

# St. Irene Church

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 3, 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

Natalie Ward – 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass  
Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 am

Philip Phalon – Memorial Mass  
Saturday, April 9 at 5:00 pm

Gioi Vu – Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 10 at 8:00 am

Lois McKinley – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, April 10 at 11:00 am

Jim McNally – Healing Mass  
Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 pm

## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

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

Bill and Dot Riley – Memorial Mass  
Monday, April 4 at 9:00 am

Spencer Tonies – 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass  
Tuesday, April 5 at 9:00 am

John Faber – Birthday Mass  
Wednesday, April 6 at 9:00

Fr. Romain's Family – Memorial Mass  
Thursday, April 7 at 9:00 am

Rwanda Mass  
Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 pm

Jim McNally – Healing Mass  
Friday, April 8 at 9:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday, April 3 is not only Divine Mercy Sunday; it is also the feast day of Saint Irene. Her life story is not as well-known as some of the other great saints of the church – like Peter, John, Francis of Assisi or John Paul II. That is why this year there will be a brief telling of the life and martyrdom of our patron Saint Irene who gave up her life as a teenager rather than deny her faith. We hope that this brief recreation will help us appreciate more fully the brave and faithful young woman who is our patron Saint -Irene.

~ 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.

## **Children’s Liturgy**

Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated on April 10 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. The Masses will be hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **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.

## **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. **Classes for grades K-5 resume on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **Confirmation**

Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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### **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, 2016, 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.

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

### **2016 Census Update**

Over the weekend of 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.

## Women's Club – Trash to Treasure

The Women's Club will have their Trash to Treasure Day on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. You can begin leaving your treasures in the rectory garage on April 25<sup>th</sup>. **Please remember we cannot accept electronics, clothes or large items like furniture.** In the past large items have been left, we have no way of getting rid of them. If you have any questions please email [Womensclub@StIrenes.org](mailto:Womensclub@StIrenes.org).

## 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.

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

## Parish Pastoral Council

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

## Area Events

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### Respect Life Presentation St. Patrick Parish, Lawrence

Linda Thayer, Archdiocese of Boston Respect Life Education Office, presents "Introduction to Respect Life." Linda discusses life stages in the womb and the issue of abortion. Included are beautiful images of prenatal development. The talk also emphasizes purity in dating. Appropriate for junior high through adult.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Thursday, April 14 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish Center, 118 S. Broadway, Lawrence, MA.

### Carlisle Health Lecture Gleason Public Library Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

What you should know about concussions especially in our youth although concussions happen in all age groups

Dr. Robert Cantu (MD, FACS, FAANS, FICS, FACSM) is one of the world's foremost authorities on brain trauma and concussions in sports. Goals and objectives of his talk are:

- To be able to identify concussion symptoms and post-concussion syndrome
- Discuss epidemiology of concussion including mortality/morbidity statistics
- To be able to understand chronic traumatic encephalopathy
- Complications of mismanagement of concussion
- Understand criteria for resuming activity
- To understand unique risk that concussions have for youth as compared to adults.

*RSVP to reserve your seat at [gleasonlibrary.org/calendar](http://gleasonlibrary.org/calendar) or 978-369-4898.*

### Surviving Sibling Support Group

When a brother or sister dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Know you are not alone in

your grief and loneliness. A Surviving Sibling Support Group is now offered at St. John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford on the last Saturday each month for surviving siblings of all ages and for any reason. All are welcome to a safe place to share their story, find comfort, hope and encouragement as you continue a new path in life. Meetings will begin on Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and will continue to meet on the last Saturday of each month.

## Financial Information

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### 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 \$13,840 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

### Priests from Boston College

As you may have noticed, we have 2 new priests at St. Irene's who are currently studying in the Masters and Doctoral programs at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. We are delighted to have them to assist us with Masses on the weekends. As they are foreign priests, they are not employees nor can they be paid as employees of the parish. So in order reimburse their travel expenses and to show appreciation for taking time from their studies, we must create and fund a separate account. We will need to raise \$5,500 to cover the next 12 months to maintain this assistance. Please consider supporting this effort which is a significant savings over how we have previously paid for priests to help us with Mass. Please indicate on the memo line that your check is "Restricted to Support of Student Priests". Your generosity, as always, is truly appreciated.

## Offertory Report

There wasn't an offertory collection last week due to the single Easter collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

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| Offertory YTD           | \$71,867 |
| Offertory YTD last year | \$70,356 |
| Monthly YTD             | \$7,968  |
| Separate Gifts YTD      | \$770    |

Last week the Easter Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$9,401.

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.