

St. Irene Church

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First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

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

Don Drouin

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly

3rd Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, March 12 at 9:00 am

Robert & Louise Park

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 am

William Shaw

Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am

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.

The Pastor's Corner

For several years the Archdiocese has sponsored a program called "The Light is on for You." Each parish is encouraged to offer a time each week during Lent for parishioners to receive the sacrament of Penance. We offer it each Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 PM until Holy Week. Lent is the season for all of us to repent and do penance. We encourage you to take this opportunity to come for Confession and experience God's forgiving love.

~ 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, adult Catholics over age 14 may not eat meat. Good Friday is a day of fasting for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age.

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 6:30–7:30 pm.

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Peter Quintiliani and Alycia Garcia

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Tuesday Evening Adoration

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I is 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights 7:00-8:00 pm.

6th Grade Stations of the Cross Rehearsals

Classes will have a special start time for the following 3 classes:

Monday, Mar. 11 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Monday, Mar. 18 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Monday, Mar. 25 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Confirmation

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, March 15 at 7:00 pm the Confirmation classes will be attending the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of Our

Lady. This presentation is set to beautiful music to help us reflect as we walk with Mary on our Lord's journey to Calvary. All are very welcome to attend.

Parish Happenings

Respect Life Ministry – Sunday, Mar. 10

We are pleased to announce the formation of the St. Irene Respect Life Ministry. Our mission is to promote the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, petition to lawmakers, and supportive care.

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 10 after the 11am Mass to learn more about the Ministry and how we all can further a culture of life. Our guest speaker will be Marianne Luthin, Director of the Archdiocese Pro Life Office. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Amy Regan or Cindy Reynolds at respect-life@stirenes.org.

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation "The Bible in the Church's Liturgy"

Monday, March 11, 9:30-11:30 AM

Parish Hall, Light Breakfast Served

We start Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Lent is the perfect season to take a look at how the readings we hear at Mass are chosen and how they belong together. Many of the Vatican II reforms focused on including different readings in the Mass. Instead of just one annual cycle of readings, different readings are now spread over three years. Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., is the Superior General of the Sulpician Fathers.

In a video from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Fr. Witherup will share with us a down-to-earth discussion of how the Word and the Eucharist together contribute to an encounter with Christ at each Mass. We hope that this presentation will give us an opportunity to make each Mass we attend more meaningful.

There will be time for discussion and a light breakfast will be served.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner **Saturday, March 16 ~ 6:00 PM**

Please join Fr. Tom and the Knights of Columbus for a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner at 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 16 in the Parish hall. A traditional boiled dinner and dessert will be served. *In order to allow proper planning, please sign-up after Mass* at the main entrance of the church this weekend or next. If there is not a Knight present, there will be a clipboard with a form on which you can RSVP. \$15 per person will be collected the night of the dinner. See you there!

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation **Presentation on "Ignatian Spirituality"**

Monday, March 25 ~ 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Parish Hall, Light Breakfast Served

Cabrini Pak, Ph.D., Religion & Culture, is a member of St. Irene Parish. She is also a Research Consultant for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in Boston. The community of the OVM has as its special calling the formation of the laity with emphasis on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. Ignatian Spirituality focuses on discerning God's presence in our everyday lives, including seeking God's help in decision making. St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, introduced this spirituality nearly 500 years ago. We hope that this presentation will give you an opportunity to grow closer to God during Lent. There will be time for discussion and a light breakfast will be served.

Save the Dates

Sun. Mar. 24 – Holy Hour for Life

Fri., Apr. 12 – Stations of the Cross

Sat., Apr. 27 – Mystery Dinner

Sat., May 4 - Confirmation

Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea

Sat., May 18 – First Communion

Sat. & Sun. May 18/19 Thank You Celebration

Parish Library

The parish library has books for Lenten reading on the table at the back of the church. Registered library users may borrow books for three weeks.

Holy Hour for Life – Sunday, March 24

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, March 24 following the 5pm Mass. Our hour of prayer will include Eucharistic Adoration, rosary recitation of the Joyful Mysteries, prayers for life, and the Litany of the Unborn Christ Child. Join us for a peaceful hour in the presence of the Lord. For more information please contact Amy Regan or Cindy Reynolds at respect-life@stirenes.org.

Newsletter

The Lent 2019 edition of St. Irene's quarterly e-mail newsletter was distributed March 6th. If you have not seen it, please check your spam folder first, and if it isn't there either, let the rectory office know via stirene@comcast.net that you're a parishioner and would like to receive the quarterly e-mail newsletters. To access prior editions of the newsletter, visit stirenes.org/about/newsletter.html.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Caring Friends Network

If you know of a parishioner who is in need of a meal, a ride to church or a Get Well or Sympathy card, let us know. We have volunteers who have signed on to help a fellow parishioner in need. Please contact: caring@StIrenes.org.

Area Events

Eric Genuis at Monument Hall, Concord **Saturday, March 23 at 6:00 pm**

Please join us for an evening of inspirational music with world renowned pianist and composer, Eric Genuis with a violinist, cellist, and vocalist. The concert will benefit the Holy

Family Prison Ministry. Saturday, March 23 at 6 pm - Holy Family Parish, Monument Hall, 62 Monument Sq. in Concord. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Holy Family Parish office. Light refreshments will follow.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past week-end amounted to **\$116,400** towards our goal of \$125,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Catholic Appeal 2019

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to advance programs for evangelization and pastoral outreach in our parish communities and schools, and in the lives of those who turn to us for assistance. For those of you still interested in making a pledge to this life-changing work, please find a donation form available in the back of the Church or visit our website at **bostoncatholicappeal.org** to view our latest video about the Appeal. 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**, 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.

The Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Charities amounted to \$822.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

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/Peer Leaders

Sundays, 1st 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
February 2019	\$23,141	\$2477	\$100
Year to Date 2019	\$45,918	\$4700	\$225
Year to Date 2018	\$47,610	\$5834	\$225