

St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018

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

Colleen Kelly
2nd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 11 at 8:00 am

Bernice Charko
Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 11 at 5:00 pm

Louise Park
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, March 13 at 9:00 am

Claire Mariano
Memorial Mass
Thursday, March 15 at 9:00 am

Anthony Giamis
Memorial Mass
Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme is "We are many, serving as one." It is an invitation for all of us to share in the ministries of the church of the Archdiocese of Boston. We are a Universal Church. Our support begins in the parish but it should extend to our neighbors everywhere. I am most grateful for your generous support of the Appeal for many years. We have been able to reach and surpass our goals. This year our assessment is \$37,577. I am confident that we will attain it once again this year.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

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

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.

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 6:30–7:30 pm.

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.

Flu Season Advisory

In light of the severity of flu related illnesses the Archdiocese has issued some liturgical directives. The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended until the emergency subsides. We encourage you to exchange the sign of peace without any physical contact. If you are ill or suspect you are ill with a contagious illness, you are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. You should remain at home and return to church when you are well.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

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.

Reminder

The 6th Grade classes will have the last of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, March 12 beginning at a special start time of 6:30 pm.

The sixth grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 18 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!

Confirmation

On Good Friday, 17 teenagers will be representing St. Irene's at ABIDE Boston 2018 which is being held at St. Bridgid's in Lexington. Abide is a 24-hour event, starting on Good Friday at 5PM and ending on Holy Saturday, that invites high school teenagers to partake in a 24-hour "food and technology fast" and spend most of the day Holy Saturday serving others. Attending youth are encouraged to get "sponsored" for their fast (each youth is encouraged to try to raise \$250). Money raised will go toward holding the event, with the remainder going toward supporting local Catholic charities.

On the weekend of March 17/18 there will be a basket at the back of the church for donations, if writing a check please make it out to ABIDE Boston 2018 or for online donations go to: abide2018.com/make-a-donation/. Any donation you can give to the youth of our parish to support them in this event is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please email Sheila Curran at Confirmation@StIrenes.org. Thank you.

Peer Leaders

Just a reminder we are still looking for recipes for our Parish Cookbook, which we hope to have out by the fall. Please send recipes to peerleaders@stirenes.com.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation Presentation—Monday, Mar. 12, 9:30–11:30 am BC Video: "Journey with the Saints of Lent"

Looking for something to "do" for Lent? We welcome you to join us in the church hall at 9:30 am on Monday, March 12, as we watch Part II of a presentation by Br. Michael O'Neill McGrath, O.S.F.S. of a video from the Boston College School of Theology. As Brother Mickey continues to share his paintings and stories, the saints and Gospel stories of Lent come alive, leading to a deeper awareness of God's presence as we journey together toward Easter. Following the hour video, we have set aside an additional 45 minutes for discussion. A light breakfast will be served. Please come!

Women's Club Italian Dinner – March 24th

Mark your calendar - March 24th 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 starting the second weekend in 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 you have questions, please contact Jan Brown at 978-256-9480.

Women's Club Happenings in March

In addition to Italian night on March 24th, the following events are scheduled:

Mar. 15 General Meeting in the church hall at 6:30 pm

Mar. 22 Make meatballs & sausage for Italian night after 9:00 am Mass in the church hall

Mar. 23 Soup & Bread before Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm in the church hall

Parish Library

The parish library has books for Lenten reading displayed at the back of the church. Please only borrow the books for three weeks. We also would like any overdue books returned. Thank you.

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 **before March 26**.

Stations of the Cross

Women's Club – Soup and Bread

On Friday, March 23, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our second "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.

"Will You Help to Build My Classroom?"

The people of St. Irene's have always been kind to their fellow parishioners, but have also recognized the needs of those outside our parish, whether it is the needs of the people served by Lazarus House in Lawrence or the needs of children in another country. The tradition has continued.

The goal of \$30,000 to build three classrooms for children in Thunga, Malawi, is ambitious for a small parish like St. Irene's. With money received through last weekend, the thermometer has reached \$28,106 through the generous donations of many parishioners!!

Our parishioners include our own children. Religious Ed. students have saved change in Lenten boxes to support their fellow students in Malawi. The boxes will be returned on Sunday, March 11, during the Children's Liturgy Masses at 8 and 11 o'clock

Members of the Social Justice Committee will be available after each Mass to answer questions and accept donations. Donations can be made by cash or check (payable to Design Cause Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit) after each Mass, or mailed directly to Kelsey Bradley at Design Cause Inc., 296 Fiske Street, Carlisle, MA 01741, or made online by credit card at www.designcauseinc.org.

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.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

Resurrection Cantata/Musical March 11 Holy Family Parish 7:30 pm

"Resurrection" is the inspirational story of Simon Peter and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Please join us for this community event at Holy Family Parish, 12 Monument Square Sunday, March 11.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$113,366** 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.

2018 Catholic Appeal

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the annual 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. Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.

Next weekend the second collection is the Monthly Collection.

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.

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.