

# St. Irene Church

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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 9, 2015**

## Mass Schedule

### Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

### Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am

### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

Paul Cox - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, August 9 at 11 am

Jose Henriques - Memorial Mass  
Tuesday, August 11 at 9:00 am

Amarinda Scacciotti - Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, August 12 at 9:00 am

Ann Bastian - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Thursday, August 13 at 9:00 am

Walden and Grace Ward - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 am

Rosemary Lewis – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 am

Richard Berard – Memorial Mass  
Monday, August 17 at 9:00 am

Joseph and Alice Doherty - Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 am

Pham T. Thanh – Memorial Mass  
Sunday, August 23 & 30 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

An oldie but goodie reprinted from a few years back.

The old Shaker hymn says – “It’s a gift to be simple.” The Shakers were a religious sect that prescribed the simple life. Most of us today live complicated lives – not simple lives. It is an irony that the wonderful inventions of our age – the automobile, the airplane, TV, computers – really don’t simplify our lives. They allow us to complete complex and difficult tasks more simply, but they also make our lives more complex.

A lot of people find their greatest joy in the simple things of life. I know I do. On Christmas Eve my family had their Christmas gathering at my nephew’s home. For many years I haven’t gone to the party because of the distance on a very busy day in my life. This year I went because the celebration was in Lowell. The great joy I felt was not so much in the Christmas presents and the food. The greatest joy was simply to be with the family – my sisters, nephews and nieces and their children, my cousins – forty-five of us in all. To chat and reminisce, to converse and look ahead, to feel the closeness we experience in

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the love of our family. It was a precious few hours. It is a gift to be simple.

Looking back over the years the simple pleasures stand out – walking the beach on a warm summer day with the smell of salt in the air; standing on skis on the top of Cannon Mountain on a clear, crisp winter day looking out at the snow covered mountains all around; just sitting in Church in the quiet of the morning murmuring a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings; holding my infant great-nephew in my arms and admiring this six hour old miracle of life. These are the moments we savor in life. It is a gift to be simple. I guess we all need to simplify our lives.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## **Banns of Marriage**

2<sup>nd</sup> Publication

Eugene Clark and Susan Modeen

## **Feast of the Assumption**

Next Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption. It is not a day of holy obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 9:00 am for the feast day.

## **Summer Mass Schedule**

Effective the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Religious Education**

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### **Religious Ed Registration 2015-2016**

Forms are available on our parish website at [www.stirenes.org](http://www.stirenes.org). The deadline for registration was July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parish Happenings**

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive - September 3**

On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

## **Welcome Sunday – September 13**

On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we will observe Welcome Sunday. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 11 am Masses. Please join us.

## **Women's Club – September 17**

Ladies – Save the date of September 17<sup>th</sup> for our 2014/2015 “kick off” Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

## **St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 20**

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass. This annual event will be held on the grounds of St. Irene Church. It is a great opportunity to enjoy good food, family, fun kid games and crafts, and to catch up with friends you may not have seen over the summer. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of Aug. 29/30.

## **July Mission Trip**

On Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> seventeen high school students from St. Irene's Parish, along with their adult chaperones, embarked on a week-long service project in Worcester. The week of service was organized by Young Neighbors in Action.

A team of twelve teen volunteers – Nicole Albanese, Charles Clark, Isabella DeScenza, Izabel Dominguez, Keely Ford, Elizabeth Manning, Shannon McLaughlin, Joscelyn Paglia, Richard Paglia, Nicole Small, Tori Walsh, and Caroline Zacharchuk – assisted in the summer camp program for Friendly House, a neighborhood service organization supporting low-income families in Worcester for 92 years.

Madeline Andrews, Allison Breen, Caroline Campbell, Isabelle Clark and Julia Grossman worked at the Community Harvest Project at Brigham Hill Farm in N. Grafton, harvesting over 5400 servings of fresh vegetables for the Worcester County Food Bank.

The adult volunteers supporting this effort were: Jim Marchant, Joe Dominguez, Janet Manning, Trish Richard, and Beth Scott.

In addition to a full day at the work sites, the Young Neighbors program provided the volunteers with time for prayer, reflection, recreation and socializing. The St. Irene's group really came together through this shared experience and made many new friendships.

The adult leaders and students wish to thank the generous St Irene Parish community for their prayers, moral and financial support. We hope to share more with you this fall.

## Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$25,155 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 81 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

## Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: [www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472). St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

*Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm*

*Friday, September 18 at 9:30 am*

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 (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you have any questions.

## Grand Annual Collection

We have reached our goal of \$100,000 for the Grand Annual Collection. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish. Thank you.

## Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. 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.

## 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).

## Summer Bulletin Schedule

We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. The last publication date will be September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

## 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](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html).

## Area Events

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### Opening Your Heart - The Starting Point Holy Family Parish Oct 2015 - March 2016

Please join us for this new program offered to help us with some of the daily issues with which we struggle as women trying to walk in Faith. Topics such as, "How do I conquer my fears? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life? Why and how should I pray? and What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?" are just a few of the wonderful topics being explored during this bible study course. Great food, beautiful music and lovely ladies of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join. Babysitting will be offered if needed. We look forward to seeing you and introducing you to this new and amazing program. In addition, if you feel called to get involved on a deeper level, we would love to have you. We will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until noon at Holy Family Parish, lower level. Please contact Rita Staniar at 978-505-5775 for more information.

### Safety Monitor & Admin Assistant Saint Mary's Parish, Chelmsford

Saint Mary's Faith Formation office is searching for a part-time, 13-16 hrs/week, Safety Monitor/Administrative Assistant to work on Sundays and Monday and Thursday afternoons. This is a paid position from September-May with possible summer hours. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic, at least 21 years of age, and excel on computer programs with some internet/web maintenance experience. Applicant must be able to work effectively without supervision and have excellent pastoral skills working with parents and youth. For application, and more details contact the Faith Formation Office at 978-256-3541.

## Financial Information

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### Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was .5% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,497
Last year's Offertory	\$5,522
Offertory YTD	\$172,127
Offertory YTD last year	\$183,123
Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$15,536

Next week's second collection is for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep. Last week's collection for the Catholic Relief Service amounted to \$749.

### St. Irene Staff:

#### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

#### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

#### Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett  
Deacon Charles Ferraro

#### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm  
Please contact Deacon Charles Ferraro

#### Baptism Catechesis

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

#### Baptisms

Sundays, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.