

# St. Irene Church

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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 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

Lisa Trebino

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 3 at 11:00 am

Maria Kowalska

Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 am

Don Drouin

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm

### The Pastor's Corner

This week we observe Ash Wednesday and begin the season of Lent. We receive the ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and also the need of repentance in our lives. For many years as we gave the ashes we prayed – “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.” Often today we use another prayer that emphasizes our need to do penance – “Repent and believe in the gospel.” These words express the purpose of Lent. This season prepares us for the new life of Easter. First we need to repent our sins. Then we can begin to live the gospel more fully. Lent is a time to look at our spiritual lives, correct our faults and prepare to celebrate the new life of Easter as better Christian Catholics.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

### 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.

### Banns of Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these services.

## 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. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 60 years of age.

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

## 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.

### Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leadership meeting will be on Sunday, March 3 at 3:30. Our theme will be *Wisdom for High School Worries*.

## Parish Happenings

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### 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!

### Stations of the Cross – Friday, Mar. 8 Women’s Club – Soup and Bread

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is March 6. On Friday, March 8, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our first “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.

### 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](mailto:respect-life@stirenes.org).

## Save the Dates

*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*

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

Monday, March 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.,  
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.

## 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).

## 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).

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting on Sunday, Mar. 3 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## Catholic Appeal 2019

In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that we are known by the fruits of our generosity. In opening the doors of our hearts to this season of Lent, may we consider supporting those who turn to the Church for assistance, through life-changing ministries such as Addiction Recovery Services or the Faith Community Nursing program.

Your gift to the 2019 Catholic Appeal provides half of the funding for many important programs that enrich parish life, our Catholic schools, and the lives of many. Every gift has an immediate impact in our parish communities.

Please find more information about this life-changing work in the envelope in your pew or visit our website at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank you!

## 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.

## Area Events

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### Godspell – Chelmsford Collaborative Saturday, Mar. 9 and Sunday, Mar. 10

*Godspell*, a show composed of various musical parables from The Gospel According to St. Matthew will be performed by the youth of the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative! One weekend: Three Performances only... Saturday, March 9 at 1:30 and 7:00 pm and a 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, March 10 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex Street in North Chelmsford.

Admission is free, but free-will donations will be gladly accepted. For more information, call (978) 251-8571.

**Caught in Family Homelessness:  
Parents tell their stories  
The Advocacy Network to End Family  
Homelessness - 14th Annual Forum**

Sunday, March 24, from 2:00-4:00 pm  
Trinitarian Congregational Church  
54 Walden St. Concord, MA

200,000 families in Massachusetts spend more than 50% of their income on housing. One event can propel them on a course toward eviction. Come hear stories of three mothers who experienced homelessness with their families. You have a role to play in preventing future stories. It starts with hearing from housing advocates about the programs that work and the importance of advocacy. Reverend June Cooper from City Mission-Boston and Kelly Turley, Associate Director of Mass Coalition for the Homeless, will lead the charge. Our legislators will be there to hear us. All are welcome to this free forum. A reception will follow. [www.endfamilyhomelessness.net](http://www.endfamilyhomelessness.net)

**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. Tickets are available at the Holy Family Parish office. Light refreshments will follow.

**Financial Information**

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**Grand Annual Collection**

The Grand Annual Collection this past week-end amounted to **\$115,400** 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](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 collection on Ash Wednesday will be for Catholic Charities.

**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.