

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 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

Jane Buchanec – 12th Anniversary Mass
Joseph Buchanec – 47th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 13 at 8:00 am

Brent Allen

Memorial Masses

Saturday, March 12 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 13 at 11:00 am
Thursday, March 17 at 9:00 am
Friday, March 18 at 9:00 am
Saturday, March 19 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, March 20 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly
Healing Mass

Sunday, March 13 at 5:00 pm

Jimmy Faber
Birthday Mass

Monday, March 14 at 9:00 am

Giacomo Scacciotti
27th Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, March 15 at 9:00 am

Jeanne Parlee
Healing Mass

Wednesday, March 16 at 9:00 am

Jose Francisco Nunez

Alice Cushman

Claudia M. Nunez

Rose M. Doucette

Jameson H. Jewett

Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 20 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Last Saturday I attended a workshop on parish based evangelization entitled "Forming Disciples in Mission" at Holy Family Church, Concord. I was joined by Deacon Charles and several members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The speakers were wonderful and helped us to understand the New Evangelization which Cardinal Sean is promoting. It emphasizes that all of us, whether religious or laity are called to evangelize. We need once again to proclaim the Good News of the gospel. As disciples, we need to embrace our call to holiness. We do this by our personal witness to our faith and sharing that faith with others. The New Evangelization is a challenge to all of us – not simply to lead a good life as a Catholic Christian but to reach out and touch others, both as individuals and as a parish community.

~ 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.

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 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.

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@Stlrenes.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

Thank You

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

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.

Living Stations of the Cross

The sixth grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 13th from 9:00-10:00 am followed by a 7th 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!

There will be a special start time for the 6th grade students only. They will begin at 6:30 pm for a Cast Party. Grades 7 & 8 will meet at 7:00 pm. All grades end at 8:00 pm.

Confirmation

Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, March 13th 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

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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. St. Irene Parish has raised \$6,365 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

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.

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. Please contact Jan Brown if you have any questions.

Altar Cloth Laundering

We are seeking a couple of new volunteers to help with the washing and ironing of the altar linens. Please contact the rectory office at (978)369-3940 if you are able to help. 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. Please see the display of Lent books in the church. Thank you.

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.

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 Cypriana at Music@stirenes.org.

Area Events

Homes For Low-Income Families:

Do we care enough?

12th Annual Family Homelessness Forum

We invite you to attend the 12th 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.

Bowling / Pizza Event – April 10th

On Sunday, April 10, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Spring Bowling / Pizza Event for children with disabilities and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The event includes Duck-pin bowling, which is followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this free event by contacting Ken Desilets before April 6th. (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email; kgdesigned@gmail.com)

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.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 30% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,369
Last year's Offertory	\$7,639
Offertory YTD	\$58,633
Offertory YTD last year	\$57,878
Monthly YTD	\$5,275
Separate Gifts YTD	\$770

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.

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