

St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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

Roland Isabelle
12th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, April 21 at 5:00 pm

Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, April 25 at 9:00 am

John & James Hennelly
Memorial Mass
Friday, April 27 at 9:00 am

Mass for Saint Irene
Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 am

Mark Thomas Frates
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, May 2 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Pope Francis issued a document last week – an apostolic exhortation titled “Rejoice and Be Glad.” His aim is to restate the need for holiness in a practical way in our time. He writes, “Seeing and acting with mercy – that is holiness.” He speaks of the middle class of holiness and patiently and lovingly raising our children, working hard to support families and reaching out to help the poor, the destitute and the abandoned. He says that “the silence of prolonged prayer” is critical, so is our service to others.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

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 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

Religious Education K-8

Classes will resume on Sunday, April 22 for grades K-5 and on Monday, April 23 for grades 6-8.

Our last class for grades 6-8 will be on April 30. It will be from 7-8:15 p.m. (Please note the special finish time). We will conclude our year with Mass followed by a Sundae Party in the Parish Hall.

Our last class for grades K-5 will take place on Sunday, May 6. The 9 am session classes will go to their classes as scheduled. BOTH the 9 & 10 am classes will begin lining up in the parish hall at 9:15 am.

We will conclude our year with the May Crowning ceremony at 9:30 am. Following the procession the 9 am students will be dismissed to their parents and 10 am students will go to their classrooms until 10:50 am dismissal time.

Second Graders

The first of two mandatory First Communion rehearsals will also take place on Sunday, April 22 and Sunday, April 29. Please note the *SPECIAL START AND FINISH* time of 9:30 - 10:30 am for both class sessions as ALL 2nd grade students need to attend.

Folders, workbooks, and banners as well as donations for First Communion Flowers are due on Sunday, April 29. First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 12 at 10 am.

Religious Education and Confirmation Registration 2018/2019

Registrations for the 2018/2019 Religious Education and Confirmation Program are available now. Please make sure to return with payment by June 30 in order to receive discounted price. Thank you.

Peer Leaders

We are still looking for recipes for our community service project. Please send them to Peerleaders@StIrenes.org.

Save the Date: Peer Leaders will be holding a bake sale on May 20 after the 11am Mass. We hope this will tempt you to purchase our book which will come out later in the year.

Parish Happenings

Lazarus House Collection April 28- 29

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting funds for the Lazarus House Homeless Shelter in Lawrence, MA on April 28-29 after all the Masses. The Knights supply and cook a meal at Lazarus House once a month for about 30 men, women and children. Through the generosity of St. Irene Parish and the Knights of Columbus we are performing a great act of kindness and service to those in need.

Lost Binoculars

A set of binoculars were left in the church last week. Please call the rectory office (978) 369-3940 to arrange to pick them up. Thank you.

Trash to Treasure – April 28

The “Trash to Treasure” sale will be held on Saturday, April 28 in the church parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You may start bringing your donations to the church garage. **PLEASE DO NOT** bring any **ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE**. Clothing will be accepted for Lazarus House, not for resale. No donations will be accepted the day of the sale as it gets to confusing. Friday afternoon is the deadline for dropping off your items.

Members of the Women’s Club, set-up for the Trash to Treasure sale will take place at the church on Friday, April 27th at 6:00 pm. Please consider helping. The more hands, the easier the work for everyone.

Clothing Drive – Lazarus House

Lazarus House has requested clothes for its Thrift Store. To accommodate this request, the Women’s Club will now accept clothing, not for resale in the Trash to Treasures sale, but for pick-up by Lazarus. All types and sizes of clothing and shoes are welcome. Please drop off clothing in the church garage before April 28th.

Reminder: CORI forms are overdue! 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 were due by April 20. Thank you to all who have submitted your forms.

College Planning

If you and your family are starting a college search please check St. Irene’s website for a list of many Catholic colleges in the US at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Bake Sale – Caring 4 Cameroon Sunday, April 29th 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Caring 4 Cameroon is an organization designed to help children at St. Andrew’s School in Ngong, Cameroon. This project was founded by Fr. Augustin. Emma Tonies, Kylie Pietropaolo and Michael Zacharchuk will be hosting a bake sale at St. Irene’s to raise money for five students at St. Andrew’s. This money will provide for their school tuition and materials for the 2018/2019 school year. Thank you.

2018 Catholic Appeal

One of St. Irene’s goals set by the Appeal is to have at least 44 In-Pew Envelopes filled out by parishioners. If you have not filled one out, please help St. Irene’s by filling one out and putting it in the collection basket this weekend. We thank all of those who have already done so.

So far, 38 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$20,405** 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 of Boston. With **\$17,172** 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.

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.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our parish library which is located in Room 6 of the parish hall. The library is open whenever the church is open but not during religious education classes.

Save the Dates

Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 6 – May Crowning

Saturday, May 12 – First Communion

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 7

On Thursday, June 7 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 years of age and in good general health to donate. To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit red-crossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via email at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

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.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$121,444** 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.

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.

Last week the Monthly collection amounted to \$1697.

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.

The rectory office is usually open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.