

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 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

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 am

Thanh Pham
Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 2 at 11:00 am

Stasia Wojtas
Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 5 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo
1st Anniversary Mass

Thursday, April 6 at 9:00 am

Mike Toth
Memorial Mass

Friday, April 7 at 9:00 am

Natalie Ward

Birthday Mass

Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 am

Lois McKinley

7th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 pm

Fr. Tom 65th Ordination / 90th Birthday

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, April 9 at 11:00 am

Gioi Vu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 9 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Next Sunday, I will celebrate my 90th birthday. That's hard to believe. I'm so grateful to be able to continue on as your pastor both physically and mentally. As one of my classmates commented a few years ago, "We never thought that we'd ever retire." That was not what a priest would do. Years ago, elderly priests would remain in the rectory as pastors with a younger associate taking care of the needs of the parish. Things have certainly changed over the years. As I approach my birthday, I am grateful for all the blessings in my life. Thank you Lord.

~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@Stlrenes.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.

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 six 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. Both the 9 and 10 am sessions will attend in lieu of classes. Students will sit in the church with their classes and then be dismissed to their parents following the event. ALL are invited to proceed down to the Parish Hall for the Hospitality Breakfast.

Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, April 2 at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow.

Parish Happenings

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.

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 April 11**.

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.

If you are able to volunteer or provide finger desserts please call the rectory office 978-369-3940 or email info@stirenes.org.

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

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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 Library

The parish library has books for Lenten reading in the parish hall. 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. **Please return to the rectory office by April 21**. Thank you.

Area Events

Boston Pops with St. Camillus Parish

St. Camillus of Arlington has reserved 2nd balcony seating for the Boston POPs Program: *The Beatles & Beyond* on **Thursday, June 8th** @ 8pm. Come hear the music of The Beatles—and their many great rock successors in breathtaking symphonic arrangements, hosted by WZLX *Breakfast with the Beatles* host, Larry "Cha-Chi" Loprete. Reserved POPs seating and round trip bus service from St. Camillus parking lot are provided for **\$42** per person. Buses leave St. Camillus parking lot at 6 pm and return around 11 pm

To reserve your seating, please mail your name, phone number and number of tickets with your **check made out to St. Camillus Parish** to St. Camillus Social Committee, 1175 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, MA 02476. **Make your reservations**

promptly as tickets move fast! For questions, please call Anne at 781-648-3344.

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@cairedimensions.org for more information.

Financial Information

2017 Catholic Appeal

The 2017 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at St. Irene's. So far, 41 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$21,790** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,349**. 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 **\$15,559** 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 boston-catholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

Grand Annual Collection

Good news! We have surpassed our goal of \$125,000 for the Grand Annual Collection and collected **\$126,075**. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish. Thank you.

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.

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.

Financial Details

March

Year to Date

Weekly

\$26,130

\$75,998

Monthly

\$2837

\$8090

Gifts/Bequests

\$38,104.13*

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*Includes a one-time bequest of \$36,854.13