

St. Irene Church



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Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016

Happy Easter

This is the day the Lord had made. Today we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Today we sing Alleluia. Praise the Lord. We extend to all of you our best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter. May the peace, love, and joy of Easter be yours today and throughout the year.

Gordon Troup - Memorial Mass
Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 am

Ray St. Germain - Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 3 at 8:00 am

Grace McCarron - Months Mind Mass
Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 am

Jim McNally - Healing Mass
Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 pm

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

Sean Fitzpatrick - Memorial Masses

Monday, March 28 at 9:00 am

Friday, April 1 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 29 at 9:00 am

Wayne Troutman - Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 30 at 9:00 am

Susan Gaipo – Memorial Mass

Thursday, March 31 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Jesus Christ is Risen. Alleluia.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. Today we celebrate our greatest feast day – Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the great promise of our faith, that we as a people of faith will share his resurrection and eternal life. This hope sustains us at all times, but especially when we come face to face with death. In the past two weeks, I've gone to funerals for my classmate Father Fred Sweeney, the brother-in-law of my friend Father Ed McLean and brother-in-law of my nephew Bobby. These have been times of sorrow and great loss. But they also renewed my personal faith in life, and the promise of Jesus to all of us – "Whoever believes in me will have eternal life." Alleluia!

~ 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 celebrate her feast day and answer the question—“Who is St. Irene?”

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3

A Prayer Service commemorating Divine Mercy Sunday will occur on Sunday Apr. 3 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.

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.

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.

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated on April 10th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The Masses will be hosted by the 5th grade classes.

Religious Education

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, March 27th for grades K-5 due to Easter Sunday. Please note grades 6-8 **WILL HAVE** classes on Monday, March 28th. Classes for grades K-5 resume on April 3rd.

Confirmation

There are no Confirmation classes on Easter Sunday. Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, April 3rd 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!!

Pennies From Heaven

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for “Pennies From Heaven.” This collection is to support the Seminarians of the Archdiocese and will take place on the weekend of April 9/10 after all the Masses.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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. Please see the flyer in the church for items to donate. Thank you for your donations.

Easter Flowers

The Easter flowers decorating our church were donated in memory of or in honor of the following:

In Memory of Edward and Edna Andrews

Cosmo Branco

Manuel and Florence Branco

In Memory of Raymond Briere

Chau-Thi Bui

In Memory of William L. Burns

In Memory of Susan and Paul Champagne

Rose Chisholm

In Memory of Evald and Smutte T. Christensen

In Memory of Helen and Raymond Critch

Hue Dinh

In Memory of Daniel Diomedes

Eugene and Rita Duggan, Sr.

Mary Duggan

In Memory of Eileen and Francis Enwright

In Memory of Violet and Joseph Forest

In Memory of Susan Gaipto

In Memory of Barbara and Ted Graczyk

In Memory of Theresa Grady

In Memory of Duane E. Irmien

In Memory of Lorraine Kane

In Memory of Colleen Kelly

In Memory of Kurt Kelly

In Memory of Stella and Bill Lind

Kim-Dinh Luong

Thomas Manning

In Memory of the Nolan Family

Chrissie O'Sullivan

In Memory of Rita and Lionel Paquin

In Memory of Phil Phalon

Chi-Thien Pham

Ngan Pham

In Memory of Nhan Pham

Phu Pham

In Honor of the Phillips Family

In Memory of Father Romain's Family

In Honor of E-6 Staff Sergeant David Rossi
of the United States Army

In Memory of Anne M. Sanderson

In Memory of John and Beverly Schirmer
(the Traumuller Family)

In Memory of Ted Semrad

In Memory of Ray St. Germain

In Memory of Martin Traumuller
(the Traumuller Family)

In Memory of Wayne Troutman

In Memory of Khanh-Binh Tu

In Memory of Khanh-Phuc Tu

In Memory of Gioi Vu

Khanh-Tuong Vu

Nang-Phung Vu

In Memory of Quoc-Tuy Vu

Quoc-Tuy Vu

Rita and Thomas Walsh

In Memory of Joe and Kay Womersley

In Honor of the Zacharchuk Family

In Memory of the Deceased Members of

The Clericuzio Family

The Ferreira Family

The Silva Family

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 20th. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

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; kgdesigned@gmail.com)

Financial Information

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 <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/>. St. Irene Parish has raised \$11,715 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

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.

Easter Collection for the Clergy Trust

The Easter collection will support the health and well-being of our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful. Please give generously to the Easter collection, which will directly benefit the 614 active and senior diocesan priests who are cared for through the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. All are welcome to make a gift online at clergy-funds.org or use the envelopes that are provided. ***All donations given at Easter Masses go to the trust.*** Thank you for helping to care for the priests who give so much to our Church.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 6.5% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,669
Last year's Offertory	\$6,259
Offertory YTD	\$71,867
Offertory YTD last year	\$70,356
Monthly YTD	\$7,968
Separate Gifts YTD	\$770

Last week the monthly collection amounted to \$2,668.

This week's only collection is the Easter Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

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

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 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.