Cameroon is an organization designed to help children at St. Andrew's School in Ngong, Cameroon. This project was founded by Fr. Augustin and a few of our youth at St. Irene's who will be hosting a bake sale at St. Irene's to raise money for five students at St. Andrew's. This money will provide for their school tuition and materials for this school year. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Collection

Weekend of February 27/28

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 – March 4, 2016

On Friday, March 4th 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. Please email Kevin Donnelly at kofc@stirenes.org to make your reservation or for more information.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Cathedral

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 Church at 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 9th 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 St. 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 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 1st to reserve your seat.*** Menu selections (see Pilgrimage flyer in the church) will be required at the time of payment.

Women's Club Thank You

Thank you to Matthew Barre for a wonderful culinary experience at the recent Women's Club meeting. We all enjoyed some wonderful hors d'oeuvres made by Matt, who is the executive chef at The Tap on Union St. in Boston. Thank you again for making it a very enjoyable evening. Thank you also to Marguerite Barre for sharing her talented son with us.

Stations of the Cross

Soup and Bread – March 18 at 5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross will be offered during Lent on *Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm*. Prior to the service, there will be complimentary bread and soup in the Parish Hall from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Please join us for this Lenten devotion.

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.

Women's Club Italian Dinner

Mark your calendar - March 19th will be the Women's Club "fabulous" Italian dinner with all the fixings - including the ever popular Italian Antipasto Noel. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of March after all the Masses and are \$15 for adults; \$10 for children age 6 to 14; there will be no charge for children under 6 years old. This is a very well attended event so it is suggested that you get your tickets as soon as they go on sale. If anyone has questions, please contact Jan Brown.

Catholic Appeal 2016

Next week, Catholics across the Archdiocese will be invited to pledge their support to the ministries and programs supported by the Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your prayers and support for a successful 2016 Catholic Appeal.

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 meet on WEDNESDAY (new day!) nights. 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.

Area Events

Facilitator Training Protecting God's Children/VIRTUS – March 5

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.

World Day of Prayer Invites You

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Friday, March 4th at Trinity Episcopal Church at 81 Elm St., Concord. This year's worship service "Receive Children, Receive Me" was prepared by the WDP Committee of Cuba. A festive luncheon celebrating the people of Cuba will follow the 11:00 am service. Donations of sandwiches and desserts toward the luncheon are invited.

A Night of Food, Friends and Faith Wednesday, March 9th from 7-9 PM

Calling on young adults in their 20's & 30's! Come join us for dinner/ beverages (pay your own way), reflection and discussion at **Rapsallions Table and Tap** at 5 Strawberry Hill Road in Acton. Jackie Baldino (Coordinator of Faith Formation at Holy Family) will be presenting a reflection. For more information please contact Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org. Sponsored by the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Community.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 8% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,988
Last year's Offertory	\$6,515
Offertory YTD	\$46,821
Offertory YTD last year	\$42,702
Monthly YTD	\$5,185
Separate Gifts YTD	\$610

Last week the Monthly collection amounted to \$2,412.

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

Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.