

St. Irene Church

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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12, 2015

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

William Burns

1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 12 at 8 am

Lois McKinley

5th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 12 at 11 am

Edward Ponte

Memorial Mass

Monday, April 13 at 9 am

Christina Menke

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 15 at 9 am

Thi Bui

Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 18 at 9 am

Rev. James Byrne

26th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 19 at 11 am

The Pastor's Corner

On the Tuesday of Holy Week, I went to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston to concelebrate the Chrism Mass and to obtain the sacred oils we will use in our church during the coming year. Cardinal Sean was reflecting on our trip to the Holy Land two years ago. In his homily, he compared Jesus' life at Nazareth as the quiet, spiritual time in the life of Jesus and his life at Capernaum as the busy time of ministry. He urged us priests to have the same – a time of quiet and prayer, the spiritual time of Nazareth and the busy, dedicated ministry of Capernaum. But in our own busy lives, all of us need both a quiet time for prayer and the busy time of work and family. As we rejoice in the new life of Easter, we need to have this balance in our person lives.

-Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on Grade 5 will host both the 8 & 11am Masses on Sunday April 12th.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

A special Prayer Service commemorating Divine Mercy Sunday will occur on Sunday April 12th at 2:30 pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Litany in Praise of the Divine Mercy.

There will also be healing service and the availability of Divine Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and celebrate the beautiful gift of God's Mercy communicated to us through the Apostle of Divine Mercy St. Faustina.

Easter Flowers

Edward and Edna Andrews
Raymond Briere
William L. Burns
Cabral Family
Leonora and Tristao Correia
Alice Harrington Critch
Helen and Raymond Critch
Joseph and Violet Forest
David Isabelle
Roland Isabelle
Kurt Kelly
James and Helen Lee
George F. MacCormack
Ponte Family
Constance Schick
Ted Semrad
Nicholas and Louise Sherman
Sebastian Slosky
Ursula Kocemba Slosky

Deceased Members of

Clericuzio Family
Ferreira Family
Silva Family

Religious Education

Grades K-5

Classes for grades K-5 will resume on April 12th. The 5th grade will host both the 8 & 11am Masses. There will be NO classes on Sunday, April 19th due to Spring Vacation. Classes will resume for grades K-5 on Sunday, April 26th. Our last class will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. We conclude our Religious Ed. Program with the May Crowning. More information to follow.

2nd Grade First Communion/Rehearsals

The 2nd grade classes will have their two rehearsals on April 12th and April 26th. The *special rehearsal time for both rehearsals* is: **9:30-10:30 am** for both Sessions I and II. Second grade students will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 am. Students will begin lining up in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

Grade 2 First Communion Items

Folders, workbooks and banners are due on Sunday, May 3rd as well as donations for First Communion flowers.

Grades 6-8

Grades 6-8 will have class on Monday, April 13th from 7-8:15 pm. There will be NO classes on Monday, April 20th due to the Spring Vacation. The LAST class for grades 6-8 will be on Monday, April 27th from 7-8:15pm. We will begin with Mass in the church. Please arrive on time. We will conclude the year with an Ice Cream Social. Please note the **SPECIAL PICK-UP** time of **8:15 pm**.

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!

Confirmation

Level 2 Classes will meet on Sunday, April 12th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. This is the last class.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Sunday, April 12 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Spring Fashion Show & Tea

Tickets for the Spring Fashion Show & Tea, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be on sale after the Masses on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12. The event will be on Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 and we encourage you to purchase them early since this is a popular event. If you have any questions please email Womensclub@StIrenes.org.

Women's Club

The Annual Business & Calendar meeting for the Women's Club will be on Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 pm. We urge all members to attend this final and very important business meeting...lots to discuss. If you are interested in elections, please email Womensclub@StIrenes.org.

Thank you

He is risen! Alleluia! Thank you to all of the musicians, young and old, who participated in the beautiful Holy Week and Easter Liturgies this year. I am truly blessed to be able to work with such talented and dedicated singers and instrumentalists. The religious sisters at my elementary school always told us, "When you sing, you pray twice." I think it's safe to say that Heaven is ringing with our many, many musical prayers this Easter season!

Fondly, Cypriana Coelho

Marriage Enrichment

In today's hectic pace of family life sometimes we find that we put our marriage needs at the bottom of the list. Both parents are working, children's schedules are time consuming, when do we as married couples have the time to refresh, enhance and enrich our marriages? On April 25/26 at our weekend Masses, a visiting married couple will speak about a great solution to our busy world; Marriage Encounter. Learn how you can revitalize your marriage through this Catholic encounter that Pope Benedict characterized as "important work...especially in this world we live in."

Caring Friends Request

The Caring Friends Network, our parish ministry devoted to helping others in need, is urgently requesting household items, **in addition to super market gift cards**, for a parish family that recently emigrated from Uganda. Items specifically needed include men and women's shoes and clothing, toiletries, bedding, towels, bureaus, fans, room air conditioners, laptop computers, and a refrigerator. New or used items in good condition are all appreciated. We would also appreciate any volunteers with a

small truck who would assist with moving some of the larger items.

Small items can be dropped off in a bin located in the church vestibule. For delivery of larger items and any questions you might have, please contact Michelle Christensen at Caring@StIrenes.org or at 978-760-1192. Thank you.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$12,620 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 43 donors and families.

If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church or for more information visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection total as of this past weekend is \$93,500 towards our goal of \$100,000. 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.

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 the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a 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**. CORI forms are due by April 20th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! 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.

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.

Family Prayer for Vocations Icon

St. Irene's has a beautiful new icon of Christ the High Priest which will go each month to a family wishing to host it to pray for religious vocations as well as discern God's will in their lives. The kit includes the icon, a stand, a votive candle, a booklet of prayers, questions to help your family discern what God may want them to do with their lives, some scripture references, and more. Also included is a prayer card listing the current seminarians, so you can pray for them by name if you wish. Please join us in this beautiful initiative to pray for priestly vocations and to guide and bless us all in our vocation in life. To sign up please contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

Financial Information

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There was not an offertory collection last week due to the single Easter collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

Offertory YTD	\$78,782
Offertory YTD last year	\$87,725

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$8,930
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Next week's second collection will be for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

Last week's Easter collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust amounted to \$10,217. The collection on Good Friday for the Holy Lands amounted to \$477.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Resident:

Reverend Augustin Vondou

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

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

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

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.