

# St. Irene Church

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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 25, 2018**

## 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

Jane Buchaniec 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Joseph Buchaniec 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, March 25 at 8:00 am

Leonard Curcio  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 am

Rev. Joe Rossi  
Birthday Mass of Thanksgiving  
Monday, March 26 at 9:00 am

Regina Adeline Gorski  
Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, March 28 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, April 1 at 7:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

We begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday when we celebrate the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem but also the Passion of the Lord. The Sacred Triduum begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday when Jesus left us the gift of the Eucharist and the gift of priesthood. Good Friday is a solemn day of mourning in the Church when we recall the passion of the Lord and his death on the cross of Calvary. On Saturday evening we celebrate the Easter Vigil and the first Mass of Easter – the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Easter Sunday continues that joyful celebration as our greatest feast day. Let us take time this week to join with us in these celebrations of the Paschal Mystery.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## 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.

## Holy Week Schedule

**March 26, 27 & 28** - Daily Mass at 9:00 am

**March 29 Holy Thursday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:30-11 pm Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament

**March 30 Good Friday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
4:15-5 pm Confessions

**March 31 Holy Saturday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
11am - Noon Confessions  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

### April 1 Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord. Masses are at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am. There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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](mailto:adoration@StIrenes.org) for more information.

### 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

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> for grades K-5 due to Easter.

### Confirmation

On Good Friday, 17 teenagers will be representing St. Irene's at ABIDE Boston 2018 which is being held at St. Brigid's in Lexington. Abide is a 24-hour event, starting on Good Friday at 5PM and ending on Holy Saturday, that invites high school teenagers to partake in a 24-hour "food and technology fast" and spend most of the day Holy Saturday serving others.

Attending youth are encouraged to get "sponsored" for their fast (each youth is encouraged to try to raise \$250). Money raised will go toward holding the event, with the remainder going toward supporting local Catholic charities.

On the weekend of March 24/25 there will be a basket at the back of the church for donations, if writing a check please make it out to ABIDE Boston 2018 or for online donations go to: [abide2018.com/make-a-donation/](http://abide2018.com/make-a-donation/). Any donation you can give to the youth of our parish to support them in this event is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please email Sheila Curran at [Confirmation@StIrenes.org](mailto:Confirmation@StIrenes.org). Thank you.

## Thank You to the Children of St. Irene's

A special "Thank You!" to the children of St. Irene's who saved money in Lenten boxes to help the children in Thunga, Malawi to have new classrooms. When Kelsey opened all the boxes, the contributions totaled \$378.08 - in addition to one Liberty Dollar coin, one English 20 pence coin, and one Canadian penny! This was definitely an international collection! Thank you!!

## Peer Leaders

Just a reminder we are still looking for recipes for our Parish Cookbook, which we hope to have out by the fall. Please send recipes to Peerleaders@StIrenes.org.

## Parish Happenings

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### Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz to Speak at St. Irene's on Friday, April 6, at 7:00 pm

Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz, current Chair of the Theology Department at Boston College, will speak at St. Irene's on Friday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Dr. Gaillardetz will talk about issues described in his book entitled, "An Unfinished Council: Vatican II, Pope Francis, and the Renewal of Catholicism" and the challenges facing the church today if we are to complete the goals of the Council which were begun over 50 years ago.

Dr. Gaillardetz served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America between 2013 and 2014 and has been a delegate on the US Catholic-Methodist Ecumenical Dialogue. He is a vibrant and engaging speaker. There will be time for discussion and light refreshments will be served.

## 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 March 26**.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## Parish Library

The parish library has books for Lenten reading displayed at the back of the church. Please only borrow the books for three weeks. We also would like any overdue books returned. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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 offers suggestions via email 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).

## CORI Checks for Staff and Volunteers

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 (18 years and older) who minister to or have access to **children, youth, elderly or the disabled**.

Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm if you have any questions. Forms are due by April 20. Thank you.

## Area Events

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### Bowling / Pizza Event – April 8

On Sunday, April 8, the Knights of Columbus (Westford/Chelmsford Council) 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 for all who attend. Interested families are asked to register for this **free event** by contacting Ken Desilets no later than April 1st. (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email; [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com))

## Financial Information

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### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$118,686** 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.

### 2018 Catholic Appeal

The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at St. Irene's. So far, 17 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$6,430** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,577**. 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 **\$31,897** 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](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)** or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

### 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.

### Easter Collection

Next week, our Easter collection will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. Our priests are always there for us, sharing Christ's good news, performing good works, and building communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org). And don't forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Our priests thank you for your prayers and support.

### Good Friday Collection.

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Last weekend the Monthly Collection amounted to \$2424.

### 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

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.