

St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 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

Theodore Collins
Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 25 at 5:00 pm

Jane Buchanic – 13th Anniversary Mass
Joseph Buchanic – 48th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 26 at 8:00 am

Jeanne Parlee
Healing Masses

Monday, March 27 at 9:00 am
Wednesday, March 29 at 9:00 am
Friday, March 31 at 9:00 am

Maurice Donovan
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, March 29 at 9:00 am

Thomas F. Callery
5th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 am

Thanh Pham
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 2 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

For the past several years the Archdiocese of Boston has been implementing a process of collaboration called Disciples in Mission. These collaboratives of several parishes with one pastor is the result of the clergy shortage. Each year in October parishes are chosen to form a collaborative the following June. Our collaborative will be with Holy Family, Concord. The earliest this would happen would be June 2018. Meanwhile, our parish council and I have met with the parish council of Holy Family to come to know one another and begin the transition to make it successful. I will update you whenever I get more information.

~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 – 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.

Holy Week Schedule

April 10, 11, 12 – Daily Mass at 9:00 am

April 13 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

April 14 Good Friday
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4:15-5 pm Confessions

April 15 Holy Saturday
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
11am - Noon Confessions
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

April 16 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.

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.

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.

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 9-9:50 am and Session II is from 10-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7-8 pm.

Reminder – Living Stations of the Cross

The 6th Grade classes will have the last of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, March 27 beginning at a special start time of 6:30 pm.

The sixth grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, April 2nd 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!

Parish Happenings

Tickets for Celebration of Fr. Tom's Birthday at Westford Regency on Sunday, Apr. 9

A few tickets remain for Fr. Tom's Birthday luncheon at the Westford Regency on Sunday, April 9. Gathering time at the Regency is from 12:15-1:15 p.m. with lunch served at 1:15 p.m.

We hope that many parishioners can join us as we thank Fr. Tom for his 65 years of service in the Archdiocese and his 29 years of pastoral care for the people of St. Irene's Parish.

If you would like to come, please give call the rectory office 978-369-3940 no later than Wednesday, March 29, so that we can get you on the list!

Knights of Columbus Collection

The Knights of Columbus affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support for expectant mothers. The Knights support the right to life goals. We will be conducting our yearly drive to collect needed items on the weekend of April 1/2. The Pro-Life Office has requested that we collect crib sheets, newborn boys and girls summer outfits, summer hats for newborns, both 4 and 8 oz bottles, and large size diapers (size 5 and 6). All items must be **new** with original tags attached..

Join us for "Light Lenten Lessons" on 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. 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. 27- "Sowing the Seeds of Faith: It is (Almost) All in the Family"

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.

Rwanda Mass of Commemoration

That time has come again, when Rwanda remembers the atrocities of the Genocide against Tutsis. It all started on April 7, 1994 and claimed more than a million lives just in 100 days. Some of us lost our entire families and all of us were left wounded and broken. A day of remembrance and commemoration is a time for healing and moving forward.

This April 7, 2017, I am inviting you to join me at St. Irene Church to celebrate the lives of those who perished during the Genocide against Tutsis in 1994. The Mass of Commemoration will be celebrated at 6:00 pm. After Mass we will gather in the Parish Hall to share the stories of our loved ones, who are now shining like bright stars in heaven.

Grace, Peace and Blessings to you all,
Fr. Romain

Stations of the Cross – 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.

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.

Save the Dates

Sunday, Apr. 9 -Fr. Tom's Party

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 - Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 - First Communion

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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.

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.

CORI Checks

The Archdiocese 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

Hospice Volunteer Training

Care Dimensions is in need of volunteers for our Hospice patients! Volunteers are ordinary people making extraordinary differences in the lives of our patients. No matter what your skills, talents, or motivation, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Our next training starts soon so please contact Sr. Volunteer Coordinator, Jane Corrigan at 781-373-6574 or jcorrigan@caresdimensions.org for more information.

Financial Information

2017 Catholic Appeal

The 2017 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at St. Irene's. So far, 30 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$10,570** toward our parish goal of **\$40,678**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese. With **\$30,108** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$119,775** 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.

This weekend the Monthly collection amounted to \$2,062.

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.