

St. Irene Church



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Constance Schick – 1st Anniversary Mass
Ursula Kocemba-Slosky – 4th Anniversary
Sunday, January 17 at 8:00 am

Pham T. Thanh
Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 17 at 11:00 am

Carol and Fred Parlee
20th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 pm

Robert Parlee – 7th Anniversary Mass
Laverne Parlee – Memorial Mass
Monday, January 18 at 9:00 am

James McNeill
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, January 19 at 9:00 am

Amy Caruso
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, January 20 at 9:00 am

Marie Riccio and Michael Riccio
Anniversary Mass
Saturday, January 23 at 9:00 am

Pia Centofante
5th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, January 24 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Recently I read a brochure about Pope Francis that described him as the pastor to the world. Saint Paul describes the qualities of a bishop and the pope is the bishop of Rome. He must be God's steward, humble, hospitable and able to preach. I believe that Pope Francis exemplifies Christ's love in all those areas. Like a good pastor, Pope Francis inspires people to live their faith in their daily lives both with words and actions. He calls us to a "ministry of encounter" – to meet people where they are, to welcome them with warm hospitality, to take care of their wounds and to share the light of Christ, the light of faith with others. That is our call as followers of Christ.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 24th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 8th grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

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.

2016 Holy Hour for Life

The 2016 Holy Hour for Life is Tuesday January 19 at 7:30 pm at St. Irene's. This is in advance of the National Day for Prayer for Life in Washington DC and the 43rd anniversary of Roe v Wade.

Holy Hours will be held throughout the Archdiocese in support and prayer for those traveling to Washington We will have adoration and prayer to promote the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Come and join us in prayerful witness to life.

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 17 and Monday, January 18 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 23rd (Snow date: January 30th) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the Church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **reserved pews**.

Reminder: There will be a 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation

There are no Confirmation classes this weekend due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, January 24th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow Mass.

Parish Happenings

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

Women's Club will have an evening of pizza and bingo on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun night so plan to attend, don't forget to contact Jan Brown to RSVP so that we can have a head count. Please also bring a wrapped gift for the "winner's table". See you on the 21st.

12th Annual Trivia Night - *Date Change*

Come on out for the 12th Annual St. Irene's Team Trivia Night on Saturday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Snow date is one week later on January 30). Bring your own team (max. 8 per table), or come on your own and we'll seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. Enjoy 60 stimulating questions, food and beverages, door prizes, and awards, all for \$5 per person.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend or contact Tim and Jean Butler at trivianight@stirenes.org. Seating is limited, so tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

Lector Training

St. Irene's will provide Lector/Reader training on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church (upstairs). Those who are

interested in reading at Mass are welcome to join us for training, after which they could be included on the schedule.

Audio Engineer Volunteer Needed

St. Irene's is beginning the process of updating the audio system in the church. We are seeking an audio engineer to volunteer for some consulting and to work with the sound company. If you are able to help, please email info@StIrenes.org or call the rectory office (978) 369-3940. Thank you.

Peer Ministry Book Drive

The St. Irene Peer Ministry group will be collecting donations of books, DVDs, CDs and video games that will go to an organization called More Than Words. They are a non-profit social enterprise that empowers disadvantaged youth. The collection will go from January 3 - 24. Please see the information sheet in the church for donation exclusions. Thank you.

Peer Leadership Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact Deacon-Charlie@stirenes.org for more information.

Christmas Thank You

A special thank you to all that worked so hard this Christmas season to make it joyous for so many others. We thank Jean Donnelly who organized the Gift Bag Project for the Concord Prison; Deacon Charlie Ferraro and the Peer Leaders for making the Catholic Charities Thanksgiving food basket drive so successful. A total of 86 Thanksgiving baskets were given to those in need and \$790 donated to the Lowell Food Pantry; Pat Barry for coordinating donations for Lazarus House in Lawrence; Judy Andrews for coordinating and delivering over 300 gifts donated by our generous parishioners for the Giving Tree. Gifts were distributed through Catholic Charities, Elder Services-Merrimack Valley and Carlisle COA.

We also thank Eileen Faber's 8th grade class for making the tags for the Giving Tree and to Marvin Gonzalez for setting everything up.

We also thank Lisa Hales for once again coordinating the parking on Christmas Eve. Thank you also to Katie, Danny and Kris Hales, Paul Flanagan, John Noone and Deacon Charlie Ferraro who assisted, making the parking safe and orderly.

We thank all who made our church so beautiful for Christmas with the banners, wreaths and flowers. Many people helped to make our church liturgies both wonderful and inspirational. Cypriana Coelho, Marianne Vrotsos and the entire Music Ministry provided beautiful music. We also thank our Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for their contributions. Everyone worked together to make our celebration of the birth of the Lord a joyful experience.

Make a New Year's Resolution to join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved "long Winter's nap," rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will resume on WEDNESDAY (new day!), January 13th. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children's Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only "requirements" are a positive attitude and the

desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please drop me a note at Music@stirenes.org. I look forward to seeing 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.

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.

Area Events

St. Michael Parish Speaker Series Sunday, January 24

St. Michael Parish Adult Education Speaker Series is delighted to present Matt Weber, Boston Catholic TV personality and author of "Fearing The Stigmata," on Sunday, Jan. 24 from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Matt is known for his sharp wit, earnest candor and a gift for great story-telling, and will speak about the real challenges and the immense joys of publicly living out the Catholic faith. This presentation will take place at our Parish Hall at 90 Concord Rd, Bedford, and is open to all; no registration is necessary! Refreshments will be served.

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 9.9% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,744
Last year's Offertory	\$6,137
Offertory YTD	\$12,934
Offertory YTD last year	\$12,566

Monthly YTD	\$140
2015 Grand Annual	\$109,521
Separate Gifts YTD	\$320

Last weekend the special collection was for the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. It amounted to \$1661.

This week the second collection will be the monthly collection.

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.