

St. Irene Church



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Divine Mercy Sunday April 8, 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

Thomas Callery
6th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 8 at 8:00 am

Gioi Vu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, April 8 at 11:00 am

Virginia Rhude
Memorial Mass
Monday, April 9 at 9:00 am

Natalie Ward
Birthday Mass
Wednesday, April 11 at 9:00 am

Charles, Josephine & Mary Roscoe
Memorial Mass
Thursday, April 12 at 9:00 am

Joseph & Mary Lang
Memorial Mass
Friday, April 13 at 9:00 am

Lois McKinley
8th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, April 14 at 5:00 pm

Father James Byrne
Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 15 at 8:00 am

William Burns
4th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 15 at 11:00 am

Jason Ward
Healing Mass
Wednesday, April 18 at 9:00 am

Thomas & Margaret Cavanaugh
Memorial Mass
Friday, April 20 at 9:00 am

Jean LaBroad
4th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, April 21 at 9:00 am

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

The Pastor's Corner

All of us are ready for warm weather. The month of March was cold and snowy. Winter did not want to leave us. Last Sunday we celebrated Easter - the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. It is a celebration of new life for Jesus and also for all of us. This weekend we observe Divine Mercy Sunday and focus on the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. Both days are celebrations of hope. Easter marks the beginning of spring as well. We look forward to a new season of the year. We look forward as well to a renewal of our faith and spiritual lives.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

The 5th grade will host both the 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 8.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8

A Prayer Service commemorating Divine Mercy Sunday will occur on Sunday Apr. 8 at 2:30 pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Litany in Praise of the Divine Mercy.

There will also be healing service and the availability of Divine Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and celebrate the beautiful gift of God's Mercy communicated to us through the Apostle of Divine Mercy St. Faustina.

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 & 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 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 for grades K-5 on Sunday, April 8th. The **5th grade** will host both the 8 & 11 am Masses on Sunday, April 8th.

The **8th grade** Student and Parents Confirmation meeting will take place during regular class time on Monday, April 9th.

There will be NO Classes on Sunday, April 15th and Monday, April 16th due to the Spring Vacation.

Both 2nd grades Sessions will have a **Special Start and Special Finish Time** for classes on Sunday, April 22nd and Sunday, April 29th. Both 2nd grade classes will meet 9:30-10:30 am for First Communion Rehearsal.

Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation meets on Sunday, April 8th. One parent is asked to attend with their child for this final class. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass.

Peer Leaders

The Peer Leadership will be meeting on Sunday April 8th at 3:30. Kelsey Bradley will be talking about her work in Africa. Hope to see a few new faces. 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

Thank You

I'd like to thank the parishioners of St. Irene parish for their support of our Italian Night dinner on March 24th. Sixty-six diners were served food cooked by members of our club. Profits will be used for club charities and projects. Thank you very much.

Jan Brown (Pres., St. Irene Women's Club)

Women's Club News

The Women's Club will hold their final business meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 pm in the church hall. A few things that will be discussed are the banquet, the Trash to Treasure sale and the calendar for the following year. It is important that you attend this meeting and give your input. As always, desserts or Hors d'oeuvres are welcome.

Trash to Treasure

The "Trash to Treasure" sale will be held on Saturday, April 28th in the church parking lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. As of now, you may start bringing your donations to the church garage.

PLEASE DO NOT bring any **ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, OR CLOTHING**. 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Save the Dates

Saturday, April 28 – Trash to Treasure

Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 6 – May Crowning

Saturday, May 12 – First Communion

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.

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.

Reminder: All CORI forms are due! 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.

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.

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 week-end amounted to **\$121,436** 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.

2018 Catholic Appeal

The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at St. Irene's. So far, 29 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$7,855** 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 **\$29,722** 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.

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.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Lands amounted to \$652.

The Easter collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$8601.

Next week the second collection is the Monthly collection.

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.

Financial Details

March

Year to Date

Weekly

\$30,506

\$78,116

Monthly

\$3729

\$9563

Gifts

\$100

\$325