

# St. Irene Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 6, 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

Lisa Trebino

12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 am

Maria Kowalska

23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, March 8 at 9:00 am

Martha Perry and Jeanne Parlee  
Healing Mass  
Monday, March 7 at 9:00 am

Joan Kendall  
Funeral Mass

Tuesday, March 8 at 11:00 am

John Paul & Diane Otin & Family  
Mass of Healing and Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, March 9 at 9:00 am

John and Grace Behan  
Memorial Mass

Thursday, March 10 at 9:00 am

Derek Halvorsen

Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 am

Jane Buchaniec – 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Joseph Buchaniec – 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 13 at 8:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

This Wednesday we are making our Pilgrimage of Mercy to the Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston. It is one of the ways we are taking part in the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. At the Cathedral, Father Romain and I will be available for confessions. The Sacrament of Penance is the special way we experience God's mercy and forgiveness in our lives. We will also offer Mass in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament assisted by Deacon Charles who will preach. After the service at the Cathedral, we will go to Cantina Italiana in the North End for a wonderful Italian dinner. For me that will be a special treat and a wonderful way to end our pilgrimage.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Children's Liturgy

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Holy Week Schedule

**March 21, 22 & 23** - Daily Mass at 9:00 am

**March 24 Holy Thursday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:30-11 pm Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament

**March 25 Good Friday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
4:15-5 pm Confessions

**March 26 Holy Saturday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours

11am - Noon Confessions  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

### March 27 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

#### Soup and Bread – March 18 at 5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross will be offered during Lent on *Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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

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 – Living Stations of the Cross

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classes will have the third of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, March 7 with a special start time of 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The sixth grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00 am followed by a 7<sup>th</sup> grade hosted breakfast in the Parish Hall. All students in Sessions I and II will attend with their classes. This is a family event and all are invited to attend!

### **Confirmation**

Level 2 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow.

### **Reminder**

All Confirmation candidates Levels 1 and 2 should be working on their Mary's Meals work of mercy.

## **Parish Happenings**

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### **Catholic Appeal 2016**

Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). St. Irene's goal this year is \$37,646. Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.

### **Women's Club Italian Dinner**

Mark your calendar - March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

## **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 Church 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 St. for a three course luncheon.

*If you are interested, please call the rectory office (978)369-3940 to see if any spaces remain.* The total cost for the day will be \$48 which includes bus and luncheon (beverage, gratuity, and tax). Menu selections (please see the Pilgrimage flyer in the church) will be required at the time of payment.

### **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. Please see the display of Lent books in the church. Thank you.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, March 13 at 7 pm in the rectory.

### **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](mailto:Music@stirenes.org).

## Area Events

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### **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.

### **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.

### **Catholic Television**

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## Financial Information

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### **Offertory Report**

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 15% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,383
Last year's Offertory	\$7,537
Offertory YTD	\$53,204
Offertory YTD last year	\$50,239
Monthly YTD	\$5,235
Separate Gifts YTD	\$710

### **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.