

# St. Irene Church

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**Palm Sunday**  
**April 9, 2017**

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## Mass Schedule

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### 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

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### Mass Intentions

Lois McKinley - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 pm

Thomas Callery - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, April 9 at 8:00 am

Fr. Tom 65<sup>th</sup> Ordination / 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
Sunday, April 9 at 11:00 am

Gioi Vu - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 9 at 5:00 pm

Hugh & Irene McCarthy,  
Stephanie Pilat - Memorial Mass  
Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00 am

Charles & Josephine Roscoe,  
Mary Selman - Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 16 at 7:00 am

Gerard Forrester - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 am

Sean Fitzpatrick - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 16 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Today we observe Palm Sunday as we begin the most important week in our church – Holy Week. We begin with the triumphant procession into Jerusalem when Jesus is welcomed with palms and hosannas as the Messiah. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when Jesus gave us his greatest gifts – the Eucharist and priesthood. Good Friday is the most solemn day of the church year when we recall the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. But after the sorrow of Good Friday comes the joy of Easter Sunday. It is our greatest feast – the Resurrection of Jesus from death to life. We should all take time this week to celebrate these central beliefs of our faith – the Paschal Mystery.

~Fr. Tom Donohoe

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education K-8

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, April 16 and Monday, April 17 due to Easter and Spring vacation. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 23 for grades K-5 and on Monday, April 24 for grades 6-8.

The **8th grade** Students and Parents Confirmation meeting will take place during regular class time on Monday, April 10.

The **5th grade** will Host both the 8 & 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 30.

Our last class for **grades 6-8** will be on May 1. It will be from 7-8:15 p.m. (Please note the special finish time). We will conclude our year with Mass followed by a Sundae Party in the Parish Hall.

Our last class for **grades K-5** will take place on Sunday, May 7. The 9 am Session classes will go to their classes as scheduled. BOTH the 9 & 10 am classes will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. We will conclude our year with the May Crowning ceremony at 9:30 am. Following the procession the 9 am students will be dismissed to their parents and 10 am students will go to their classrooms until 10:50 am dismissal time.

## Second Graders

The first of two mandatory First Communion rehearsals will also take place on Sunday, April 23 and Sunday, April 30. Please note the **SPECIAL START AND FINISH** time of **9:30 – 10:30 am** for both class sessions as ALL 2nd grade students need to attend. Folders, workbooks, and banners as well as donations for First Communion Flowers are due on Sunday, April 30. First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 13 at 10 am.

## Thank you Religious Ed Teachers

Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents for a wonderful year! A special thank you to the teachers for their time, talent and service!

## Word of Thanks 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed students for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. A special thank you to our director: Lisa Hughes. We would also like to thank the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers: Meg McCafferty, Jeanne Hall, Tina Ford and a special thanks to Christine White. You all did a fabulous job!

We would also like to thank our 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes for hosting the delicious breakfast following the event. Thank you to Linda Tonies, Chrissy McCormack, and Leslie Bailey for coordinating the students' shifts and goodies. A special thanks to Margaret Bulpett for coordinating the beverages.

## Confirmation

Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, April 9 at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow.

## Parish Happenings

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### 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**.

## Many Thanks to Linda Tonies

We all wish to thank Linda Tonies for her many years of service as the Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers for St. Irene Parish. A time-consuming job, the position is one of extreme importance to the ministry of the parish. As she steps down from the position of Coordinator, we thank her for all the time and the care she has given to St. Irene Parish.

## Women's Club News

The Women's Club will hold their final business meeting on Thursday, April 20 in the church hall beginning at 6:30pm. A few things that will be discussed will be the Tea & Fashion Show, the Trash to Treasure and calendar for the following year. It is important that you attend this meeting and give your input. As always, desserts or Hors d'oeuvres are welcome.

## Knights of Columbus Collection

We had a wonderful response to our collection of baby clothes and baby items for the Right to Life Office in Natick. We received 204 diapers, 60 outfits and miscellaneous related baby items. Thank you so much to those who participated.

## New Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers

We are happy to announce that Amy Regan has agreed to take on the position of Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers. She will be reaching out to current Eucharistic Ministers during the coming week. If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please give the rectory a call (978-369-3940) or email Amy at [eucharist@stirenes.org](mailto:eucharist@stirenes.org) to arrange a time for training.

## Area Events

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### Boston Pops with St. Camillus Parish

St. Camillus of Arlington has reserved 2<sup>nd</sup> balcony seating for the Boston POPs Program: *The Beatles & Beyond* on **Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** @ 8 pm. 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.

## Financial Information

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### 2017 Catholic Appeal

We are pleased to share that St. Irene's has raised **\$32,240** toward our 2017 Catholic Appeal assessment of **\$37,349**. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success. If you have not yet had a chance to give, we need your help! St. Irene's still needs to raise **\$4109**. Please donate today to help us reach our assessment by June 30. Gifts can be made online at **[bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)** or by completing a pledge form available at the Church exits. On behalf of Cardinal Seán O'Malley and all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your support.

### Grand Annual Collection

Good news! We have surpassed our goal of \$125,000 for the Grand Annual Collection and collected **\$126,150**. 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](http://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.

## Holy Lands Shrines

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Second collection this week is 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.