



# St. Irene Church

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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 22, 2017**

## 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

Ralph Guanci - 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, October 21 at 5:00 pm

David McIlhenny - 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, October 22 at 11:00 am

Daniel P. O'Brien - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 pm

Jeffrey Ward – Birthday Mass  
Thursday, October 26 at 9:00 am

Salvator Curcio - Memorial Mass  
Friday, October 27 at 9:00 am

Jeanne Parlee - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, October 28 at 9:00 am

Ted Graczyk - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, October 28 at 5:00 pm

## The Pastor's Corner

Last week I wrote about the process of collaboration that will occur in June 2019. It is good to look ahead as we prepare for the future. When this collaboration takes place, one pastor will serve both our parish and Holy Family parish. The reason for this process is the lack of priests to serve all our parishes. The Archdiocese has called this plan, "Disciples in Mission." It is a plan for a new evangelization to invigorate the life of the parishes. Change is often difficult, but we will be working together to make this collaboration a success. I will keep you informed as we receive more information from the Archdiocese.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## 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.

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 6 students will host both Masses.

## Banns of Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Publication

Eric Smith and Kaitlin Carpenter

## All Saints Day

The Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 1. The feast is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

## 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](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.

## Daily Bible Readings

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education

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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent's Meeting

There will be a mandatory 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents First Reconciliation meeting on Sunday, October 29 during class times in the Parish Hall.

## Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, Oct. 29 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

## Peer Leaders – The Ethics of Giving

Juniors and Seniors come join Peer Leadership! Meetings are once a month before Mass. We will plan and execute community service projects, long and short term. Grow in faith and earn community service hours! There will be food from 3:30-4:00.

The next meeting is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Please contact Maeve Lobo at [Peerleaders@stirenes.org](mailto:Peerleaders@stirenes.org) if you have any questions.

## Parish Happenings

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### St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation Presentation – Friday, Oct. 27, 2017

St. Irene's will kick off its fall Adult Faith Formation with a "Theology on Tap" presentation on Friday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

**The Theology**—a discussion of current religious issues which impact our daily lives. Fr. Austin Fleming, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Concord, will moderate, giving an opportunity for all to exchange views during roundtable discussions and ask follow-up questions.

**The Tap**—Staff from Colonial Liquors in Concord will demonstrate how to prepare three "signature" drinks and share them with us. Beverages and "cheese & crackers" will be served, adding to the opportunity to get to know the folks at your round table.

### Bake Sale Fundraiser for Puerto Rico

Next Sunday, October 29 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm there will be a bake sale fundraiser to assist with the recovery efforts in Puerto Rico.

## Theater News

Judy Andrews is planning a trip on Thursday, Nov. 30 to see "The Color Purple." The bus will leave St. Irene's at 12:30 pm for the 2:00 show. Orchestra tickets are \$79, Senior Citizen tickets are \$47. Bus fee is additional. Please contact Judy or the rectory office as soon as possible if you are interested.

## Eucharistic Minister Training - November 8

We will be having new Eucharistic Minister training with Deacon Dean Bulpett on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm in the church. If you are already serving but would like a refresher course, you are also welcome to attend. Please either email Amy Regan at [Eucharist@StIrenes.org](mailto:Eucharist@StIrenes.org) or call the rectory office (978) 369-3940 if you have any questions.

## Lector Training - November 9

St. Irene's will provide Lector/Reader training on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church. Those who are interested in reading at Mass are welcome to join us for training, after which they could be included on the schedule. If you have any questions please either call the rectory office (978) 369-3940 or email Michelle Christensen at [Lectors@StIrenes.org](mailto:Lectors@StIrenes.org).

## Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have received a new wheelchair as part of a K of C international program that encourages Councils to provide these types of items to our parishes, to ensure their availability when needed. The chair can be found in the right side closet of the main church entrance. If you have occasion to use it, please ensure that it is returned to this location. Thank you.

## Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K through 8 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are on selected Thursdays 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. Please email Cypriana Coelho at [Music@StIrenes.org](mailto:Music@StIrenes.org) for a schedule or more information.

## Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are on selected Thursdays 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 occasions.

## Choir Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 2 – Both Choirs  
Thursday, Nov. 16 – Children's Choir only  
Thursday, Nov. 30 – Both Choirs  
Thursday, Dec. 7 – Both Choirs  
Thursday, Dec. 14 – Both Choirs  
Thursday, Dec. 21 – Both Choirs

## 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).

## Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at Holy Name Parish at 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury. The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 pm and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit [bos-toncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversary-Mass](http://bos-toncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversary-Mass) or contact Liz Cotrupi at 617-746-5801.

## Save the Dates

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Mystery Dinner  
Sunday, Dec. 3 – Parish Christmas Party  
Saturday, Jan. 20 – Trivia Night  
Saturday, Mar. 24 – Italian Night  
Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation  
Saturday, May 12 – First Communion

## St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) or

[www.facebook.com/StIrenes](http://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org).

## Area Events

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### Bowling Event for Kids with Disabilities

On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Knights of Columbus Council will run their fall Bowling & Pizza Event. This event is free to kids with disabilities and their families and is held at the Collins Bowladrome in Billerica, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The bowling lanes are wheelchair accessible and some have bumper guards for the younger bowlers. Families interested in attending need to register by contacting Ken Desilets at (978) 692 6866 or [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com) on or before Nov. 10.

## Financial Information

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### Increased Offertory Campaign

We sincerely thank those who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

### 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](http://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.

## World Mission Sunday

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America.

Last weekend the Monthly Collection amounted to \$2172.

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.