

St. Irene Church

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016

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

Brent Allen

Memorial Masses

Saturday, March 19 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 20 at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 22 at 9:00 am

Jose Francisco Nunez

Alice Cushman

Claudia M. Nunez

Rose M. Doucette

Jameson H. Jewett

Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 20 at 11:00 am

Justin Whitehouse

Mass of Thanksgiving & Healing

Monday, March 21 at 9:00 am

Adam Whitehouse

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, March 23 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Today we begin Holy Week. We remember Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish His paschal mystery. This is not a historical re-enactment but a ritual action that marks our entry into Holy Week and the celebration of the Christian Passover. We encourage you to join us for our celebrations. On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper recalls the institution of the Eucharist and priesthood and the Washing of the Feet recalls the Lord's command to love and serve one another. The celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday focuses on the Passion and Death of Jesus with the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Finally Holy Week culminates with the Easter Vigil and the Easter Masses. Easter is our greatest feast when we renew our own baptism promises and are renewed by the blessing of the Easter Water. These are truly our greatest celebrations.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of St. Irene – Sunday, April 3

Sunday, April 3, is the Feast Day of St. Irene, the patron saint of our parish. During the 11:00 am Mass on April 3 we will cele-

brate her feast day and answer the question—"Who is St. Irene?"

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 - 8:00 pm.

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.

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, adult 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

March 21, 22 & 23 - Daily Mass at 9:00 am

March 24 Holy Thursday
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30-11 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

March 25 Good Friday
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4:15-5 pm Confessions

March 26 Holy Saturday
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours

11am - Noon Confessions
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

March 27 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.

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.

Religious Education

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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.

Word of Thanks 6th and 7th Grade Classes

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the 6th grade Religious Ed students for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. A special thank you to our directors: Kelly Guilmette and Lisa Hughes. They did a fabulous job! We would also like to thank the 6th grade teachers: Linda Tonies, Chrissy McCormack, Leslie Bailey and Christine White for their efforts and support.

We would also like to thank our 7th grade classes for hosting the delicious breakfast following the event. Thank you to Celine Clark Gribbon and Sam Pietropaolo for coordinating the students and goodies. A special thanks to Margaret Bulpett for coordinating the beverages.

Special Start Time – Grade 6 ONLY!

There will be a special start time for the 6th grade students only. They will begin at 6:30 pm for a Cast Party. Grades 7 & 8 will meet at 7:00 pm. All grades end at 8:00 pm.

Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, March 20th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow. All Confirmation candidates Levels 1 and 2 should be working on their Mary's Meals work of mercy.

Parish Happenings

2016 Census Update

Over the weekends of March 26/27 and April 2/3, we will be gathering information for new parishioners and changes in information for current parishioners. If you are new to the parish—welcome! If you are a current parishioner but have changed contact information (email address, phone number, etc.), we would love to update our records so that we can keep in touch with you! If you are not sure whether we have correct contact information, fill out a card and we will compare it with our current information to make sure that we keep you in the loop!

You will find “Easter-y” cards in each pew. Please drop the completed cards in the box labeled “Census Update” at the entrances of the church. Thanks for your help!!

Cradles to Crayons Collection

The Peer Leaders are supporting an organization called *Cradles to Crayons* that helps children in need. We will be collecting supplies to build care packages at St. Irene's from March 12 until May 1. See the flyer in the church for items to donate. Thank you for your donations.

Catholic Appeal 2016

Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the 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. St. Irene Parish has raised \$6,365 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

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 by March 23. Your donation can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the rectory office. Thank you.

Altar Cloth Laundering

We are seeking a couple of new volunteers to help with the washing and ironing of the altar linens. Please contact the rectory office (978)369-3940 if you are able to help. Thank you.

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: http://www.bostoncatholic.org/uploadedFiles/BostonCatholicorg/Offices_And_Services/Offices/Sub_Pages/Child_Advocacy/2016/031516TrainingDatesforVIRTUS.pdf.

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 15th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Library

Please remember to return any overdue books. Please see the display of Lent books in the church. Thank you.

Join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved “long Winter’s nap,” rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will meet on WEDNESDAY (new day!) nights. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children’s Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only “requirements” are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please contact Cypriana at Music@stirenes.org.

Area Events

Bowling / Pizza Event – April 10th

On Sunday, April 10, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Spring Bowling / Pizza Event for children with disabilities and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The event includes Duck-pin bowling, which is followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this free event by contacting Ken Desilets before April 6th. (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email; kgde-signed@gmail.com)

Financial Information

Collection for Visiting Student Priests

St. Irene Parish is starting a new collection to help raise funds for foreign student priests who are helping with Masses at St. Irene's while they are doing graduate work at Boston College. Please donate if you are able, indicating “Student Priest” in the memo line. We appreciate your generosity. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 1.3% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,565
Last year's Offertory	\$6,481
Offertory YTD	\$65,198
Offertory YTD last year	\$64,097
Monthly YTD	\$5,300
Separate Gifts YTD	\$770

The second collection this week is the monthly collection. The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Lands.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

Confirmation Coordinator:

Sheila Zacharchuk

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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 Deacon Charles Ferraro

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.