

# St. Irene Church

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**Palm Sunday**  
**April 14, 2019**

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## 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

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## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

Lois McKinley  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, April 13 at 5:00 pm

Fr. James Byrne  
Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 am

William Burns  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, April 14 at 5:00 pm

Joan Georgouses  
David Wolf  
Memorial Mass  
Monday, April 15 at 9:00 am

Joe and Mary Lang  
Memorial Mass

Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 am

Jean LaBroad

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, April 17 at 9:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Today we observe Palm Sunday as we begin Holy Week – the most important time in our church. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on that day when the crowds welcomed him with palm branches and hosannas as the long promised Messiah. But we also recall the Passion of the Lord in the gospel when Jesus was condemned by Pilate and died on a cross for the redemption of our sins. We invite you to join us this week on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper and Good Friday for the observance of the Lord's Passion. This prepares us for our greatest feast – the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Palms for Palm Sunday

The palms for Palm Sunday were donated in memory of June Puffer by her daughter Carol Casselman. June was a long-time St. Irene parishioner who volunteered for many of our ministries.

## 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.

## Holy Week Schedule

**April 15, 16 and 17** - Daily Mass at 9:00 am

**April 18 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

**April 19 Good Friday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
4:15-5 pm Confessions

**April 20 Holy Saturday**  
9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours  
11am - Noon Confessions  
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**April 21 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.

## 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

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.

## 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.

## Religious Education

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### Thank You

Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers for hosting both Masses on April 7. Great job!

### Religious Education K-8

Religious Education classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings.

There will be NO Classes on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Spring Vacation. Also, no classes on Sunday, April 21 due to Easter Sunday.

## Parish Happenings

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### Easter Egg Hunt ~ April 21

Peer Leaders will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt after the 9 am Mass on Easter Sunday. All of the children in the parish are welcome to participate. Bring your Easter basket.

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

### St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, April 27

#### Ticket Sales ~April 13/14

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. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend **April 13/14** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal! Come and see what Fr. Tom is up to this year – and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

### 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.

### 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).

### Women's Club Fashion & Tea ~ May 5

The Women's Club Fashion Show & Tea will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold after Mass on the weekends of **April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>. They will not be sold on Easter Sunday weekend.** Fashions will be provided by the Grasshopper Shop of Concord. Seating is limited so we encourage you to get your tickets early. Any questions, please email Jan Brown at [Womensclub@stirenes.org](mailto:Womensclub@stirenes.org).

### Trash to Treasure ~ May 11<sup>th</sup>

The "Trash to Treasure" sale will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Items collected for the sale can be dropped off in the church garage starting, Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please do not bring any **ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE!** Clothing will be accepted for Lazarus House, not for resale.

### Thank You Weekend ~ May 18 & 19

We invite **everyone** to come to the parish hall after Mass the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to say "Thank You" to our priests. Father Tom has been our shepherd for over 30 years and will be retiring on June 1. Father Romain has been St. Irene's Parochial Vicar for over 11 years. We are still awaiting word on his placement and will inform the parish as soon as we are able. Please keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you.

Refreshments will be served after all of the Masses (Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm). Please join us as we reminisce over the last few decades and share our St. Irene memories.

### 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).

## 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

Good news! We have surpassed our goal of \$125,000 for the Grand Annual Collection and collected **\$125,913**. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

### 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.

### Easter Collection ~ One 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. Our priests thank you for your prayers and support.

### Catholic Appeal 2019

The 2019 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at St. Irene's. So far, 51 parishioners have participated, and we have raised **\$19,625 (given and pledged)** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,253**. 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 **\$17,628** 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 [boston-catholicappeal.org](http://boston-catholicappeal.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.

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly Collection.

The Good Friday collection will be for the Holy Lands

### 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.