

St. Irene Church



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

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

Stephen and Maddie Kaduboski
50th Wedding Anniversary Mass
Saturday, February 25 at 5:00 pm

Grace McCarron
1st Anniversary Mass
Sunday, February 26 at 11:00 am

Edward Quirk
Memorial Mass
Monday, February 27 at 9:00 am

Lorna and Greg Phillips
20th Wedding Anniversary Mass
Tuesday, February 28 at 9:00 am

Kathleen Blais
Pamela Gleason
Memorial Mass
Thursday, March 2 at 9:00 am

Charles and Jeanne Parlee
Healing Mass
Friday, March 3 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 5 at 8:00 am

Lisa Trebino
13th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

We come once again to Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. We receive the ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our mortality and the need of repentance in our lives. "Remember man, you are dust" was the old reminder of the brevity of our lives. More often today we distribute the ashes and pray. "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Those words express the purpose of Lent. This season prepares us for the new life of Easter. First, we need to repent our sins, our weaknesses. Then we can resolve to believe and love the Gospel more fully. Lent is the time to look at our spiritual lives, correct our faults and celebrate the new life of Easter as a better Christian Catholic.

~Fr. Tom Donohoe

Ash Wednesday Schedule

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these services.

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.

First Friday

Next Friday, March 3 is the First Friday of March. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

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.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

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.

There are no Religious Education classes on February 26th due to Winter Vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, February 27th for grades 6-8.

Parish Happenings

Stations of the Cross

Women's Club – Soup and Bread

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. On Friday, March 3rd, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our first "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall. This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Theater News

Judy Andrews is setting up a trip on Wednesday, April 19 to see "The King and I" at the Opera House. Please email the rectory office (stirene@comcast.net) as soon as possible if you are interested. Thank you.

Join us for "Light Lenten Lessons" on March 13 and March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

The bible tells us that "they shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness." We invite you to join us for a light breakfast on Monday, Mar. 13, and Monday, Mar. 27, with an opportunity for conversation and a little Lenten Faith Formation. Breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a video from the Boston Coll. School of Theology and Ministry and an opportunity for discussion among friends.

Topics:

Mar. 13-"Jesus: A Pilgrimage" presented by James Martin, S.J.

Mar. 27-"Sowing the Seeds of Faith: It is (Almost) All in the Family" presented by Thomas H. Groome

We hope that this will be an opportunity for busy people to enjoy the community of other busy people and find time to "do something" during Lent. If you have any questions, please email Yvonne MacCormack (gymac@live.com) or Pat Barry (pbarry11@verizon.net).

Parish Library

The parish library has books for Lenten reading on the table at the back of the church. Registered library users may borrow books for three weeks. If you are not registered, you may do so at the table

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@Stlrenes.org.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

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| Friday, Mar. 31 – | Soup and Bread Stations of the Cross |
| Friday, May 5 – | Confirmation |
| Sunday, May 7 – | Tea & Fashion Show |
| Saturday, May 13 – | First Communion |

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting on Sunday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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 https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0. The Archdiocese also requires a **yearly** 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**. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you have any questions.

Area Events

Special Showing of "The Shack"

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith cordially invites you to attend the exclusive Boston premiere of "The Shack"

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:00 p.m.

AMC Framingham 16

22 Flutie Pass, Framingham, MA

All seats in the theatre are reserved for this event - over 600 are available through The Propagation of the Faith. Groups will be seated together on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to be there when the doors open at 6:30pm! Sign up by emailing info@propfaithboston.org with the following info: number of people attending, parish or ministry, and contact name and email of your group leader.

While the tickets are complimentary, we request that attendees prayerfully consider a Lenten gift to benefit children in the missions. You may give now by visiting www.propfaithboston.org and clicking on the "donate now" button. Then select the

Missionary Childhood Association. An opportunity to donate will also be available the night of the event in the theater. See you at the movies!

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA
Lenten One-Day Spiritual Retreat
March 11 from 9:30am-7:30pm

Lenten One-Hour Spiritual Retreat
"Death is Only the First Day of the Week"
March 15 from 12:00-1:00pm

For more information call Diane, Mother of Paul, at (617) 542-8057 or www.emfgp.org.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$119,075** towards our goal of \$125,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

2017 Catholic Appeal

Please take a moment to watch the 2017 Catholic Appeal video to see the positive impact that Central Ministries make throughout our Archdiocese: <https://vimeo.com/193393173>. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you in advance for your support.

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish provides Online Giving - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy - just visit our website,

www.stirenes.org, and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support of St. Irene Parish.

23 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

23 parishioners are now using EBP (Elec. Bill Pay).

Last weekend the Monthly collection amounted to \$2,147.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

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 the rectory.

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.