

St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017

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

Susan Gaipo 1st Anniversary Mass
Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 pm

Harold Peters - 3rd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 19 at 11:00 am

Jeanne Parlee - Healing Mass
Monday, March 20 at 9:00 am

Warren Hoey - Memorial Mass
Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 am

Ruth Proctor – Memorial Mass
Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00 am

John Foley – Memorial Mass
James & Elinor Higgins – Memorial Mass
Thursday, March 23 at 9:00 am

Juliet Burnand - Memorial Mass
Friday, March 24 at 9:00 am

Walden & Grace Ward – Memorial Mass
Saturday, March 25 at 9:00 am

Theodore Collins – Memorial Mass
Saturday, March 25 at 5:00 pm

Jane Buchaniec – 13th Anniversary Mass
Joseph Buchaniec – 48th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, March 26 at 8:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

One of the emphases of the second Vatican Council was community. The parish is a community of faith who come together each week at Sunday Mass to celebrate that faith and to be renewed and strengthened in that faith. The parish is a community where people care for one another and reach out to those in need – physically, emotionally or spiritually. For this reason we have recently emphasized our Caring Friends Network. This has been an active ministry in our parish for many years. If you are aware of parishioners who may need assistance such as a meal, a card or even a ride to church, you may email Caring@StIrenes.org or come to the parish office. Our coordinator will then assist in providing the help and support needed.

~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, 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.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Religious Education

Thank You

We thank the third grade students for hosting the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses last weekend. Great job!

Religious Education K-8

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

Reminder

The 6th Grade classes will have the second of three Stations of the Cross rehearsals on Monday, March 20 beginning at a special start time of 6:30 pm.

Parish Happenings

Celebration of Fr. Tom's Birthday/Anniversary on Sunday, April 9

Fr. Tom Donohoe will turn 90 years old on Sunday, April 9, 2017! This year is also the 65th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. These two milestones deserve a party!

On Sunday, April 9, all parishioners are invited to a concelebrated Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the Westford Regency in Westford. There will be gathering time from 12:15-1:15 p.m. at the Regency with lunch served at 1:15 p.m.

In February, invitations to the luncheon at the Westford Regency were mailed to everyone in the parish. We hope that many parishioners can join us as we thank Fr. Tom for his 65 years of service in the Archdiocese and his 29 years of pastoral care for the people of St. Irene's Parish. Please mail response cards to Dean and Margaret Bulpett by Friday, March 24. If you have any questions, please give the Bulpetts a call at 978-663-9199.

Knights of Columbus Collection

The Knights of Columbus affirm the right of the unborn child and pledge support for expectant mothers. The Knights support the right to life goals. We will be conducting our yearly drive to collect needed items on the weekend of April 1/2. The Pro-Life Office has requested that we collect crib sheets, newborn boys and girls summer outfits, summer hats for new-borns, both 4 and 8 oz bottles, and large size diapers (size 5 and 6). All items must be **new** with original tags attached. Thank you.

A Few Thank You Notes

Caring Friends Thank You

I would like to thank all the people of St. Irene for all their prayers and get well cards during my recovery. In particular the wonderful folks in Caring Friends Network.

*Thank you and bless you all.
Deacon Dean*

Concord Prison Outreach Project

Many of the men at the Concord Prison who received a holiday gift bag last December have written thank you letters to the Concord Prison Outreach Project. A binder containing copies of the letters is on display in the vestibule at the entrance of the church.

Snow Removal Thank You

We would like to thank the Faber family for digging out the rectory Tuesday night during the storm. Thank you for making it safe for Fr. Tom and Fr. Henry while both Father Romain and Marvin are away.

Join us for "Light Lenten Lessons" on March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

The bible tells us that "they shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness." We invite you to join us for a light breakfast on Monday, Mar. 27, with an opportunity for conversation and a little Lenten Faith Formation. Breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a video from the Boston Coll. School of Theology and Ministry and an opportunity for discussion among friends.

Mar. 27—"Sowing the Seeds of Faith: It is (Almost) All in the Family"
presented by Thomas H. Groome

We hope that this will be an opportunity for busy people to enjoy the community of other busy people and find time to "do something" during Lent.

Save the Dates

Friday, Apr. 7 - Rwanda Mass

Sunday, Apr. 9 - Fr. Tom's Party

Friday, May 5 - Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 - Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 - First Communion

Stations of the Cross – Soup and Bread

On Friday, March 31st, 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.

Race for Rehab Fundraiser

Jennifer Zuk, one of our cantors at St. Irene's, is running with the Race for Rahab team from Spaulding Rehabilitation Network who is partnering with the Boston Athletic Association as an official charity of the Boston Marathon. In 2016, the team of 52 runners raised more than \$550,000 to support the most pressing needs of the hospital. If anyone would like to donate, please visit Jennifer's fundraising page: <https://www.crowdribe.com/spauldingrehab-boston17/fundraiser/jenniferzuk> or checks may be written to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, and include in the memo line "Jennifer Zuk Boston Marathon 2017." Please send the checks to: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Development Office, 1575 Cambridge St, Cambridge, MA 02138.

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.

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.

CORI Checks

The Archdiocese also requires a **yearly** 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**.

Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you have any questions.

Area Events

Eucharistic Ministers at Emerson Hospital

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to patients at Emerson Hospital. The candidate does not have to be a Eucharistic Minister in a parish. We ask for a 2 hour commitment approximately once or twice a month. Communion is provided from the hospital chapel and two ministers are scheduled each day. Timothy Duff, Catholic chaplain at the hospital, offers ongoing training and direction. For additional information please call Tim at (978) 287-3015 or email him: tduff@emersonhosp.org by March 31.

Financial Information

2017 Catholic Appeal

The 2017 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at St. Irene's. So far, 26 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$8,240** toward our parish goal of **\$40,678**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese. With **\$32,438** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$119,075** towards our goal of \$125,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

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 of St. Irene Parish.

This weekend the second collection will be the Monthly collection.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

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

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.