

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2015

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

Kelly Phillips - Birthday Mass

Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 pm

Pham T. Thanh - Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 13 & 20 at 11:00 am

Etalo Moschini – 15th Anniversary Mass

Monday, September 14 at 9:00 am

Isabel & Mario Batista

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 am

John Mahoney – Memorial Mass

Wednesday, September 16 at 9:00 am

Albert and Lorraine Rotondo

Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm

Kurt Kelly – 3rd Anniversary Mass

John Kelly – 14th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am

Matthew Whaley – 18th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 20 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Welcome Back! For over twenty-five years, we have observed the Sunday after Labor Day as Welcome Sunday, to welcome back to the parish those who have been away at their vacation homes and all those parishioners who have been traveling during the summer months. Our children have returned to school. This Sunday, our Confirmation candidates will begin their classes as they prepare to receive this sacrament. Next week, we will welcome our children in elementary school for their religious education classes. In the next weeks, the Women's Club will begin their new season with a Pot Luck Supper. The Knights of Columbus will host our annual Parish Picnic on our church grounds. This Sunday, we invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses for coffee and refreshments and a chance to renew friendships with other parishioners. Welcome Back!

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Kevin Ma and Mary McCormick

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 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

On Sunday, Sept. 20th we observe Catechetical Sunday with a Commissioning Ceremony for the Religious Education teachers at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Grades 6-8 will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 21. Grade 6-8 will begin the year with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm.

Teacher Orientation

The Religious Education Teacher Orientations will be held in the Parish Hall. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 14th at 7 p.m.: Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 6:30 p.m.: Grades K-2

Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 7:00 p.m.: Grades 3-5

ALL teachers are required to take the one time VIRTUS training course and to fill out a CORI form annually. Please see the schedule listed under VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children Training in this bulletin.

Confirmation

Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 13 with a Parent Meeting at 7 pm. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

On Sunday, Sept. 20th Level 2 Candidates and their parents will meet for 5 pm Mass followed by a parent meeting and video presentation.

Parish Happenings

Welcome Sunday – September 13

On Sunday, September 13th 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Parish Bookkeeper

After serving our parish for more than ten years Zenaide Cabral, our bookkeeper, will be retiring at the end of September. Zenaide is a long time parishioner and we are very grateful for her years of service in the rectory office and throughout the church. We will miss her very much and wish Zenaide many beautiful days down in Fairhaven.

St. Irene's is looking for a part-time bookkeeper with experience using Quick Books, payroll processing, bank reconciliation and managing accounts payable and receivable. Candidates should have working knowledge of Massachusetts hiring laws, tax requirements, end-of-year reporting and knowledge of Archdiocese procedures is a plus. The position will require between 20 - 25 hours per week. Resumes and letters of interest should be emailed to Fr. Thomas Donohoe at info@stirenes.org or call (978)369-3940 for more information.

Women's Club – September 17

The Women's Club of the parish will hold their initial meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:30pm with a Pot Luck Dinner. We warmly welcome back all members that have been away all summer and look forward to meeting any lady who wishes to join the

club. We ask that you bring your favorite dish, whether it be a vegetable, salad or dessert; the Board Members will provide the main meal. Dues of \$10 will be collected and we be updating all information for our membership list. Mark your calendar for the 17th and we hope to see you!

St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 20

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20th 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 be on sale after weekend Masses.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2015/2016:

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Mystery Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 21 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo
Saturday, Jan. 23 – Trivia Night
Saturday, Apr. 30 – Confirmation
Saturday, May 14 – First Communion

Please mark your calendars now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

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. 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.

St. Irene Online

We have upgraded St. Irene's web site: www.StIrenes.org and also added a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

Workshop on Visiting the Sick

Workshops on Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound will be offered at St. John the Evangelist, Chelmsford from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays, October 10 & 17. Timothy Duff, a certified chaplain, will teach the course. The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40. For registration information please call 617-746-5843. Pre-registration is required by October 1.

Opening Your Heart- The Starting Point! Calling all Women

Do you need some down time? Some time to reconnect with other women of faith? Do you need to be nourished and loved on? Then join us for this amazing faith-based class from Walking with Purpose- beautiful environment, yummy food, wonderfully supportive and encouraging women of all ages, and babysitting! Registration will begin at the end of August. This practical and informative course is for any woman wanting to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Please join us.

When: Oct. thru Mar. Thursdays 10 am to noon
Where: Holy Family Parish, Lower Level

Please contact Rita Staniar 978-505-5775 or email rstaniar@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

The Meals on Wheels program of Minute-man Senior Services provides a hot lunch to homebound seniors. Meals are delivered 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year, excluding

holidays. These meals assist the older adult who is not capable of preparing at least one hot nutritious meal a day. In many cases, Meals on Wheels allows them to live in the dignity and comfort of their own homes. The need for volunteers to help deliver meals in Concord is great. Some of our volunteers are retirees, some are parents of young children who bring their kids along, while others deliver during their lunch hour. For more information on volunteering, or to apply, call 781-221-7093, email volunteer@minutemansenior.org, or visit our website at www.minutemansenior.org. Thank you!

Financial Information

Clergy Benefit Trust

The second collection this week will be for the Clergy Benefit Trust which supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in the Archdiocese of Boston. In addition all collections at Christmas and Easter go to the Clergy Benefit Trust. For those who would like to give more, there is an annual fundraising dinner celebrating the priesthood on Thursday, September 17 in Boston. More information on this and giving can be found at clergyfunds.org/. Our priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$25,255 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 82 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 39% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$4,802
Last year's Offertory	\$7,848

Offertory YTD	\$204,112
Offertory YTD last year	\$213,476
Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$20,459

The collection for the Catholic University of America amounted to \$611.

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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, 1st 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.