

St. Irene Church

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Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 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

John & Grace Behan
Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 12 at 8:00 am

Gilbert Ponte
Memorial Mass
Sunday, March 12 at 11:00 am

Catherine Farren
Memorial Mass
Monday, March 13 at 9:00 am

Warren Hoey
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, March 14 at 9:00 am

James Scacciotti
28th Anniversary Mass
Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 am

Paul Dumont – 7th Anniversary Mass
Charlene Parlee – Birthday Mass
Thursday, March 16 at 9:00 am

Earl Donohue
Anniversary Mass
Friday, March 17 at 9:00 am

Susan Gaipo
1st Anniversary Mass
Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 pm

Harold Peters
3rd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 19 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend is the Commitment Week-end for the 2017 Catholic Appeal. This annual Appeal funds many of the ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. These include Catholic Charities, our diocesan seminaries, training programs for diaconate along with many other charitable and spiritual activities of the archdiocese. Thanks to your magnificent generosity, last year we surpassed our goal and donated \$44,110 to the 2016 Catholic Appeal. Again this year, we encourage you to support the work of Cardinal Sean that is funded by the Catholic Appeal.

~Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on March 12th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The Masses will be hosted by the 3rd grade.

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, 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.

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.

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.

Reminder

The 6th Grade classes will have the first of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, March 13 beginning at a special start time of 6:00 pm.

Parish Happenings

Eucharistic Minister Training

Deacon Dean Bulpett will provide Eucharistic Minister training on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 pm in the church (upstairs). If you have any questions, please call the rectory office (978) 369-3940.

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.

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 contact the rectory office at (978) 369-3940 or email info@stirenes.org.

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, Mar. 16th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Come see our "Culinary Chefs" prepare and serve their special "tidbits" all the while enjoying friendly conversation. Desserts are appreciated.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

- Friday, Mar. 31 – Soup and Bread Stations of the Cross
- Friday, Apr. 7 – Rwanda Mass
- Sunday, Apr. 9 – Fr. Tom's Party
- Friday, May 5 – Confirmation
- Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show
- Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

Race for Rehab Fundraiser

Jennifer Zuk, one of our cantors at St. Irene's, is running with the Race for Rahab team from Spaulding Rehabilitation Network who is partnering with the Boston Athletic Association as an official charity of the Boston Marathon. In 2016, the team of 52 runners raised more than \$550,000 to support the most pressing needs of the hospital. If anyone would like to donate, please visit Jennifer's fundraising page: <https://www.crowdrise.com/spauldingrehab-boston17/fundraiser/jenniferzuk> or checks may be written to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, and include in the memo line "Jennifer Zuk Boston Marathon 2017." Please send the checks to: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Development Office, 1575 Cambridge St, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Stations of the Cross

Women's Club – Soup and Bread

On Friday, March 31st, 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.

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@StIrenes.org.

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

St. Anne/St. Catherine Lenten Mission Sunday, April 2-Tuesday, April 4

The parishioners of the St. Anne/St. Catherine collaborative (Littleton/Westford) invite you to come, reflect, and pray with Tracy Earl Welliver, International speaker and author of "**Everyday Stewardship, Reflections for the Journey**". His focus is on transforming our personal spirituality. The sessions are from his book. You can attend a few or all of the sessions.

Details for days, dates, times and locations can be found by going to www.Littleton-Catholic.org and clicking on the "Everyday Stewardship" button (green background) on

the home page. Though registration is not required it will be very helpful for planning purposes. You may email Debbie Rhodes at DebbieR@LWCatholic.org to let us know which session(s) you plan on attending.

Eucharistic Ministers at Emerson Hospital

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to patients at Emerson Hospital. The candidate does not have to be a Eucharistic Minister in a parish. We ask for a 2 hour commitment approximately once or twice a month. Communion is provided from the hospital chapel and two ministers are scheduled each day. Timothy Duff, Catholic chaplain at the hospital, offers ongoing training and direction.

If you have an interest in this ministry or need additional information please call Tim at (978) 287-3015 or email him: tduff@emersonhosp.org by Friday, March 31st.

Financial Information

2017 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.

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.

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.

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

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

Next weekend 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

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.