

# St. Irene Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 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

William Shaw

Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am

Mary Hickey

Birthday Mass

Monday, March 18 at 9:00 am

Josephine Cotroneo

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 19 at 9:00 am

Jane Buchaniec – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Joseph Buchaniec – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 am

### The Pastor's Corner

On Ash Wednesday, we began the season of Lent. We are guided by Pope Francis' call for the Church to "transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father." Lent is a time for penance – to atone for our sins. But it is also a time to strengthen our resolve and our will to resist temptation. The ultimate purpose of Lent is to prepare us for Easter – for new life. As we celebrate the new life of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, we will be prepared for a renewal of our own life in the Spirit. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a reminder of our human weakness and mortality. Lent ends on Easter Sunday with the celebration of new life and the promise of immortality.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

### 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.

## 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.

## Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Peter Quintiliani and Alycia Garcia

## 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.

## Daily Bible Readings

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## No Adoration on Tuesday, March 19

Adoration will start up again the following Tuesday on March 26. Thank you.

## 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

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 2 classes:

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

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

## Living Stations of the Cross

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 am followed by a 7<sup>th</sup> grade hosted breakfast in the parish hall. Both the 9 and 10 am sessions will attend in lieu of classes. Students will sit in the church with their classes and then be dismissed to their parents following the event. ALL are invited to proceed down to the parish hall for the hospitality breakfast.

## Parish Happenings

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### Collaborative News

It was announced at the Masses last weekend that Father Frank Silva (currently in Burlington) will be the new pastor for the St. Irene and Holy Family collaborative. We will be welcoming Father Silva as pastor in June 2019.

### 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 contact Amy Regan or Cindy Reynolds at [respectlife@stirenes.org](mailto:respectlife@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](mailto: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](http://stirenes.org/about/newsletter.html).

## 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.

### "Theology on Tap" Saturday, April 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Church Hall

You are invited by St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation committee to attend a "Theology on Tap" presentation on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 7-9 p.m. in the church hall.

The "**Theology**"- A live presentation by popular speaker, **Ernest Collomati**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Regis College. His timely topic will be "Why I Am Still Catholic."

The "**Tap**"- Craft beer tasting hosted by the Craft Beer Cellar, Westford (wine tasting included).

Come to the Parish Hall and share your questions and ideas with fellow Catholics in a casual setting. Open your heart and brain on how to follow Christ in the modern world. Bring a friend or a spouse or come alone and make a friend. Make it a night out. Light refreshments, craft beers, and interesting wines will be served.

### 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.

## Stations of the Cross ~ April 12 Women's Club – Soup and Bread

On Friday, April 12, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our second "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall. This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Save the Date – St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater – Saturday, April 27

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "MURDER AT THE DRUNKIN' MOSQUITO – or – The St. Irene's Magical Misery Tour" on **Saturday, April 27, 2019**. Come and see what Fr. Tom is up to this year—and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

### Save the Dates

*Sat., May 4 – Confirmation*

*Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea*

*Sat., May 18 – First Communion*

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

### 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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

### 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. It can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the rectory office **before April 16**.

### St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) or [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](https://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org). St. Irene's

online calendar can be found at [www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html](http://www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html).

## Area Events

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### Family Catechesis Program St. Michael Parish ~ March 24

St. Michael Parish's "Family Catechesis" Program welcomes Jaye Russo (Director of Faith Formation at Holy Family Parish, Concord) to present "Here I Am, Lord: Saying Yes to God's Call" on Sunday, March 24 at 90 Concord Road in Bedford. Jaye will give two presentations - one at 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM and one at 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM and all are welcome. Coffee and tea will be made available. No pre-registration required.

### Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## Financial Information

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### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$121,340** 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](http://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](http://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 second collection this weekend is the Monthly Collection.

### 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.