

St. Irene Church

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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 10, 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

William L. Burns – 2nd Anniversary Mass
Edward M. Sousa – 40th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 17 at 8:00 am

Colleen Kelly – Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 am

Gioi Vu – Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 17 at 5:00 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Philip Phalon – Memorial Mass
Saturday, April 9 at 5:00 pm

Gioi Vu – Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 10 at 8:00 am

Lois McKinley – 6th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 am

Jim McNally – Healing Mass
Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 pm

Michael Toth – Memorial Mass
Monday, April 11 at 9:00 am

Josephine Roscoe – 1st Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, April 12 at 9:00 am

Wayne Troutman – Memorial Mass
Wednesday, April 13 at 9:00 am

Mark Anderson – Memorial Mass
Thursday, April 14 at 9:00 am

Ernestine Secovich – 1st Anniversary Mass
Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday. We observed this day with a special Prayer Service which focused on prayer, healing and reconciliation. Cardinal Sean has written a Pastoral Letter entitled, "God's mercy runs to meet us." It emphasized the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. Teaching the world about God's mercy has been a central part of Pope Francis' ministry. He often states, "Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message." During this Jubilee, Pope Francis wants each of us to experience God's mercy in a profound way as we receive it and then share it. He wants this to be a year touched by the Lord Jesus and to be transformed by his mercy, so that we may become witnesses to others.

~ 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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on April 10 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. The Masses will be hosted by the 5th grade.

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 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

Religious Education Grades K-5

The 5th grade will host both the 8 & 11am Masses. There will be NO classes on Sunday, April 17th due to Spring Vacation. Classes will resume for grades K-5 on Sunday, April 24th. Our last class will be held on Sunday, May 1st. We conclude our Religious Ed. Program with the May Crowning. More information to follow.

Grade 2 First Communion Items

Folders, workbooks and banners are due on Sunday, May 1st as well as donations for First Communion flowers.

2nd Grade First Communion/Rehearsals

The 2nd grade classes will have two First Communion rehearsals on April 10th and April 24th. The special rehearsal time for both rehearsals is: 9:30-10:30 am for both Sessions I and II. Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

Grades 6-8

Grades 6-8 will have class on Monday, April 11th from 7-8:15 pm. 8th grade students and their parents will have a special Confirmation meeting during class time. There will be NO classes on Monday, April 18th due to the Spring Vacation. The LAST class for grades 6-8 will be on Monday, April 25th from 7-8:15pm. We will begin with Mass in the church. Please arrive on time. We will conclude the year with an Ice Cream Social. Please note the SPECIAL PICK-UP time of 8:15 pm.

Thank you Religious Ed Teachers

Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents for a wonderful year! A special thank you to the teachers for their time, talent and service!

Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, April 10th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow. One parent is asked to attend with their student. 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, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Pennies From Heaven

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for "Pennies From Heaven." This collection is to support the Seminarians of the Archdiocese and will take place on the weekend of April 9/10 after all the Masses.

Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

The Women's Club will have their Trash to Treasure Day on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. You can begin leaving your treasures in the rectory garage on April 25th. **Please remember we cannot accept electronics, clothes or large items like furniture.** In the past large items have been left, we have no way of getting rid of them. If you have any questions please email Womensclub@StIrenes.org.

Cradles to Crayons Collection

The Peer Leaders are supporting an organization called *Cradles to Crayons* that helps children in need. We will be collecting supplies to build care packages at St. Irene's from March 12 until May 1. Please see the flyer in the church for items to donate. Thank you for your donations.

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: http://www.bostoncatholic.org/uploadedFiles/BostonCatholicorg/Offices_And_Services/Offices/Sub_Pages/Child_Advocacy/2016/031516TrainingDatesforVIRTUS.pdf.

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 access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled.** CORI forms are due by April 20th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Area Events

Respect Life Presentation St. Patrick Parish, Lawrence

Linda Thayer, Archdiocese of Boston Respect Life Education Office, presents "Introduction to Respect Life." Linda discusses life stages in the womb and the issue of abortion. Included are beautiful images of prenatal development. The talk also emphasizes purity in dating. Appropriate for junior high through adult.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Thursday, April 14 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish Center, 118 S. Broadway, Lawrence, MA.

Carlisle Health Lecture – Gleason Library Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

What you should know about concussions especially in our youth although concussions happen in all age groups

Dr. Robert Cantu (MD, FACS, FAANS, FICS, FACSM) is one of the world's foremost authorities on brain trauma and concussions in sports. Goals and objectives of his talk are:

- To be able to identify concussion symptoms and post-concussion syndrome
- Discuss epidemiology of concussion including mortality/morbidity statistics
- To be able to understand chronic traumatic encephalopathy
- Complications of mismanagement of concussion
- Understand criteria for resuming activity
- To understand unique risk that concussions have for youth as compared to adults.

RSVP to reserve your seat at gleasonlibrary.org/calendar or 978-369-4898.

Surviving Sibling Support Group

When a brother or sister dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness. A Surviving Sibling Support Group is now offered at St. John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford on the last Saturday each month for surviving siblings

of all ages and for any reason. All are welcome to a safe place to share their story, find comfort, hope and encouragement as you continue a new path in life. Meetings will begin on Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and will continue to meet on the last Saturday of each month.

Financial Information

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 <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/>. St. Irene Parish has raised \$14,590 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

Priests from Boston College

As you may have noticed, we have 2 new priests at St. Irene's who are currently studying in the Masters and Doctoral programs at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. We are delighted to have them to assist us. As they are foreign priests, they are not employees nor can they be paid as employees of the parish. So in order to reimburse their travel expenses and to show appreciation for taking time from their studies, we must create and fund a separate account. We will need to raise \$5,500 to cover the next 12 months to maintain this assistance of which \$3,505 has already been raised. Please consider supporting this effort which is a significant savings over how we have previously paid for priests to help us. Please indicate on the memo line that your check is "Restricted Gift to Support Student Priests". The weekend of April 9 and 10th baskets will be left at the entrance to the church for you to deposit your gift. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Offertory Report

Offertory \$9,619
Last Year's Offertory- none (Easter Sunday)

Offertory YTD	\$81,486
Offertory YTD last year	\$78,782
Monthly YTD	\$8,123
Separate Gifts YTD	\$795.99

Next 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, 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.