

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2016

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

Barbara Graczyk
23rd Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 15 at 5:00 pm

Khanh-Phuc Tu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 am

Grace Fairbanks - Birthday Mass
Monday, October 17 at 9:00 am

Stasia Wojtas
Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 am

Albert & Lorraine Rotondo
Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 pm

John & Helen Coughlin
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 23 at 8:00

David McIlhenny
15th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 23 11:00 am

Daniel O'Brien
Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 23 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary has been a Catholic tradition of prayer for many centuries. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux who lived in the early thirteenth century was very influential in his time as the advisor of Pope Innocent. He was the founder of the first Cistercian monastery – which followed the Benedictine tradition. Saint Bernard popularized the rosary as a prayer for all people. The rosary involves both vocal and mental prayer. The repetition of familiar prayers is the vocal part. The meditation on the “mysteries”- the events in the lives of Jesus and Mary gives the rosary a spiritual and mental dimension. In recent years the rosary has regained its popularity. It is truly an integral part of Catholic spirituality.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 6 students will host both Masses.

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.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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

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Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 began on Sunday, September 18. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Classes for grades 6-8 are held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Safety Sessions

Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on October 16th. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

2nd Grade Parent's Meeting

There will be a 2nd grade parents First Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, Oct. 16 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

Tootsie Roll Drive

Your Saint Irene Knights will be selling Tootsie Rolls after the Masses this weekend. 100% of the proceeds go to help children with special needs.

Ham and Bean Dinner

A harvest Ham & Bean Dinner, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Come gather with family and friends for a nice warm comfort meal. Seating is limited so we encourage you to get your tickets early. Please contact Jan Brown for more information or to reserve tickets.

Thanksgiving 2016 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. Clients are carefully screened for need. For many years Catholic Charities has relied upon St. Irene's Parish to provide food baskets to families in need.

Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated. We are continuing this worthwhile project again as the need is greater than ever. Detailed information can be found at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend and every weekend until the baskets are collected. Boxes have been donated by ***Olympia Movers of Watertown*** and can be found in the closet at the back of the church. Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 20th from 3:00- 5:00 pm. Please email Lauren Dominguez at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater

Mark your calendar now! The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "Caper at the Copa –or- 'Speak Easy No Evil'" on **Saturday, November 19, 2016**. Fr. Tom has been the hit of the show for the last 19 productions, and you will surely want to see what he is up to this year! Come and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

Ministry Weekend Update

Thanks to everyone for being a part of **OUR** parish! We are happy to report that 65 people filled out forms indicating that they would volunteer for a new ministry(ies) or re-up for a ministry in which they already participate. All in, volunteers fill the amazing number of 462 ministry positions at St. Irene's!! We may be small, but we are definitely a special place to be!

If you did not get a chance to fill out a form, you can find forms and a box at the entrance of the church. Join your fellow parishioners in being involved in OUR parish!

Volunteer Needed for Christmas Mass Parking

For the past three years Lisa Hales and her family have coordinated the parking for the Christmas Eve Masses at St. Irene's. We thank them very much for their help.

Unfortunately, Lisa has moved out of the Carlisle area and we are seeking a new volunteer who can take over this duty. If you can help, please call the rectory (978)369-3940 or email info@StIrenes.org. Thank you.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016/2017:

- Sunday, Dec. 4 – Parish Christmas Party*
- Sunday, Dec. 11 – Christmas Pageant*
- Thursday, Jan. 19 – WC Pizza & Bingo*
- Saturday, Jan. 28 – Trivia Night*
- Friday, May 5 – Confirmation*
- Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show*
- Saturday, May 13 – First Communion*

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

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K through 8 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 6:15-7:00. The choir sings at the monthly Family Masses, as well as at Christmas, Easter, and First Communion

Young Adult Contemporary Group

We welcome young adults ages 13 and up to come and sing at the Monthly Contemporary Mass. This Mass is always the 5:00 PM Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Our group meets at 4:00 and rehearses for an hour before singing at the 5:00 PM Mass. This group is open to vocalists and instrumentalists. No singing experience is necessary.

Instrumentalists

We would also love to have instrumentalists join the Music Ministry as well, so please don't hesitate to contact Cypriana Coelho after Mass or at: music@stirenes.org.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30. The choir sings at the 11:00 Mass every Sunday, as well as on Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and other important occasions.

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.

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 https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0.

St. Irene's is having another Virtus Training class on Friday, Oct. 21 at 3:00 pm.

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.

Area Events

Bowling / Pizza Event – November 20th

On Sunday, November 20, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Fall Bowling / Pizza Event for children with disabilities and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The event includes Duck-pin bowling, which is followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this free event by contacting Ken Desilets before November 16th.

(Phone: 978-692-6866 or email; kgdesigned@gmail.com)

Financial Information

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish now 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 of St. Irene Parish.

18 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

20 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).

Catholic Appeal 2016 - Update

Thanks to the help of an anonymous donor, we have reached **90.7%** (\$34,140) of our goal this year of **\$37,646** for the Catholic Appeal. We still need **\$3506** for the appeal. Please consider a donation to this worthwhile cause if you haven't done so already.

Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Giving is also possible online at **www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org**. We thank you for your continued support.

The second collection this week is the Monthly Collection.

Next week there will be a collection for Hurricane Matthew relief efforts.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

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.